NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For June 15, 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. Emil L. started the meeting at 10:10 with the Serenity prayer.
- 2. The 21 attendees represented meetings 3,9,12,16, 18, 23, 37, 52, 84, 85, 90, 93, 154, 163, 164, 186,194, 206, 229, 231.WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
- 3. <u>Traditions</u>: Mary P. shared on Tradition Six, "A Nicotine Anonymous group ought never endorse, finance or lend the Nicotine Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Our higher power as seen fit to never give us enough power, property or prestige to seriously divert us. Our members as a group tend to argue over small details and for that reason it will behoove our higher power to never give us any power or prestige because our experience is we don't do well with it.
- 4. <u>Chairperson's Report</u>: Emil L. shared he went to the retreat last month and it was great. We are going to do it again next year.
- 5. <u>Secretary's Report.</u> Mary P. read the minutes for May 18, 2003. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Jean L. submitted the May Treasurer's report. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was passed.
- 8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent out a starter kit to Reno, Nevada.
 - B. Public Outreach: No report.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported we have signed on to another 6 months of panels at Kaiser in Orange County. Gary M. continues to cover the Mission Viejo panel. George O.. continues to do the Wednesday panel in Bellflower. Greg is doing the Thursday panel in Bellflower. Liz T. has had a bad fall and will be out for a while.
 - D. Communications: Mary D. reported the Hotline is going fine.
 - E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. Meeting Information changes were posted for meetings 3, 9,16, 160, 194. There were no new meetings. We need mailing information for the secretary or contact person for meetings 1, 7, 93, 198, and 206. It was discussed whether we can require meetings to give us an email address to maintain contact, it was also suggested to visit or call meetings, to maintain contact. and confirm the meetings existence. The motion was not approved. It was moved seconded and approved to design a way to contact each meeting every year, and encourage an Email address for each meeting. It was moved seconded and approved to establish a Actions and Responsibility chairperson, to organize volunteers to implement the prior action. George L. volunteered to be the Action and Responsibility Chairperson until such time an another person can take it over.

- F. Literature: Ty K submitted a financial and inventory report for May. Most of the pamphlets sent to the Neutrogena Health Fair were returned. Only 8 copies of each pamphlet were taken and 500 business cards were returned. We now have the new newcomer packet envelopes with a telephone list on the cover. Mary D. asked for 50 pamphlets of "Introduction to Nicotine Anonymous" and "The Fatal Attraction" for her committee.
- G. World Service: Jan F. reported the World Services Board will have its quarterly meeting in Newport Beach July 26th. The officers flying in are women and Jan is looking for people to house and drive them around .If you are interested in attending the meeting let Jan know because she has to arrange for lunch. Joe S. reported on the WEB site. There is a box on the site for donations and we are actually receiving donations.
- H. By Laws: Mary P. read the wording for the job descriptions for the SCINA Committee Chairpersons. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the SCINA Officers and Chairpersons Job Descriptions as corrected. There was discussion regarding how to help meetings to know how to order literature or chips. It was decided to add "literature and chips can be purchased at the Intergroup meeting "to the front of the meeting brochure. Emil will talk to John H to do so. George L. asked that Intergroup start the Chairperson's Handbook with the "Officer's and Chairperson's Job Description." After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to develop the Chairperson's Handbook.

 Emil asked Starla to bring in her meeting's Secretary's Handbook, as developing such a handbook would also be a good idea.
- I. Events: Steve H. reported on the Picnic at El Dorado Park in Long Beach on September 21st. Jan is developing the flyer for distribution next month. The picnic will be after the SCINA meeting, at 12 noon in the West picnic area, C. Mary P reported on the success of the retreat at Mission San Luis Rey. A reservation has been made for July 8, 2004. Don't miss out. In regards to the World Services Conference, Nicholas V. submitted copies of the contract with the Doubletree Hotel which this meeting requested last month.. Our loss has been diminished by \$100. It is now 1,750. Our biggest outstanding item is the T-shirts. We bought 254 shirts, and we sold 116. We should still have 138 shirts left but we seem to be short about 60 shirts. Nicholas will continue to follow up with Marc S. The shirts can be purchased on our WEB site. George L. and Steve H. have received donations to reduce the debt. Nicholas will check with the hotel to determine if they may have misbilled. Nicolas recommended we do not increase the registration fees to cover the costs of future conferences because our mission had been to get people there and keeping the registration fee low seemed to succeed in doing so. It was moved seconded and approved that SCINA close the books on the conference as of June 30th and forward everything to World Services.

9. Old Business: None

- 10. <u>New Business:</u> There was brief discussion of notifying meetings they can make donations to SCINA. It was a moved, and seconded to add "donations can be sent to the Intergroup with your Intergroup Representative" to the front of the meeting directory. The motion did not pass.
- 11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated George L. and Jean L. on their 7th birthdays, nicotine free!
- 12. <u>Commitments for the Next Meeting</u>: Mary D. will present Tradition Seven at the July meeting and George L. will bring refreshments.
- 13. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer