

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES For July 21, 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. Opening: Jean L. opened the meeting at 10:10 with the Serenity prayer.
2. Introductions: The 15 attendees represented meetings 003, 008, 009, 012, 016, 023, 044, 047, 052, 070, 084, 085, 093, 163, 164, 186, 194. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: Mary P. shared on Tradition 7 which states every NicA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. She read from the tradition checklist published by the "Grapevine". She shared that NicA meetings should not accept funds from non-NicA sources but when NicA members (Intergroup) assist start up meetings for new NicA groups that is an in-house situation that is not prohibited by this tradition.
4. Chairperson's Report: Jean L. thanked Joe S. for the refreshments today and Steve H for setting up the equipment so the secretary can have a audio tape of the meeting to assure accuracy in the minutes.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, June 16, 2002 meeting. They were corrected and it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report: Annette L. submitted a financial report for the fiscal year from September to the current date. She reminded meetings that if their contributions have not been fully attributed to their meeting they could send her a record of their donations since October. At the moment unattributable funds were lumped into anonymous donations. Our current balance is about \$1,000. She will pay our rent to the hospital up to the end of the fiscal year. She will wait to be sure all retreat funds are accounted for and any picnic expenses earmarked and then she will send a contribution to World Services.
It was moved and seconded that SCINA not send any donations to World Services until after the Conference in April 2003. Discussion brought out that World Services does advance funds for the Conference. It was also mentioned that from our experience in the past SCINA does need to have funds for the conference as well as the NAWSO advance. The motion passed 12 for, 2 against with 4 abstentions.
Gary M. The retreat collected \$1,850 and paid out \$1813. Leaving a balance of \$36.94 in the retreat account. When projecting the administrative costs for the event he had added \$8.00 per attendee. The actual administrative costs turned out to be closer to \$6.50 per person. It was moved to close the retreat account and put the balance to the general SCINA account. Discussion considered keeping the account open to use for the World Services Conference in April 2003. Questions arose regarding account service charges and minimum balance. It was moved seconded and approved to table the motion for consideration at a future meeting.
Jim.L. did not have a financial report for the Literature account. Jean L. asked for a financial report at the next meeting. She asked volunteers to assist Jim with an inventory at the close of today's meeting.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.

8. Committee Reports

- A. **New Meetings:** Gary M. reported there were no new contacts for new meeting packets. Marc reported he and five others will be starting a Newhall/Santa Clarita meeting. He thanked John N. for his financial support, Mary D. for a contact and Joe S for providing meeting notices. Gary M. commented he had meeting material from the Dana Point Meeting, which had recently gone dark. He will pass them on to the new meeting. Frank commented that he knows of a new meeting starting up in Burbank he will have them contact Gary for a new meeting packet.
- Jean L. asked for input regarding an issue that came up at the World Services Board Meeting. How can we respond to propaganda of doctors that infer all one needs to quit is the patch or gum discounting the need for ongoing 12 step meeting attendance. Discussion topics were: Anything we may counter with may be promotion rather than attraction. The experience of our local groups is that the real quit did not come until 12 step attendance. The purveyors of the patch and gum all recommend the use of an ongoing support network, with their product. Some drug companies put out very slick publications, which overpower our ability to communicate our message. Joe S. suggested we write letters to authors of articles in papers and magazines to ask them to include reference to Nicotine Anonymous in their articles.
- B. **Public Outreach:** Joe S. shared he is still bringing meeting location flyers to all Intergroup meetings. It was moved seconded and approved to order 10,000 business cards.
- C. **Hospitals and Institutions:** Jean L. stated she had not received a response from Heather K. George L. volunteered to chair the H&I committee until a new chairman could be appointed. Mary D. reported she had received confirmation for 6 more months of panels at Kaiser.
- D. **Communications:** Mary D. shared about her "business card rounds". The response at Anaheim Memorial has been enthusiastic and that is very rewarding. She has received support from the administration to get her cards into different departments.
- E. **Meeting Directory:** Emil reported for John H. There were no new meetings. The Dana Pont Tuesday Night Meeting went dark but too late to be removed from the August Directory.
- F. **Literature:** Jim L. reported when the inventory is complete; he needs to place a large order this month.
- G. **World Service:** Jan F. reported the World Services Quarterly Board Meeting was held in Newport Beach yesterday. She will make a more complete report in August but she wanted to comment on two issues. First, she urged all representatives to solicit articles for "7 Minutes" from members of their meetings. She asked Mary D. to write an article regarding her "business card rounds" The editor of "7 minutes" will assist with editing of the article so don't worry if any article you submit is not letter perfect. Joe S. urged all representatives to get their meetings and members to subscribe to "7 Minutes" We have lost a significant number of subscriptions since the beginning of the year. The publication is the official means of communication for Nicotine Anonymous World Services to its membership and so each meeting should have a subscription. It was moved, seconded and approved that SCINA subscribe to 5 issues of "7 Minutes" for representatives to take to their meetings to encourage subscriptions. The Board also discussed the NAWSO WEB site and requested updates on all events for the site. The Board spent much of the afternoon working on a revision of the Nicotine Anonymous Book.

H. By Laws Committee: Joe S. will present the final wording for the termination of officers at the August meeting.

I. Events: Marc S. reported that in the absence of volunteers to chair the picnic, he will be the chair. He will be unable to continue as events chair after September so he is thinking about a replacement. He thanked Gary for a great job on the retreat. The next major focus of time will be on preparing for the World Services Conference in 2003. Marc will commit to attending all the planning committee meetings. John N. will host the Marathon meeting at the same time as the "Great American Smoke Out" on November 23, 2002. Joe S. requested a flyer for the Marathon and the September Picnic, which he will put on the NAWSO WEB site.

The Picnic flyer will be distributed with the SCINA August and September mail out. Marc will contact meetings to solicit their participation.

Nicholas V. presented a proposed flyer for the NAWSO World Conference. He has solicited volunteers for the Conference Planning Committee, which will appoint a treasurer and begin to meet regularly. Marc S suggested we design a T shirt and order them early so that sales at meetings will advertise the Conference and raise funds. Joe S. will send Nicholas information regarding the last Conference SCINA hosted. Jan F. will pass on the final report on the 2002 Conference in New York. The first meeting of the planning committee will be Saturday July 27 at 10:00 am at Nicholas V.'s house, There was discussion regarding getting the flyer into NAWSO'S August mailing.

9. Old Business

George L. will present the revised wording for the new pamphlet in August.

10. New Business

George L. requested support for the Tuesday panels at the Salvation Army in Long Beach. There was discussion regarding the SCINA T shirt that had been discussed at past Intergroup meetings. It was moved seconded and approved with one vote opposed that the SCINA T shirt use the design we use on our business cards

11. Birthdays: Jan F. celebrated 10 years nicotine free.

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: George L. will present Tradition 8 at the August meeting and Mary B. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes as corrected at the August 18,2002 Meeting
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary

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