

## NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For August 17, 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 16 attendees represented meetings: 3,7,9,12,16,23,52,84,93,164,185,194,231, and 234 -WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: George L. shared on Tradition 8, "Nicotine Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers." The idea behind this tradition is that we don't pay for 12-step work, it has to be all volunteer, one nicotine addict talking to another to be effective. We are still a fledgling program with no service centers. The people in this room are among those that provide such non-professional service.
4. Chairperson's Report: Emil L. had no report.
5. Secretary's Report. Mary P. read the minutes for July 20, 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 July Treasurer's report. This report does not reflect the donation of \$500 to NAWSO. Which will be done today. Note the events account has been closed. 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 it had been a quiet month. Greg B. announced he is starting a new meeting, a step study on Sunday afternoon at the Imperial Alano club in Paramount.
  - B. Public Outreach: No report.
  - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported the panels are going well. In August she did one in Orange, at Kaiser, Gary M is doing the one in Mission Viejo, George O did the panel at Kaiser in Bellflower, Greg B. is hosting the other Bellflower panel. Mary D. contacted Lynn in Lancaster, a facilitator for a smoking cessation group at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist church. He will be starting a meeting there at the end of the classes. He will be visiting the Santa Clarita Meeting to get information.
  - D. Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline is going along well. Monday nights seem to be the heaviest night for calls especially from the 818 area. Possibly because of the news spot placed by Patience.
  - E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. Meeting Information changes were posted for meetings 84, 177, 206, 233. There were no new meetings and no meetings went dark. In response to the request that we bold the day entries on the directory this does not seem to be an option on the software we have for the directory. John submitted a sample of a possible format change. It was passed around but it was decided the change was confusing and should not be adopted.
  - F. Literature: Ty K submitted a financial and inventory report for July. He has recently stocked up on supplies. On the chip request for more colors the vendor is requesting a minimum chip order of 50. Since we keep in stock less than 10 or 20 in the higher year denominations it may not be advantageous for us to get those chips in colors. Ty is continuing to do research on other chip vendors. There were several chip vendors suggested. The worldwide directory we have in stock has become outdated. Since the directory is revised quarterly he requested that we throw away the outdated ones and get just a couple current directories, not carrying so many in stock. This was approved.
  - G. World Service: Jan F. reported the World Services Board met in July in Newport. Thank you for all who helped. The Board developed a policy regarding not placing our literature on WEB sites in order to protect our copyright. A letter was sent to all Nicotine Anonymous Intergroups requesting they link to the NAWSO publications page rather than put our literature on line. NAWSO is also looking for a place to store their archives. The next NAWSO Board meeting will be October 25 here in Fullerton. Emil is handling the arrangements. NAWSO is always happy to receive donations.

Meetings and meeting donations and literature sales are down this year. So be generous when you are asked to dig in your pocket or purse at your meetings.

"7 Minutes" is alive and well. Please encourage subscriptions. Steve suggested SCINA subscribe to 10 issues of "7 minutes" to sell to the meetings at \$2.00 per issue. It was so moved, seconded and approved with 2 votes opposed. (The members of the meeting passed the basket and collected \$64 to fund this project)

H. By Laws: No report.

I. Events: Steve H. reported on the Picnic at El Dorado Park in Long Beach on September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. There was discussion of a 50/50 raffle. Jean L. volunteered to do the raffle. Emil volunteered to conduct the meeting. Mary D. volunteered to bring eggs for the egg toss. Anyone who would like to bring other games is welcome to do so.

J. Action And Responsibility: George L. reported he had called representatives of meetings in Palm Desert, Santa Barbara, Hemet and Pomona and sent them information regarding the Picnic. George will continue to call other groups that have not been contacted. L.A. Times had an ad for an event called the Health and Wellness Festival on October 4&5<sup>th</sup>. It is too late to participate this year but we should consider participating in the future. Discussion came to the conclusion the \$750 fee is too high for SCINA.

9. Old Business: Jenny McC. Reported on her research regarding having a booth at the Orange County Fair next year. She has put our name on a list to receive information and an application, which is to be mailed in February. We will need to show proof we are a non-profit organization. We will have to have insurance or purchase it for \$125. The booth is 10/10 feet and will cost \$150. We would need to man the booth full time; Tuesday Wednesday, and Thursday, noon to midnight; Friday Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM to midnight. If we split a booth with another group we would pay \$75 and man the booth either the first 10 days or the last 10 days of the Fair. It was moved and seconded we table the matter of staffing a booth at the fair until January. The motion passed unanimously. Joe S. shared he had been unable to get information regarding the excess World Service Conference T Shirts. It might be a good opportunity to sell them at the picnic. Emil agreed to look into it.

10. New Business: As SCINA will elect new officers in September, the chair requested nominations for the office of Intergroup Secretary. It was moved and seconded that Jenny McC. be so nominated. The motion passed unanimously. It was moved that Greg B. be nominated. Greg B. declined.

The chair requested nominations for the office of Intergroup Treasurer. It was moved that Jean L. be nominated for a second term as Treasurer. Jean L. declined. It was moved and seconded that Mary P. be nominated. The motion passed unanimously. It was moved that Steve H. be nominated. Steve H. declined.

The chair requested nominations for the office of Intergroup Chairperson. It was moved and seconded that Emil L. be so nominated. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the nominations be tabled to the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe S. asked if SCINA would like to have a WEB site. He is willing to volunteer to put a WEB site together if it is not interactive. We could post meetings and flyers for activities. The cost would be \$40 to register the name for 2 years and then \$20 a month. It was moved and seconded that SCINA have a WEB site and Joe S. to be the WEB servant. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Greg B. on one year and Mary P. on 9 years nicotine free!!!!

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: Jan F. will present the Ninth Tradition at the September meeting and Mary B will bring the refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes as corrected and approved at the 9/21/03 Meeting  
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary