

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP  
MINUTES For April 28, 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 10:08 AM with the Serenity Prayer.
2. The 18 attendees represented meetings 003, 008, 009 012, 016, 052, 070, 076, 084,089, 090, 093, 154, 185, 186, 194 WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions  
Gary M. reported on Tradition Four which states each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or Nicotine Anonymous as a whole. One of the definitions of autonomous is to be independent or not controlled by other outside forces. As a meeting we can decide how to conduct our meetings as we choose as long as we don't negatively affect other NicA groups.
4. Chairperson's Report  
Jean L. passed around get-well cards for Phil P. and Jack C.
5. Secretary's Report  
Liz T. read the minutes of the March 17, 2002 meeting. They were corrected and it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.
6. Treasurer's Report  
Jean L. reported that Mike P. is resigning as treasurer. We will need to appoint a new treasurer. She read the list of treasurer's responsibilities. The position does not require an accountant but it does need someone who is comfortable with balancing accounts at the end of the month and providing a report every month. The records have been kept on Excel. The bank signature cards are at a bank in Pasadena. Jan F. who is still a signatory on the account will reimburse expenses for this month.
7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
  - a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported he received two inquiry's, one of them from Palmdale. Wayne is looking for a place for a new meeting in Tustin. Mary D. suggested Kaiser on 4<sup>th</sup> street near Tustin is requesting a meeting.
  - b) Public Outreach: Joe S. had no report. Mary D. reported on her success with placing the business card holders at the diagnostic, cardiology and respiratory departments at a hospital and a couple of doctor's offices. She does a regular monthly round to resupply the cards and everyone seems grateful for the information. It only takes a couple of hours a month and she feels it is like planting seeds.
  - c) Hospitals and Institutions: No report
  - d) Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline is doing well due to the devoted service of 7 volunteers and one alternate.

- e) Meeting Directory: Emil reported for John H. That the Friday Night, La Palma meeting went dark last month. There were changes to 10 meetings. There are several meetings we no longer have a contact for. Joe S. requested the chair to see if she could contact these meetings for a new contact person.
- e) Literature: Jim reported that he needs to order more books. If anyone needs books right away they can be requested by mail from World Services in Huntington Beach. Jean L. asked Jim to be fully stocked with materials at the meeting and if he is short on items to contact her before the meeting. Joe S. noted that the World Services order form is available on the NicA. Web site.
- f) World Services: Jan F. reported on highlights of the World Services Conference in Brooklyn Heights New York. Officers are elected for 3 year terms. The persons elected to serve their first elect year or training year are Robin V. of Smyrna Georgia as Chair; Dale K. from Maryland as Secretary; and our own Jeff C. from Fountain Valley as Treasurer. They will be working this year with the current officers Ramona from Northern California, Treasurer, Kate from Arlington Texas as Secretary; and Jan F. from Newport Beach, Chair.

The voting on the agenda items was as follows. Rewriting the steps and traditions to reflect gender neutrality was not approved. Making it possible to hold World Conferences outside the United States was approved. Changes in the book to refer to nicotine and nicotine addiction rather than smoking was approved. A daily meditation book was approved as a work in progress with 60 meditations approved so far.

Board meetings were scheduled for July 20, October 2, January 25 2003, and the World Conference in April 2003. The July 20 Board meeting will be held in Newport Beach. This will be an opportunity to attend and become familiar with what happens at Board meetings. It is the custom to put up visiting board members in peoples homes and drive them around. If you are able to help in this way contact Jan after the meeting.

The 2003 conference will be in Santa Monica on April 25, 26, 27. and the 2004 Conference will be in Philadelphia, April 23, 24, and 25.

Jeff spoke about World Services Outreach projects. Gary is the project leader for the mass mailers project. Two new people have volunteered to chair the other two projects. Jeff is currently trying to get the projects up and running on the web so the materials can be picked up and used by local meetings.

- g) Bylaws Committee: Jean reported that Michael P. will be continuing to work on the Bylaws Committee and will present the officer and committee job descriptions the next meeting. Jan F. suggested that the Bylaws do not provide a mechanism for the removal of an officer who is not working out in a position. Suggestions made from the floor were that officers who do not attend 3 meetings in a row could be removed. It was also suggested that the outgoing officer serve as a back-up for the current officer. Joe S. will work on wording for a bylaws revision and present it at the next meeting.
- g) Events. Gary M. reported in Marc S. absence. The retreat is coming up. We can have up to 30 attendees. There will be meatless pastas and salads if you are a vegetarian. If there are several vegetarians we can request special vegetarian entrees. We currently have 9 reservations. The picnic is still looking for someone willing to serve on the organizing committee. Jean L. asked Gary to open a bank account with Joe S. as co-signatory in order to handle the retreat funds. All funds received should receive a receipt. After the retreat there will be a report

and excess funds will be deposited into SCINA's account funds received so far will be deposited into the retreat account. It was moved and seconded that Gary M. open a checking account for the retreat. The motion passed with 10 in favor and two abstentions.

9. Old Business-

George L. thanked Ty for helping with the Salvation Army meeting in Long Beach but he has not gotten enough volunteers to keep the meeting going.

Joe S. reported that World Services needs to get double-sided business cards printed. If anyone has any printing contacts please let Joe know. It was discussed at the World Services Conference that we should look into less expensive venues for the Conferences as the cost is currently prohibitive for good member participation. Any input on the matter is appreciated. There was discussion.

George L. will have a new draft of the proposed pamphlet on attendance at the next meeting.

10. New Business

Jean requested a volunteer to serve as Treasurer through September. There being no volunteers it was decided to have Jean L. contact Annette to see if she could be of assistance. Jeff C. offered to assist if Annette could not do it. Members were asked to check their meetings if there would be anyone willing to be of service in this way.

There was discussion about a local newsletter or a web site. This item will be on the agenda next month.

11. Birthdays: The group congratulated Jim on his 16 birthday.

12. Commitments for next meeting Jan F. agreed to present Tradition 5 at the May meeting, Mary D. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes as Corrected at the May 19, 2002

Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

Mary Polychrome