

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP  
MINUTES For April 13, 2003**

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. Marc S. started the meeting at 10:10 with the Serenity prayer.
2. The 21 attendees represented meetings 3, 12, 16, 46, 47, 52, 84, 85, 90, 93, 123, 154, 164, 185, 186, 194, 198, 229, 231, 233, 234, WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions  
George L. Shared on Tradition 4 "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or Nicotine Anonymous as a whole." This tradition reminds us we need to respect the institution of Nicotine Anonymous and not mess with things that would do serious damage to Nicotine Anonymous as an entity. We cannot support use of medical aids in smoking cessation. Joe S. added that the World Services Board may look at the issue of what constitutes a Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Many meetings are putting all sorts of non-Nicotine Anonymous literature out on their literature tables.
4. Chairperson's Report Marc S. stated he definitely will have to travel in his work and he will not be able to complete his term of service. He has gotten much positive feedback from his visiting of the meetings. So he encourages his successor to continue this program. He thanked all for the opportunity to serve. There was a round of applause for Marc.
5. Secretary's Report Mary P. noted that the draft minutes for the March 16, 2003 meeting which she brought had not been completely revised. The correct minutes will be presented at the May meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report Jean L. submitted the March 2003 Treasurer's report (attached). It was moved seconded and approved to accept the March report as submitted and the February 2003 financial report (attached).
7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
  - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent a new meeting packet to Corona. Gregory B. requested information to take to Salvation Army Safe Harbor. Gary will mail Gregory a starter packet.
  - B. Public Outreach: No report.
  - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported she had had a call from Neutrogena in West Los Angeles who requested we staff a table at their employee health fair on May 8, from 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Fran K. will coordinate it. It was moved, seconded and approved to send 100 "Introductions to Nicotine Anonymous", 100 "Fatal Attractions" and 500 business cards. Joe S. reported that for the second month in a row the Long Beach VA Hospital mailed information regarding smoking cessation programs including Nicotine Anonymous to all their health care providers.
  - C. Communications: Marc S. thanked Mary D. for calling all the meetings to get out the change in date for this Intergroup meeting.
  - E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. Meeting Information changes were posted for meetings 101, 016, 023, 037, 046, 090, 153, 154, 194, 206, 230, 234. There were no new meetings and no meetings went dark. We need mailing information for the secretary or contact person for meetings 7, 93, 198, 206.
  - F. Literature: Ty K submitted a financial and inventory report for the literature. We started with 408.92, sold \$ 530 worth of literature and chips. After restocking our final balance was \$455. We have sold a large number of our welcome packets and Ty asked whether to continue using the large manila envelopes for these packets or some other type of folder with a sticker as we had discussed in the past. It was decided to go with the same envelopes and Joe S. will print some labels. Jenny Mc. suggested the cover of the

envelope have a place to put phone numbers. So the envelope can be passed around the meeting and attendees can write their phone number for the newcomer.

- G. World Service: Jan F. reported the World Services Conference will be selecting new officers and Jean L. has agreed to be nominated for the chair elect position. If anyone is interested in the other positions bring him or her to the conference this year. The Conference will also be voting on accepting "Roger's Story", a book of meditations and the location of the 2005 Conference. Joe S. commented that the new WEB site is now receiving orders for literature and materials on a daily basis. The majority of these orders are from new contacts. There was discussion regarding requesting members to send the Nicotine Anonymous Web site address to their email contacts.
- H. By Laws: Mary P. distributed the job descriptions for Officers and Chairpersons. Please read and be prepared to comment at the May meeting.
- I. Events: Steve H. reported he is still looking for a chairperson for the picnic September 21<sup>st</sup>. He has sent in the request to El Dorado Park in Long Beach. Fran K had suggested a park near the Beach, which would be free. It was moved seconded and approved to have the picnic at El Dorado Park in 2003 and investigate the park near the beach for 2004. The chairperson will secure the location and develop a flyer. Mary P distributed the flyer for the Retreat to be held June 7 & 8 at Mission San Luis Rey. Please take copies and distribute the flyer at your meetings. The flyer is on the Web site. The retreat will feature meetings, a fireside meeting barbecue dinner and a meditation workshop on Sunday morning Nick V. reported everything seems to be in place for the Conference. He has met several times to work out the final details with the Doubletree hotel. Thanks to the committee chairs everything is working well. There was a brief report from Stella P. regarding the hospitality room and volunteer recruitment. She thanked Patience and Vickie B, for their help. Doug H. thanked Stella for helping to fill out the Marathon meetings. Day use parking at the hotel will be \$5 per day. Joe S. presented the financial report showing that as of now there are 76 registrants, 53 dinners and 44 brunches. We have sold 53 T-shirts with only 197 to go. Gary M. reported registrations from now on will pick up their packets up at the conference. Jenny Mc. reported decorations are purchased and ready for the event. George L. reported he needs a few more volunteers for the literature table. Joe S. reported he put a flyer on the WEB site and has sold a T-shirt there.
9. Old Business: Marc S. stated he will be unable to continue as Chairperson and the bylaws state the Secretary could serve as chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson but if the Secretary were to fill out his term we would need to elect a new Secretary. Emil L. volunteered to serve as Chairperson for the balance of Marc's term. It was so moved seconded and approved. The meeting thanked Marc S. for his service.
10. New Business: Gary M. brought up whether we should develop a tent sign for the table to advertise "7 Minutes at meetings. Gregory B. reiterated that his meeting takes up a second collection at the meeting to gather funds to give a copy of "7 minutes" to the birthday person every month, This seems an effective way to draw attention to the publication. Marc S. shared his meeting subscribes to 4 copies of "7 Minutes" and lends them to the newcomers. This gives them an incentive to come back in order to return the newsletter,
11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Jenny Mc on her 3rd birthday.
12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: Jean L. will present Tradition Five at the May meeting and Emil L will bring refreshments.
13. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer  
Minutes as corrected and approved at the May 18, 2003 meeting  
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary