

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES For July 20, 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 19 attendees represented meetings 3, 12, 16, 23, 37, 46, 76, 84, 85, 93, 154, 186, 194, 206, 229, 231, 234. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: Mary D. shared on Tradition 7: "Every Nicotine Anonymous group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Those who first developed the traditions realized that financing ourselves just out of the basket at meetings may keep us poor but to accept gifts and inheritances in large amounts might make us obligated to others rather than the group conscience.
4. Chairperson's Report: Emil L. reported he had the opportunity to share last month at the Beverly Hills Meeting. It is a big meeting with lots of newcomers. It was a treat to be with such a dynamic group.
5. Secretary's Report. Mary P. read the minutes for June 15, 2003. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jean L. submitted the June Treasurer's report. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to donate any excess SCINA funds up to \$500 to Nicotine Anonymous World Services to help offset the loss on the Conference we hosted in Santa Monica. 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 Lancaster and will follow up on it.
 - B. Public Outreach: No report.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported George L. and Rosemary joined with Greg B. to do the panel in Bellflower.
 - D. Communications: Mary D. reported the Hotline received an inquiry from a Ear Nose and Throat Doctor and she was able to take him a set of business cards.
 - E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. Meeting Information changes were posted for meetings 1, 7, 93, 154, 160, 185, 194, 198, and 206. There were no new meetings and no meetings went dark. We need mailing information for the secretary or contact person for meetings 1, 7, 93, 154, 160, 185, 194, 198, and 206. Mary D. was able to get much of the needed secretary and representative information mentioned in last month's registrars report. Niles R. asked if there could be some way to bold information in the meeting directory so as to visually separate the different days. Emil will work with John to look into it.
 - F. Literature: Ty K submitted a financial and inventory report for June. He made no purchases last month and so the balance is high but he will be purchasing this month. Jan F. asked Ty if

he would make literature available at the picnic. Niles R. stated his meeting would like to see more color in the chips if our present vendor can't do it maybe we should go to our past vendor. Ty said he would look into it.

G. World Service: Jan F. reported the World Services Board will have its quarterly meeting in Newport Beach July 26th. She thanked those who are assisting with lodging and driving. The Board will meet from 9AM to 6PM on Saturday the 26th. If you wish to attend for lunch please let Jan know. We also need to be thinking about making similar arrangements for October 25th when the Board meets in Fullerton.

H. By Laws: Mary P. distributed the final Officer and Chairpersons job descriptions to the appropriate officers and chairpersons. She also passed around the Chairperson's handbook and asked for any comment.

I. Events: Steve H. reported on the Picnic at El Dorado Park in Long Beach on September 21st. The flyers will be sent out in this month's mailing. Please encourage your meetings to attend. The SCINA Intergroup meeting, will be held at 10:00am and the picnic will commence at 12 noon in the West picnic area, C. Joe S. agreed to bring the beverages and the charcoal.

J. Action And Responsibility: George L. reported he has developed an interview format for contacting meetings. Greg has been calling for the committee and he has called meeting secretaries in San Bernardino Newbury Park and Riverside. They are taking advantage of this opportunity to tell people about the picnic. George is requesting volunteers for this committee.

9. Old Business: Joe S. submitted the final profit and loss statement from the World Services Conference. The final balance is a \$1,400 deficit.

10. New Business: Jenny Mc. shared she just traveled to New York and was able to go to a Nicotine Anonymous meeting in lower Manhattan. At that meeting she met the young man who quit smoking at the Conference in Santa Monica. He is still going to meetings and had 72 days when she saw him.

Emil L. reminded everybody that next month we will be asking for nominations for SCINA Officers for next year.

There was discussion regarding having a booth at the Orange County Fair. Other 12 step groups have booths and might be willing to partner with us making it easier to man the table. It was felt that if we were to have a booth it would be better to man it ourselves rather than run the risks of having smokers giving out information regarding our program. Jenny McC. agreed to look into the costs and logistics of such a project.

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Ty K on 3 years, Starla on 6 years, Joe S. on 9 years, and Jan F. on 11 years nicotine free!!!!

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: George L. will present Tradition Eight at the July meeting and Jenny McC. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer

Munutes as revised and approved at the August 17, 2003 meeting
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary