

## NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For December 16, 2001

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held at White Memorial Medical Center, 1720 E. Caesar Chavez Ave. Boyle Heights, California.

1. Jean L. opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.
2. The 16 attendees represented meetings 003,005,012,023,034,047,052,070,084,085, 093,185,194,198,206. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions

Jan F. shared that the principle of the 12<sup>th</sup> tradition is anonymity. In her research in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions she noted that the tradition was first formulated out of fear that they had something so valuable that too many people would seek them out and they would be overwhelmed by the response. Nowadays the tradition serves primarily to protect the organization from our own egos. Although it would be nice if the original hopes of overwhelming public response was realized.

4. Chairperson's Report

Jean L. thanked Joe S. for today's refreshments. She also thanked Steve H. for bringing all the equipment and recording the meeting. The secretary finds it very helpful. A thank you letter was sent to John N. and St. Luke's Church, the site of the SCINA Marathon Meeting as directed at the November meeting. Jean has been unable to locate the Intergroup Update which we discussed at the November meeting and suggested we send the NicA pamphlet "What do World Services & Intergroup Offer" to all the Secretaries and Representatives on our mailing list, inviting them to attend the Intergroup meeting. Jan F. has the Intergroup Update and will send it to Jean so it can be included in the mailing. Jean L. requested a simple 1-page summary of the basics of Roberts Rules of Order to assist her at the meetings

5. Secretary's Report

Mary P. read the minutes of the November 18, 2001 meeting. The minutes were corrected. **ACTION:** Jan F. moved and Steve H. seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mike P. distributed the treasurer's report for the close of the fiscal year in September by Annette L.: and the October-November 2001 report by Mike P. **ACTION:** After discussion, Joe S. moved and George L. seconded that the reports be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.

8. Committee Reports

a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported that he had sent out two new meeting packets to Laguna Woods and Pacific Palisades.

b) Public Outreach: Joe S. reported that he would like to schedule "Carry the Message Day" on January 26<sup>th</sup> and distribute materials for that event at the January Intergroup meeting. The purpose of the event is to work with members of our meetings to place business card holders and notice of meeting locations in public places such as doctor's offices, hospitals and public bulletin boards. Members are encouraged to make a commitment to keep the holder's stocked throughout the year. Jan expressed concern that meetings that do not have a representative at the January Intergroup meeting will not get the work about "Carry The Message Day". There was discussion regarding outreach to those groups and Joe S. volunteered to call all the meetings to invite them to the January meeting to pick up the materials.

Niles R. suggested that the SCINA minutes include the numbers of the meetings represented at the Intergroup meeting with "Was your meeting represented?"

Marc S. shared how his group uses the larger plastic holders and keeps them stocked with a few pamphlets and directories. There was discussion regarding distributing the directory with names and personal phone numbers to the general public.

**ACTION:** Michael P. moved that SCINA make it a policy that we do not distribute anything with a personal phone number to the general public unless we have the permission of the individual. George L. seconded.

Niles R. proposed an amendment to the motion, that SCINA provide a copy of the meeting directory both with names and phone numbers and without, so it could be generally distributed. This amendment was discussed and a voice vote showed there were none in favor, the majority was opposed and there were 4 abstentions.

The original motion was then voted on and it passed unanimously.

Jean L. requested that if there is further discussion regarding phone numbers and the directory we can talk about it in January.

c) Hospitals and Institutions: Heather K. reported she has been in contact with the American Cancer Society and they will send her a list of hospitals and LA Unified School Districts interested in panels. They also have a teen program where the panels might be helpful. When she receives requests she will try to put them together in the area where they are needed.

d) Communications: Mary D. reported that calls to the hotline are down as they usually are due to the holidays. They will pick up in January.

e) Meeting Directory: Jen L. presented a summary of John H's report. Meetings that have gone dark are 209, 213, 214, and 215. No new meetings have been added. It was noted that 005 has also gone dark.

f) Literature: Jim L. reported he is well stocked with books and pamphlets and chips.

g) World Services: Jan F. reported that the World Services Board meeting will be in January in Dallas. If there is anything you would like the Board to address please let Jan know. The flyers for the World Services Annual Meeting will be mailed to all meeting representatives in January.

h) Bylaws Committee: Michael P. reported he has received all of the committee chairperson job descriptions and is preparing them for presentation at the January meeting.

i) Events: Marc S. reported he will be discussing possible additions to our regularly scheduled events with Jim and will discuss them next month.

9. Old Business

Jan L. referred to the proposal that the month for election of officers be changed. It was pointed out last month that it would not happen very often that all 3 outgoing SCINA officers would be gone for the new officers inaugural meeting in October. For this reason she would like to withdraw the proposal. When the job descriptions are done she suggested that information kits be prepared for new officers to assist them in assuming their new duties.

10. New Business

Gary M. reported he has received the contract for the retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. We are promising 25 attendees at \$68. They will need a 20% deposit (\$357) by January 3, 2002. **ACTION:** Emil L. moved that we send the deposit, Jim L. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **ACTION:** mike P. moved that the price for the retreat be set at \$80 to cover administrative cost. The motion passed unanimously. The committee chair will receive all funds so he can keep track of all income and expenses. They will then be sent to the SCINA treasurer. All funds received are non refundable unless SCINA cancels the event. Gary M. expressed an interest in having a co-chair for this event.

Joe S. presented a form he had prepared to assist meeting secretaries in inventorying their pamphlet and chip needs. It was requested that the form indicate that these items can be purchased at the Intergroup meeting.

11. Birthdays: The group congratulated Gary M. on 3 years Nicotine free.

12. Commitments for next meeting George L. agreed to present Tradition 1 at the January meeting. Ty K. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Minutes as corrected at the January 20, 2002 Meeting.  
Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

