

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES For March 17, 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.

Acting chair Mary P. opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 14, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and telling how long they had been free off nicotine.

Tradition 3. Mary D. told us that because of this tradition, we needn't worry about rules and regulations too much. The only requirement for being a member of Nicotine Anonymous is a desire to stop using nicotine, but Mary said there were some implied requirements, such as supporting your group financially. However, even that is an option.

Officers and Committee Reports

Acting chairperson, Mary P. said this is her first meeting as chair of SCINA, and asked that we bear with her. She said she had been given some specific things to do and she would try to accomplish them.

Secretary, Mary P. read the minutes of the February meeting, which were moved, seconded, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Mike P. presented the financial report which was moved and seconded and passed. There were several questions about the report but most had to do with solvency. Mike assured us SCINA is solvent. One member suggested passing the basket a second time at the meetings but that was quickly shot down with one member saying the people at his meeting didn't like the basket being passed once. The 7th Tradition was observed.

New Meetings: Gary said there were none to report.

Public Outreach: Joe S. was absent.

Hospitals and Institutions: Heather K. was absent but Mary D. said Kaiser has renewed the agreement for Nicotine Anonymous to conduct meetings at the hospitals for another six months. She said Dr. Max was heading for a conference in Boise and would be extolling Nicotine Anonymous at that meeting.

Communications: Mary D. said the phone hotline is functioning well.

Meeting Directories: Emil reported for John that no meetings had been dropped or added since last month. Emil said changes were made to seven listings in the directories.

Literature: Jim L. said that adequate supplies of literature were on hand. He invited members to buy some of it.

World Service: No report.

By-Laws Committee: Michael P. said he would have a detailed report in April.

Events Committee: Marc said he was pleased with the way the Retreat planning has progressed. He said he still needs two volunteers for the Picnic Committee, one from the northern half of Southern California and the other from the southern half.

Old Business: George L. presented a draft proposal for a leaflet on building membership. There was a lot of discussion about some facets of the leaflet and George said he'd try to incorporate the changes into a new draft for next month.

New Business: George L. said he had been instructed by Jean L. to present a full list of delegates for the NAWSO conference in New York at this meeting, get it ratified and expanded and then send it in by the deadline of March 18. George asked if there were any new additions and John N. and Patricia A. said they would be willing to go if they got time off. They'll join Gary M., Marc S., Joe S., Doug H., Jenny M., Pat L., Jeff C., and Nicholas V. as SCINA delegates. Election of all 10 delegates was accomplished without opposition.

Regarding the conference delegates, it was noted that while SCINA had approved the rewriting of Nicotine Anonymous' book to be gender neutral, no position had been taken on other matters. After much discussion, SCINA voted 10, 3, with 2 abstentions not to rewrite the Steps or the Traditions but to leave them as Alcoholics Anonymous had loaned them to us. SCINA decided, 14,0 with 1 abstention to hereafter refer to nicotine addiction rather than smoking.

Nicholas V. reported that as chair of the 2003 conference scheduled for Santa Monica he has been in contact with the Double Tree Hotel in that city and has received a proposal for our meeting at a substantially reduced price. Steve said another hotel in Santa Monica is undergoing renovation and should be ready by 2003. Nicholas said he hasn't finished looking for possible locations. The dates are April 11-13 or April 18-20 in 2003 and th4 price from Double Tree is \$135 for a single or double occupancy. Meeting room is \$250 to \$950 per day depending on the size of the room.

Birthdays: John N. celebrated 15 years free of nicotine.

Commitments: Gary said he would handle Tradition Four and Ty K. said he would bring refreshments for April.

Mary P. ended the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes as corrected at the April 28, 2002 Meeting
Respectfully submitted, George Laine for Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

Mary Polychrome