

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES For May 19, 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 10:10 AM with the Serenity Prayer.
2. The 18 attendees represented meetings 003, 008, 012, 016, 023, 044, 047, 070, 084, 085, 088, 093, 161, 167, 186, 194. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions
John N. shared on Tradition Five, reading from the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions. It is important to focus on our primary purpose, recovery from nicotine addiction, and not lose our energy or momentum on side issues.
4. Chairperson's Report
Jean L. reported she has received a letter of resignation as Treasurer from Michael P. She has spoken with Annette L. who has agreed to serve as Treasurer until September. She will give a report in June.
5. Secretary's Report
Mary P. read the minutes of the April 28, 2002 meeting. They were corrected and Jan F. moved and Gary M seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report
Jan F. will write the reimbursement checks for this month.
7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported he has not received any new meeting requests.
 - b) Public Outreach: Joe S. reported he has contacted 6 cable channels regarding getting meetings on their community bulletin boards. He also brought in more business cards for the business card program. Please place them in hospitals or other appropriate locations with their permission and then restock them each month.
 - c) Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported she continues to provide panels for 9 Kaiser locations. The panels make presentations to smoking cessation classes to let them know there is an ongoing support group out there. Jean L. commented that we have not had a Hospital and Institution Report from Heather K in several months. Jean will contact her to request a report.
 - d) Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline is doing well.
 - e) Meeting Directory: Emil reported for John H. There have been no new meetings and none have gone dark in April. There were changes to meetings 011,044,084,and 186. Jean commented that we now have 44 meetings. We have lost several meetings in the last 6 months. She asked for suggestions to respond to this loss. John N. stated, in order to keep this we have to go out and start new meetings. Those who stay stopped are those who start new meetings. We need to get that message out to our members. Joe S. suggested we start making a conscious effort to get our meetings to start new meetings. Emil stated that our meetings are small and it is hard to keep people active in small meetings. It takes a large meeting to spin off a new meeting. We need to be careful not to coerce people to get active. Mary B. shared she had gone to meetings for 18 months and had not been asked to be active. The meeting she attended went dark and it was at her new meeting that she was asked to become a part of the service structure. Marc S. stated the need to concentrate on areas that don't have meetings such as Santa Clarita

and Simi Valley. Jan F. stated all of us need to make a commitment to do some kind of public outreach every week. Joe S. will bring meeting flyers to all the intergroup meetings from now on so that members can use them in their community. Gary M. stated as a part of his service on World Services Public Outreach he will be mailing out flyers to 500 doctors and dentists. Mary B. stated we need to target treatment centers. Marc S. asked if it would violate Traditions to financially assist new groups to start up a meeting providing a new meeting packet and underwriting the rent for the first few meetings. Joe S. stated he would like to request such assistance with a Saturday morning meeting in Huntington Beach. ACTION: George L. moved that these issues be put on the agenda for the June meeting, Jim L seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- f) Literature: Jim L reported he has most items in stock at this time. He requested that the Literature fund be reimbursed for the \$302 business card expense incurred for "Carry the Message Day". Jean L requested a monthly account statement from the Literature Committee. Jean also requested volunteers to assist Jim in inventorying material after the intergroup meeting in order to assist in ordering for the next meeting. Gary M. stated he would assist Jim this month.
- g) World Services: Jan F. reported the World Services officers are working on the new edition of the book. She distributed order forms for "7 Minutes". Please encourage your meetings to order a 3 year subscription. Joe S. commented that 7 Minutes makes a great birthday present for a Sponsee.
- h) Bylaws Committee Joe S. presented proposed wording for a revision to the bylaws which would provide for removing an officer who is not performing their job. There was discussion regarding whether relapse should be a consideration and the procedure for the termination. Joe S. will finalize the wording based on the discussion and present the bylaws revision for a vote at the June meeting.
- i). Events: Marc S. reported the retreat is coming up. There are 15 signed up so far. There is currently \$443 in the retreat account. The meeting will have an outside meditation meeting. The Picnic is scheduled for September 15, 2002. Marc encouraged people to participate in the picnic. It was agreed upon to have the picnic at Mar Vista Park in Culver City. George L. will contact the park and put some money down for a reservation.

9. Old Business

George L. reported he still needs someone to help at the Salvation Army in Long Beach. Ty has taken one Tuesday a month but he still needs to fill the 4th or 5th Tuesday of every month. George is still working on the meeting attendance pamphlet. He will try to present it next month.

10. New Business:

Mary P. reported her meeting requested SCINA develop a NicA T shirt. One of the members is a runner and would like to wear a NicA Shirt when he runs. George moved that interested parties submit a T-shirt design at the next meeting. Marc S. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mary also reported that the Fullerton meeting would also like to have sobriety chips with the red circle and cross bar as we had had in the past. Jim L. explained that SCINA had voted in the past to stop using the red logo in favor of NicA's official logo on our chips.

11. Birthdays: The group congratulated. Bob on 2 years nicotine free.

12. Commitments for next meeting: George L. agreed to present Tradition 6 at the June meeting, Joe S. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes as corrected at 6/16/02 Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

Mary Polychrome