NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For January 20, 2002

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

1. Jean L. opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

2. The 16 attendees represented meetings 001, 003, 009, 012, 016, 023, 044, 052, 064, 070, 092, 085, 090, 093,185, 194, 198, WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?

3. Traditions

George L. shared that tradition one tells us we stand together or we perish separately. This Intergroup meeting is a pretty good example. Proving we can achieve. We've done some pretty wonderful things in the last 5 years. This doesn't mean we don't have our differences but we resolve them in this room.

4. Chairperson's Report

Jean L. read the Intergroup Update, which we discussed at the last meeting. It will be revised per meeting comment and sent out with the minutes to all meetings.

The flyer for the NAWS Conference has been received. We will send out copies with the minutes and request meetings to make copies of the flyer and keep it on their information table till the conference. Joe S. agreed to make a copy of the conference flyer which was in "7 Minutes", correct the phone numbers and send it to the secretary for distribution with the minutes.

Thirty days prior to the conference we need to send in a list of SCINA's voting delegates. Jean L. will not be available to put this together and asked for a volunteer to do so. George L. agreed to do so. SCINA is allotted one delegate for every three meetings, which would be a possible 14 delegates.

5. Secretary's Report

Mary P. read the minutes of the December 16, 2001 meeting. **ACTION:** Mike P. moved and George L. seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Michael P. presented a preliminary draft of the December financial report. He is still working at producing an official report of the information. Members should check for accuracy in the recording of their meeting donations. The final report will be presented at the next meeting. Michael requested that donations be made by check if possible. If you donate cash be sure to accompany it with a good paper record.

7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.

8. Committee Reports

- a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported There were no new meeting packets requested.
- b) Public Outreach: Joe S. distributed materials for "Carry the Message Day" which included flyers, meeting notices, plastic card holders and pamphlets. The purpose of the event is to carry the message regarding our program. We are encouraged to work with members of our meetings to place these materials in public locations and maintain the supply of materials for the upcoming year. Don't try to do too much but have a good time and get the message of Nicotine Anonymous out.

 Joe may also have a new volunteer who can help with placing our message in newspapers.
- c) Hospitals and Institutions: No Report

- d) Communications: Mary D. reported that calls to the hotline are up with New Year's resolutions. Jean L. asked if it was possible to determine if calls were coming from areas that had recently lost meetings. There was discussion regarding, how to increase meetings, starting new seed groups, and supporting meetings, maintaining meeting size and excitement, and encouraging members to continue their participation in the fellowship after one year. George L. suggested one approach that has been proven in the past is to pray. If we ask God's help He usually gives it. Jean L. requested a volunteer to draft a pamphlet which would stress some of the issues discussed such as continued meeting attendance, sponsorship and service as important tools in staying quit. The draft could be reviewed at SCINA'S February meeting for possible presentation at the World Services conference. George L. agreed to work on the draft. Jim D. commented that the approach that works for him is person to person. One nicotine addict talking to another. The need for a warm greeting was also mentioned. It was decided to have a greeter at the Intergroup meeting. Patricia A. volunteered to be the greeter.
- e) Meeting Directory: Jean L. presented a summary of John H's report which indicated there were no new meetings and that 005 and 226 have gone dark. Mike P. reported that someone interested in starting a new East L.A. meeting on Sunday afternoon had contacted him. Mike hopes to attend to support him. Contact Mike for meeting location and time.
- f) Literature: Jim L. reported he is well stocked with books and pamphlets and chips.
- g) World Services: No Report
- h) Bylaws Committee: Michael P. reported he has received all of the committee chairperson job descriptions and is preparing them for presentation at the February meeting.
- i) Events Marc S. thanked Joe S. for all the work he did for "Carry The Message Day". Marc will work with Jim L. to explore other possible events but the 3 events we regularly have will remain the foundation. They have worked well in the past and will continue to do so.
- 9. Old Business- None
- 10. New Business

Gary M. reported he will be getting out flyers for the retreat next month. There was discussion regarding accepting reservations only accompanied by a check. SCINA will not front funds for reservations.

- 11. Birthdays: The group congratulated Jim L. with 5 years and Emil with 12 years nicotine free.
- 12. <u>Commitments for next meeting</u> Marc S. agreed to present Tradition 2at the February meeting. George L. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes as corrected at the February 17,2002

Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.