

Southern California Nicotine Anonymous  
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Minutes for Intergroup Meeting  
October 17, 2004

1. Mary B. started the meeting at 10:10 am with the Serenity prayer.
2. The 20 attendees represented meetings: 3, 9, 12, 16, 23, 46, 47, 90, 93, 164, 185, 186, 194, 206, 229, 231, 234 and 235. — WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: George L. shared on Tradition 10. Nicotine Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Nicotine Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
4. Chairperson's Report: No report at this time. Mary B. thanked Emil L. for his service and looks forward to serving as Chairperson for the coming year.
5. Secretary's Report: Rosemary B. read the September 19, 2004 minutes. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as corrected.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jan F. submitted the September report on behalf of Mary P. The current balance is \$500.05 and includes income from the picnic. SCINA made a contribution of \$680.00 to World Services and a check was sent Peggy O. to pay for literature for George L's outreach efforts. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the September report. Jean L-S. requested that Mary P. provide a corrected August report for the mailing, as there were errors in the report mailed out last month.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was passed.
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent out three meeting starter kits last month to San Pedro, Lancaster, and West Los Angeles and made follow-up calls to these three individuals plus one other person from the month prior. An individual in San Pedro responded that they plan to start their meeting at the first of the year. There was no response from the other three other individuals.
  - B. Public Outreach: John M. stated he spoke to someone at KROQ and hopes to be able to get our public service announcement on the air. His contact at KLOS is no longer there but he will continue to work on them as well as other stations. He has loaded the SCINA website files on his laptop and hopes to get it up and working soon so that he can make updates. Jean L-S. read a thank you note from Willie Siebuhr sent on behalf of the Parole Department expressing thanks to George L. for carrying the message to newly released parolees. She noted George L. is currently participating on a panel every other Wednesday and that every other Thursday is also available if someone else would like to volunteer to participate.
  - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. stated that the Health Fair at the Art Institute of Santa Monica took place and was very successful. A panel was conducted at Pierce College in Northridge; the participants are counselors being trained in addictive medicine so they are an ideal audience to educate. George O. and Gregory B. are supporting the Kaiser panels in Bellflower on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is also a Kaiser panel coming up on October 26 in Orange.

- D. Communications: Mary D reported that they completed a survey of hotline activity. A total of 80 calls were received last month. In evaluating where the calls were coming from, she noted that regions who are more active in getting the word out seem to be generating higher call volumes.
- E. Meeting Directory: Mary B. read John H's Meeting Registrar report. Meeting information changes were posted for meetings 1 and 234. Meetings 198, 237 and 240 went dark. There may be a discrepancy in the location of meeting 234; Jean L-S. is going to look into whether the meeting is located in Bear Valley or Apple Valley.
- F. Literature: Peggy O. submitted the monthly literature balance to Mary P. for the treasurer's report, but did not bring copies of the literature report to the meeting. Approval of the literature report will be tabled until next month.
- G. World Services: Jean L-S. stated that articles are needed for Seven Minutes and Daily Meditations. There will be a World Services officers' meeting this week. The next World Services Conference will be held in May 2005 in Atlanta and registration flyers are posted on the Nicotine Anonymous website ([www.nicotine-anonymous.org](http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org)). If SCINA is interested in hosting the 2007 World Services Conference in Los Angeles, we need to express our interest in this to World Services and get ready to start planning the event.
- H. By Laws: No report at this time.
- I. Events: George L. reported on behalf of Tony S. that the Marathon Meeting has been confirmed for December and will be held at St Luke's in Fullerton. Jan F. raised the point that SCINA has traditionally held this event on the third Saturday in November. The timing coincides with the Great American Smokeout promoting broader participation. Jan F. agreed to update the flyer specifying the event would be held on Saturday November 20 and will provide it to Rosemary B. for inclusion in the October mailing.
- J. Action and Responsibility: George L. reported that someone from the Saturday Long Beach meeting might be interested in helping out on the Department of Corrections outreach panels. He is currently representing Nicotine Anonymous at panels held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Elks Hall in Santa Ana.
9. Old Business: Joe S. asked whether Tony S. had requested money from SCINA to pay for the three subscriptions for Seven Minutes that were awarded at the picnic. There was no resolution to this question. George L. will ask Tony S. to provide us with an update at our next SCINA meeting. Additional logistics were discussed regarding the upcoming Marathon Meeting. A flyer was circulated allowing people to volunteer to lead a one-hour meeting during the event. Tony S. will need to contact and confirm the time slots with those who volunteer. A copy of this schedule will also be provided to John N. Joe S. stated that he ran a report on the website ([www.scina.org](http://www.scina.org)) and there were 176 visitors last month.
10. New Business: Peggy O. will not be able to attend next month's SCINA meeting but Gregory B will be able to fill in for her. John M. stated that meetings 206 and 229 feel that the current Nicotine Anonymous business cards with the no smoking symbol are inconsistent with the rest of our literature, do not fully represent the mission of Nicotine Anonymous and imply that we have an axe to grind about smoking. He recommended the cards use the Nicotine Anonymous logo as the primary graphic to promote a message of recovery. Gary M. stated that our current cards are extremely noticeable and use of Nicotine Anonymous logo is likely to be much less recognizable to audiences.
11. Birthdays: No birthdays this month.
12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: November commitments: 11th Tradition = John M.; Refreshments = Joseph R.; Meeting Set-up = Gregory B.
13. The meeting adjourned at 11:20am with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted Rosemary B., Secretary