

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at approximately 12:45pm by Chair (Norm) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Norm -Chair and acting treasurer
2. Jeff S. - Saturday 9am Santa Monica Speaker and Steps meeting, also Valuing Our Time Zoom sub-committee, Literature Information Officer
3. Tarun – Friday 7pm Huntington Beach Waves of Prosperity meeting, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event
4. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
5. Jonathan – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity online mtg

**LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF AUGUST BY LAWS DISCUSSION:**

- The “August” above and below are NOT typos – Intergroup voted to turn the September meeting into a planning session for the upcoming October Time Valuing event.
- The October meeting did not discuss by-laws at all, therefore the instructions for November Intergroup meeting are the same instructions we had going into the September meeting – we haven’t done any additional work on the bylaws.
- November discussion should begin by re-visiting the question of taking attendance, and whether it needs to be written into the by-laws.
- After that, we are done with this section and ready to move onto Section XVII – Public Information.

**DETAILED MINUTES OF AUGUST BY LAWS DISCUSSION**

- 15 minute timed discussion begins
- Review of last month’s changes to Section XVI – Scribe
  - Discussion of attendance policy in current by-laws, which instructs us to label meetings as “inactive” if no rep shows up for 3 months
    - Is it draconian? Is it even rational?
  - After discussion of language and agreement regarding attendance policy, motion made to replace original text with this language:

*The Scribe has the following duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the following:*

- a. Record the minutes of the So Cal UA Intergroup Monthly Meetings and send them to the Chair and Intergroup members no more than seven days after each meeting.*
  - b. Keep the attendance records and provide no less than quarterly attendance updates to the Executive Committee members and Intergroup.*
- No objections registered, and motion passes.
- Norm has deleted the outdated language, but changed text remains in red.
- TAKEAWAY FOR NORM: Changed text needs to be changed from red to black before next meeting**
- Further discussion of attendance-taking in general, without punitive policy in place
  - Useful data?
  - Might help us identify meetings that would benefit from contact with intergroup?
  - How best to execute?
    - Scribe misunderstands proposal for a checklist and thinks the group is suggesting an interactive sign-in
    - In fact, we're just talking about a Google spreadsheet, with each rep and meeting name, where attendance can be indicated with an X
    - Zeus makes suggestion that each member should put their name, the meeting they represent (time and name), and phone number, in the chat
      - Discussion indicates support for this idea
      - Motion made to adopt this recommendation, seconded
      - Motion approved by a vote of 5
      - New business for later in the meeting or next month:  
Format needs revising to include instructions to attendees to put in the chat:
        1. Their name
        2. The meeting they represent (name and time)
        3. Phone number
- TAKEAWAY FOR KATE: Create a table or spread sheet to show group what kind of attendance tracker I can come up with**
- October By-Laws discussion should begin by re-visiting the question of taking attendance, and whether it needs to be written into the by-laws
  - After that, we are done with this section and ready to move onto the next section, about public information

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

NOTE: During the August treasurer report, two questions were raised:

1. Why are we sitting on so much money in the prudent reserve?
2. Why aren't we making payments to World Service?

These were not addressed at all in September or October, and are once again added to New Business, below.

**CHAIR (Norm)** – Reports that Time Reverence event went really well; more detailed report below.

**TREASURER (Norm)** – Reports that he is still holding two different roles and would like to hand one of these commitments off. Current balances include a total of \$8879.99, \$8227 is in Citibank, the rest in PayPal. Suggested donations from the online workshop were very, very low, which may be a topic for future discussion.

**LITERATURE (Jeff)** – Reports that this commitment doesn't really involve any tasks. Took Danny's info during the meeting and will contact to see if there's more literature news forthcoming. As more in-person meetings resume, intergroup may want to resume sharing 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds with meetings so they can order literature.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- October Event/Workshop
  - Tarun gave a detailed report of this event, thanking Zeus and other intergroup members for support.
  - Discussion of speakers' experience, status of thanks owed to some speakers.
  - More detailed notes to follow.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- NOTE: As noted in By-Laws discussion, nothing but the October event was discussed in September meeting so there was not enough time to touch on the New Business pasted here from above. So the same content from August is again pasted below, under GOOD OF THE ORDER in the "Topics of Discussion for Next Meeting."
- Literature and the SoCalUAMeetings website
  - There is conference approved literature online and we could link to it
  - Current status of UA organization at the World Service level is not as clear as it could be
  - Strong desire by multiple Intergroup members to not accidentally get embroiled in controversy by linking to a site and seeming to affiliate ourselves with one "side"
  - Discussion was very nuanced and needs to be transcribed in more detail, but essentially, topic was tabled for November rather than risk making a hasty decision and regretting it later.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for November meeting
  - The following New Business topics came up in August's meeting, but we ran out of time to address them. The September meeting was dedicated to planning the October event, so the below information is a re-posting of the info from the August minutes. They are listed chronologically, in the order they came up, NOT in order of importance or urgency:
    1. Format needs revising to include instructions to attendees to put in the chat:
      - Their name
      - The meeting they represent (name and time)
      - Phone number
    2. Why are we sitting on so much money in the prudent reserve?
    3. Why aren't we making payments to World Service?
    4. We are unclear on the current situation at the World Service level because our GSR has not attended in June or July. Should we elect a Co-GSR in order to gain clarity in this area?
    5. SHARE (an LA-based facility) wishes to communicate that they have space for meetings; what – if anything -- should the web manager do with this information?
    6. It is not clear whether SHARE's offer comes with any requirements to conform with SHARE policies which might conflict with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Is it worth investigating further before answering question 4, above?
    7. Someone contacted the website manager to ask about starting a new meeting; she told them to attend today's meeting. Is that the appropriate answer, or is there a better one she could offer?
    8. The website currently only accepts 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations through PayPal. Should the site offer alternative ways to make this payment, and if so, what? And how would that information be added to the site?
- **Takeaways**
  - **For everyone:**
    - Remind people to use Friends and Family setting when using PayPal for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donations

- Read the Intergroup Purpose Statement at your home meeting:
  - The primary purpose of Southern California Under earners 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 get audio recording of October meeting, transcribe into minutes and share via email
  - To create a table or spreadsheet for use as a future attendance tracker

**CLOSING:**

Chair closed meeting at approximately 1:15pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 11/11/23 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm.