

## **Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for Aug. 16**

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Aug. 16, 1998 at our new meeting location in White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Chair Joe S. Opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

The 17 delegates in attendance introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represent and detailing their length of smobriety.

Emil read Tradition 8 and told how the absence of professionalism affects our groups.

A report on the 1999 International Conference of Nicotine Anonymous (with SCINA as the host local) for the April 16-18, 1999 World Service Conference at the Holiday Inn in Costa Mesa. was postponed until later in the program.

Chair's Report. Joe S. said he had no report.

Secretary's Report. With no secretary in place, Joe read the report made on the July meeting by Phil P. There were no copies of the report on view. The report was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report. Phil P. said there had been a \$30 error in the books and that he would have it rectified by September. In the meantime, he said, SCINA has a \$1,318 bank balance but the error precluded a printed report.

7th Tradition observed.

Report on the 1999 International Conference of Nicotine Anonymous from our three principals — Phil P., Matt T., and Joe S. — began with Phil announcing that there are two major duties for every SCINA secretary to perform. One is that every secretary needs to submit a resume on persons they judge to be effective speakers for possible inclusion in the program. The second duty would be the acquiring of names and phones of volunteers from their groups to assist in presenting the workshops at the conference.

Joe said that World Services had indicated that it might make some changes in the program and discussion centered on NAWS failure to be more specific about what those changes might entail or how they might impact SCINA. Motion by Hew, second by Jim to wait until we hear from NAWS about changes before we take any action but on amendment (by Matt) to motion, it was agreed to put the issue on the September agenda. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Public Outreach — Mary D. She wants to resign this job because she's overburdened with Communications chore. No takers yet but election next month at the picnic could remedy the problem. Joe S. gave George L. a list of secretaries and representatives and George said he'd bring back a list of men and women willing to help in things like the outreach program.

Communications — Mary D. Fully staffed SCINA hotline is getting the job done.

New Meetings — Jean L. She just took over the job and hasn't had access to materials for use in creating kits for start-up on meetings. She only received materials from Wilson K. today (Aug. 16) but she said it appears the materials are outdated and she'll need at least a month to update and augment those materials.

Registration/Meeting Directory — Joe S. In spite of being swamped by the multitude of hats he wears in SCINA, Joe still was able to determine that SCINA lost four meetings last month, but gained four new meetings.

Literature — Wilson K. had a full assortment of chips and leaflets for delegates to pick from but no copies of the NA Big Book. He said the problem was a shortage of funds for placing orders in bulk. Otherwise, the \$8 book costs more than \$11. M/S/C to have treasurer give Wilson \$300 for literature purchases. Some discussion followed on no chains with chips and how an outfit in Pasadena is able to make the chips cheaper than our NAWS folks.

Old business:

Acquisition of White Memorial Hospital as meeting location for SCINA was noted and Joe S. was thanked for cutting the deal. Did anyone hear how much the rent is?

Picnic update: Hew L. — (310) 306-1864 — and Lynn B. — (310) 823-6266 — are coordinating this year's combined picnic/SCINA meeting/SCINA election to be held at Griffith Park on Sept. 20. While many people have already pledged large amounts of food, it'll make you feel good just to bake a pan of brownies or toss together a green salad. Call George L. (714) 892-9001 or either of the coordinators to tell us what you'll bring. If you forget, don't sweat it. There'll be plenty and you can just come, dine with us, hang out, play our games and enjoy a smokeless Sunday with others.

New business:

Nomination of officers (additional nominations can be offered at the election on Sept. 20); Chair, Hew L.; Treasurer, Phil P.; Secretary, None. No nominations for any committee chairs.

No birthdays were celebrated in the 30 days ending Aug. 16.

Commitments for September: Susan will read and discuss Tradition 9 and the picnic will furnish the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

George L.,  
Long Beach Groups 12, 194, Bellflower Group 204