

Trustee Line – Current Issue

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Thoughts From The Trustees – Current and Past

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1. Trustee Elections

May 1, 2020 – 1:18pm

May Greetings, Everyone,

I wanted to respond to April entries by Pat M and Stuart B regarding trustee elections. First, as far as I can see, our Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code only refers to July 1st as the starting date of a trustee's term. The elections of trustees must be held "prior to May 15th". Also, each area "on or before June 1st, shall notify the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of the Trustee and/or Trustees elected."

There are no "what If" provisions allowing for a change under any circumstances. (We may want to look into such a provision at a future BOT meeting) Even a quick-response meeting won't do. Guidance Code changes can only be made by a vote of the BOT at 2 consecutive meetings. However, if you'll read my April submission, we in Area 13 voted to temporarily change our Intergroup Guidelines (AKA By-Laws), which mandated either a show of hands or a closed ballot. All that's required for a temporary change to an intergroup's voting procedure is a majority vote at one intergroup meeting, whether physical or conference call.

Your friend in recovery,

John B – Trustee – Area 13 – Pennsylvania