

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES For November 18, 2001**

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on November 18, 2001 at White Memorial Medical Center, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave. Boyle Heights, California.

1. Jean L. opened the meeting a 10:00 a.m.
2. The 15 attendees introduced themselves.

3. Traditions

Marc S. shared on Tradition 11, referring to a news article as an example of attraction rather than promotion. The article encouraged quitting programs that provided group support. You can try to go it alone but most do-it-yourselfers don't have a plan of action and that makes success unlikely.

4. Chairperson's Report

Jean L. thanked Brenda for today's refreshments. She also extended gratitude to the outgoing officers, Jan F., Annette L., and George L. They did a dynamite job.

5. Secretary's Report

Mary P. read the minutes of the September 21, 2001 meeting. The minutes were corrected and George L. moved, Mike P. seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Jean L. noted that the Intergroup Update and the Inventory sheet mentioned in the minutes will not be mailed out at this time but will be in a future mailing.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mike P. reported he has been unable to get together with outgoing treasurer Annette in order to transfer materials and reports. Reimbursements will be done by mail next week when he gets the checkbook. A full complement of financial reports will be presented at the December meeting.

To accommodate the change in Treasurer, Joe S. moved and Steve H. seconded that the SCINA signatories for checks will be changed to Jean Lawrence, Chair; and Michael Popovich, Treasurer. (These will replace Jan Forde and Annette LaBarca). The motion passed unanimously. This motion will be appended to the October 21, 2001 SCINA minutes.

7. Seventh Tradition The seventh was observed.

8. Committee Reports

- a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported he had sent out 1 new meeting kit in the L.A. area.

- b) Public Outreach: Joe S. had no report.
- c) Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported in the absence of Heather K. Mary and Gary are doing hospital panels in Orange County. Mary is passing on requests for panels to persons in the area of the facility. George L. reported on panels he has done at Long Beach Salvation Army. He asked for volunteers because they always need to hear new voices.
- d) Communications: Mary D. reported that calls to the hotline are up, possibly due to the "Great American Smoke Out." She received a request for information from a Cardiologist in Santa Ana, which may indicate that we are beginning to make inroads in the medical field due to Joe's outreach program.
- e) Meeting Directory: Jean L. presented a summary of John H's report. Meetings that have gone dark are 021, Saturday at the West Newport Community Center, 129 Wednesday at the Redlands Federal Bank and 223 Thursday at the Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, and the meeting at Health Net in Pasadena.
- f) Literature: Jim L. reported he now has the purple Welcome chips in supply as well as the 10 minute chips. Please encourage your meetings to purchase them. We are still well stocked with books and pamphlets.
- g) World Services: Jan F. reported on the World Services Officers meeting , held in October in Arizona:
- The World Services conference will be held April 19-21 in New York at the Brooklyn Heights Marriott. The flyer will be out soon.
 - "7 Minutes", the NicA newsletter is soliciting stories.
 - Jeff reported on World Services Public Outreach. Last year's conference put together a package of projects that Intergroups could pick up and implement. One of these projects, "Mass Mailers" has a project leader, Gary. The other two projects need project leaders, they are "Adopt a Mile" which will involve the distribution of flyers and cards in your local area; and "Mass Media" which involves corresponding with the media in your local area. Jeff is always looking for project leaders or volunteers.
 - World Services is working on developing a piece of literature for teenagers.
 - NAWSO is also looking for an assistant for our web site. The site has been recently redesigned. Check it out.
 - The next officers meeting will be held in January in Texas.
- h) By Laws Committee: Michael P. reported he has received many of the committee chairperson job descriptions and is preparing them for inclusion in the Bylaws.
- i) Events: Gary M. reported on the Marathon, which went well. The donations came to \$138. John N. coordinated the event and made arrangements with St. Luke's Church in Fullerton. SCINA will send a letter of Thanks to John Neal. Marc. S. asked for input regarding SCINA's regularly scheduled events. Currently there is a marathon, picnic, a retreat, and "Carry the Message Day". There was discussion regarding other types of events we could sponsor such as camp-out, a workshop, a marathon meeting in

the San Fernando Valley, and dinner get together in regional areas. Jim L and Marc S. will get together to explore the possibility of a combo picnic and camp out at Leo Carrillo Beach.

9. Old Business

There was a discussion regarding providing non NicA literature at NicA meetings. George L. stated that groups were autonomous and could decide as a group what literature would be useful at the meeting. Joe S. stated meetings also need to adhere to the traditions, which suggest we not affiliate with outside groups or take positions on outside issues. It is confusing when a NicA meeting is handing out Heart Association, Lung Association and Center for Disease Control literature. We are Nicotine Anonymous and we hand out NicA literature at NicA meetings. A lot of effort has gone into developing consistency of approach and material. The meeting's duly elected representatives develop the literature, which is eventually approved at the World Services Conference. It is a "bottom up" organization. The other material can be used on a personal basis outside the meeting.

Organizations that contact meetings for NicA information should be referred to Jean L. Jean asked if anyone wished to distribute material at the SCINA meeting to send it to her.

10. New Business

Jean L reported that the past officers had suggested that SCINA change the month of the election of officers so that new officers would not begin in October when the past officers were gone to the NAWSO officers meeting. Joe S. reviewed the bylaws (article 6) and did not find a conflict in moving the election date up a month earlier. There was brief discussion regarding how this would affect the officer's term of service which now coincides with the fiscal year. Joe S. noted that the problem would only occur once in a while when an outgoing SCINA officer was also a NAWSO officer. George L. moved the discussion be tabled until December. Jean L. asked everyone to think about the issue and be prepared to make a decision in December.

11. Birthdays The group congratulated Doug H. on 17 years of Sobriety.

12. Jan F. agreed to present Tradition 12 at the December Meeting. Joe S. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55A.M.

Minutes as corrected at the December, 16, 2001 SCINA meeting
Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

