

# Nicotine Anonymous

## Intergroup Minutes for Feb. 21

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Feb. 21, 1999 at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Acting Chair Bonnie opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Delegates introduced themselves, their groups and the length of their sobriety. There were 24 delegates. (By mid-meeting, the delegates increased but I failed to note the exact number.)

Tradition 2 was read by Wilson K., who said that placing the emphasis on God as our ultimate authority gives us the ability to defeat nicotine and is the major reason for the success of NA.

New Meetings — Chairperson Bonnie rearranged the order of reports so Jean got to make her report on new meetings first. Jean said she had sent out materials to several potential new groups, had answered calls from others and noted that SCINA is generally meeting the needs of Southland people trying to stop smoking.

Secretary's Report. George L. read the secretary's report and moved acceptance. Two corrections were suggested and accepted and the corrected minutes were approved. Corrected January minutes are enclosed with the February minutes.

Chairperson's Report. Bonnie said there was a lot of housekeeping yet to be done. One item is the need for a permanent secretary since George doesn't want the job. No takers yet. She said a person to help with the monthly mailings is needed. Jan F. said she'd do it until someone else volunteered. ~~Bonnie said she needs input for the agenda, particularly on changes of structure in groups. She said we could note them on the sign-in sheet. And she said that there was an obvious need for some reworking of the treasurer job.~~

Treasurer's report. Phil was absent and George L. made a motion that SCINA create the position of assistant treasurer to work closely with Phil P. to make sure that SCINA meetings always had a current financial report. Motion seconded by several. Some discussion but the vote was unanimous (with one abstention) to create the new job. Request for volunteers to help Phil drew a wave of silence. Jack P. was suggested and he said he'd be willing to work with Phil if that was the group's desire. M/S/C to elect Jack P. as assistant treasurer. The 7th Tradition was observed.

### Committee Reports:

Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. was absent so there was no report.

Communications: Mary D. was absent so there was no report.

Public Outreach: George L. said that he had made contact with another potential group in Los Angeles. He said that the three groups trying to start up at the Eastside Alanza Club, an Alano club in Long Beach, are just about out of business and most of those involved are back to smoking. George said that he kept an appointment with a smoking cessation class run by Orange County Mental Health in Garden Grove on March 18 and would report on that later. He also has a date for NA involvement at the Health-Careers Day open house at Fedde Middle School in Cerritos. This will be our third year at this event. Anyone who wants to participate on April 14, please see George. We could really use additional volunteers on this committee.

Register/Meeting Directory: Joe S. reported that we're still hanging firm at 55 meetings since we lost one and gained one.

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Literature — Wilson K. had ample literature and chips. He said the cost for chips varied depending on what we wanted, how fancy and the volume. He discounted the report of 35-cent chips from an outfit in Pasadena, saying they weren't of the quality that we've been getting from San Francisco. M/S/C to have Wilson and newly elected assistant treasurer Jack R. investigate the situation and report back at the March meeting. Committee formed to be permanent Literature Committee with Lit. guy and Treasurer rep as permanent members. Also voted to review Wilson's request for separate Lit. bank account.

Old business: See new business.

New Business: Plenty. All of it concerned with the April 16-18 International Conference of Nicotine Anonymous World Services at the Holiday Inn in Costa Mesa. In order:

1. Another 100 T-shirts are on the way, including some with pockets. Sales are up.
2. The dinner at the conference will feature white table cloths and burgundy napkins. If Matt, Joe or John said what the entree would be, I missed it.
3. Next meeting of the conference planning team will be at 10 a.m., Sunday, March 28, at 16222 Monterey Lane, Unit 3 Clubhouse, in Huntington Beach, near Edinger and Saybrook.
4. All three of the co-chairs urged members and delegates to carry the message back to their groups. Reservations are getting better but we could use more.

Birthdays: Jacqueline celebrated eight years minus nicotine.

Commitments: Jim agreed to present Tradition 3 at the March meeting.  
Kelly and Matt agreed to provide refreshments for the March meeting.  
Jean L. agreed to take the minutes at the March meeting.

Chair thanked Wilson K. for Tradition 2 and Jean L. for refreshments. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L., Acting Secretary,  
Long Beach Groups 12, 194.