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## Thoughts From The Trustees – Current and Past

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### Trustee Line for DISCUSSION ONLY Agenda Items

5/4/19

The agenda that will be discussed in the next Trustee Meeting to be held in Louisville, KENTUCKY, 15 % of the items that will be reviewed are DISCUSSION ONLY, which is valid, unfortunately the conclusions are not reflected in the meeting's minute, then only those present have the information of what was discussed in there.

In my humble opinion, the learning process for members of our Fellowship worldwide would be great if we use the Trustee Line. At the same time, if this space is used, we could receive feedback from sisters and brothers who are not able to attend the Trustee Meetings. This gives us a situation where we all benefit from the experience of members who want to contribute with their 2 cents.

I would like to encourage you to use the Trustee Line to clear up the doubts that arise in Groups, Intergroups or elsewhere within our Fellowship.

Respectfully YSIR,  
Martha G.  
Current Trustee  
Area 28 México

### Blue Book Revision

5/20/19

As the Louisville BOT meeting approaches, I'd like to make sure that all of you have a chance to review the Blue Book Revision that is, at last, going to be on the agenda for approval. The Blue Book Revision Committee in its current incarnation has been meeting at least twice monthly for over six years and this is the product of our collaboration.

Everything in this book that relates to our program is either newly-created writing by members of the committee or taken from current GA approved literature. Nothing has been "lifted" from any other program. The process was arduous and rewarding—we all learned a lot about recovery and what it means during this process! We strove to achieve consensus and to deliver a product that would serve as the GA "How-To" manual, as so many GA members have requested.

Please take the time to read the document and to respond to the stories. We strove to seek out stories from all sources in our fellowship and feel that there is a good representation of the diversity of our membership.

We hope that we will have your approval at the Louisville meeting.  
Your Grateful Sister in Recovery,

Jeannie B.  
Area 8A – Minnesota  
Former Trustee

### One Day At A Time

5/22/19

It took me three years to get the One Day At A Time bracelets on the Trustee agenda at the Orlando Conference in 2018. They were deemed appropriate literature. There have been distributed almost 1,500 of them all over the world. So many have said those bracelets have stopped them from gambling.

For one of the Trustees who fought the approval of it to put on the upcoming agenda to rescind this is absolutely unconscionable and harmful to so many. I ask that as a Trustee you vehemently oppose this agenda item.

Here is a tremendous amount of requests for them. 200 of them were donated to the last Mini conference in South Florida in March. Every GA and Gamanon person attending received one. The Boynton Beach chapter has been sponsoring new groups that are opening by sending them free

bracelets. It took 3 trustee meeting to approve the page 17 bracelets which are sold by ISO. I wonder how many of those have been bought.

Maybe Dave M could explain what harm the bracelets are doing to put it on the agenda. I ask you as Trustees to vote this agenda item down by a large margin.

Bob F.  
Area 6 – South Florida