

**Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg**  
Minutes – May 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at 12:22pm (approx.) by Chair (Norm) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer
- Jeff S (Timer) managed one minute timed meditation
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Jonathan
- Tradition Two Short form read by Marge
- Guide for Participation read by Norm

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Norm -Chair
2. Janet Marie -Rep Monday Night Goals Meeting
3. Kate -- Intergroup Scribe
4. Jeff S – Saturday 9am Step and Speaker meeting and timer
5. Deborah A (LAST MEETING!)
6. Tarun – Huntington Beach Friday and Silverlake Sunday rep
7. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity
8. Jonathan – Rep from Tuesday Online Artists in Prosperity
9. Becky E - Intergroup Website Manager
10. Marge – Rep from Thursday Night Mtg

**MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF MONTH BY LAWS DISCUSSION:**

- In June resume discussion of the clauses regarding the amendment to the By-Laws, from clause d.) through f.)
  - Found under Section XV – Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, and clause d) begins “Representatives of member groups may at any time propose a resolution to amend the Bylaws at an UA Intergroup meeting. Any proposal by a IR...”, located two paragraphs from the bottom of p. 10
- This section was discussed at length in the May meeting, but was found to be too confusing for any decisions to be made regarding wording – the amendment process is not clearly spelled out.
- Next task: Decide whether to revise this section to make more clear or leave as is.

## DETAILED MINUTES OF MONTH BY LAWS DISCUSSION

- 15 minute timed discussion begins
- Discussion begins with “Representatives of member groups may at any time propose a resolution to amend the Bylaws at an UA Intergroup meeting....”
- Proposed Amendment process discussion
  - Order of steps seems confusing:
    - Submitted to Chair “within 5 days of its adoption” – but what was adopted if nothing has been sent to Chair yet?
    - Emailed for review to IRs and members at least 60 days before the next UA Intergroup meeting
  - Questions asked:
    - Wouldn’t we need to share an amendment with the IRs and members BEFORE adopting it?
    - Does “members” refer to intergroup members or UA members?
      - If the latter, how can that many people be practically emailed?
  - Conclusion:
    - The by-law amendment process has TWO phases:
      - PROPOSAL of possible amendment (“amendment proposal”)
        - Initial discussion of “amendment proposal” in intergroup
        - If approved, then the text of the proposed amendment must go to the chair within 5 days
        - That text is distributed among the member groups for discussion and feedback
        - “Intergroup is discussing a possible change to the by-laws to say (text of amendment) and are communicating this at the meeting level to gather feedback before finalizing the language of the amendment for approval.”
      - At a later Intergroup Meeting, the meeting-level feedback is discussed and then the amendment proposal is put to a vote.
        - IF IT PASSES: It now becomes an actual amendment proposal and..
          - Is presented for a vote at the meeting level
          - If approved by meetings...
          - Becomes an amendment
        - IF IT DOESN’T PASS: No amendment is proposed at the meeting level
- Discussion concludes here; in June resume discussion of the clauses regarding the amendment to the By-Laws, from clause d.) through f.)

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- Brief Recap of the By-Laws Process for new Intergroup members:
  - We need by-laws to open a non-profit bank account
  - Multiple attempts have been made for committees to tackle this project, and years have passed without progress
  - Now we take 15 minutes at the start of every meeting to discuss the next section of the by-laws and have begun to actually make progress
    - **TAKEAWAYS**
      - **Lynna commits to looking it over and putting her take**
      - **Kate commit to looking it over and putting her take**

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIR** (Norm) – Reports no further communication from the bank about our status as a non-profit or a non-non profit. Shares that he will be in Europe for a few weeks, but will do his best to be available if there are questions. Does not currently have an exact number on our bank balance.

**TREASURER** (Vacant) – Position needs filling

**WEB MANAGER** (Becky) – Has stepped into this position since the last meeting; has not yet had any requests for updated meeting info, so hasn’t tried updating the site yet.

**SCRIBE** (Kate) – Thanked Becky for stepping into the web manager role, and acknowledged that the recording of the meetings is making it much easier for her to turn minutes around within 30 hours (meaning EOD the Sunday after IG meeting.)

**LITERATURE** (Vacant) – Filled by Jeff S during discussion of literature role; position renamed LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICER.

**ISR** (Ruby) – Absent

**EVENT CHAIR** – Renamed EVENTS COORDINATOR; position remains vacant and announcements continue to be made in meetings. Time Tracking event is going forward, but support is needed. Past organizer Nick is only available to discuss logistics.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Literature position
  - Currently vacant
  - Discussion of whether we need to keep this position filled
    - In other 12 step groups, this is a person who purchases literature and makes it available to meeting level literature people
    - UA doesn't have a ton of meeting-specific literature, and what we do have is all available online
    - Suggestion made newcomers do need that extra bit of help, so physical documents or literal PDFs should be available at weekly meetings
    - Discussion of updating Intergroup Meeting format to acknowledge lack of literature person
    - Jeff S ([jsug@earthlink.net](mailto:jsug@earthlink.net)/310-980-1861) volunteers to serve as Intergroup Literature person
    - Norm proposes changing title to Literature Information Officer
      - Changed by popular acclimation
- Time Tracking Workshop
  - Tarun reports on progress: Listening to recording of past event, trying to connect with Nick
    - Floats idea of doing with a team
    - Floats idea of rate setting workshop
  - Interest in rate-setting workshop
    - Challenging with so many different kinds of underearners who struggle to set appropriate rates
  - Next steps:
    - Set a date
      - Tarun suggests Sunday August 20 or Sunday August 27, possible start time of 8pm
      - Vote is held, but no date is set
      - Vote on potential date needs to be taken in June meeting
    - Tarun commits to Develop formats of possible workshops
      - Time tracking
      - Rate setting
  - **TAKEAWAY: Tarun will bring back proposed ideas for two meetings**
    - **Vote needs to be taken in June to set date**

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Chair/Treasurer**
  - Norm committed to doing this role for 1 year, and he stepped into the role in May or June of last year
  - If he stepped down from Chair, he would take on the Treasurer role

- Already kind of is the treasurer b/c previous treasurer was never able to access account
- Scale of the role has gotten so complicated that one person cannot reasonably handle it
- Current treasurer needs to step down
- New treasurer needs to be found
- **TAKEAWAY: Job description needs to be shared in meetings**

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Takeaways
  - For everyone:
    - Share UA intergroup Treasurer vacancy
    - Share Event coordinator vacancy
      - “The events coordinator helps the intergroup to plan events throughout the year by scheduling, delegating responsibility to other representatives or UA fellows, and finding speakers. The events coordinator would not be solely responsible for putting together events and would receive support from the intergroup.”
        - Interested parties should attend the next intergroup meeting to learn more.
    - Ask for info on Time Tracking event
      - Anyone who participated in the past one should speak with their intergroup rep or attend the next intergroup meeting.
    - Purpose statement should be read by intergroup rep at each meeting:
      - The primary purpose of Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup is to carry the message to the under earner who was still suffering and to communicate at the meeting level. Our intentions are:
        - To guide the groups and financial affairs, according to the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous
        - To hold workshops and special events
        - To create and maintain a meeting directory
        - And to help SCUA continue to prosper.
  - For Kate:
    - To finish notes from today’s meeting and share via email
    - Review By-Laws
  - For Norm
    - Share current by-laws document
    - Change “literature” to “Literature Information Officer”

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**CLOSING:**

Chair closed meeting at 1:45pm. Next meeting 6/10/23 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm

**SEVENTH TRADITION:**

Tabled until dealings with Citibank can be resolved.

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