

**Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg**  
Minutes – March 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at 12:20pm by Chair (Norm) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer
- Becky (Timer) managed one-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Moonti
- Tradition Two Short form read by Melinda.
- Guide for Participation read by Norm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Norm -Chair and acting treasurer (until a new chair can step into the role)
2. Moonti – Rep from Returning to Health and Prosperity 10:30am Thursday Meeting
3. Becky – Website Manager
4. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday 6:30pm PT Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
5. Harold – Rep from Saturday 9am PT Santa Monica in person Speaker Meeting
6. Tarun – Event liaison and rep from Friday 7pm Huntington Beach Waves of Prosperity meeting, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event
7. Kate – Intergroup Scribe
8. Melinda – Not a GSR, newcomer attending every Zoom meeting she can

**LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved.

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF MARCH BY LAWS DISCUSSION:**

April discussion should begin with Section XVIII - Website. In today's meeting, group discussed Section XVII – Public Information Officer, and concluded with a vote to omit this section from the by-laws. **(Note: Sections will need re-numbering because of omitted Public Information Officer section of by-laws, and possible re-ordering.)**

**DETAILED MINUTES OF MARCH BY LAWS DISCUSSION**

- Review of Section XVII Public Information Officer
  - Is a Public Information Office against traditions?
    - In contemporary culture, it may be appropriate to have someone who spreads the word about meetings

- Some outreach happened with AA in hospitals and religious organizations
    - So not technically “public” but people who have contact with addicts/under earners
- Could we even fill this position? We already have unmet roles.
  - Maybe this role is above our level as an intergroup
    - Experience of meeting members is that they held this role when serving at the world service level
  - If this position includes some important responsibilities we want to cover, maybe incorporate them into the Attendance and Outreach Officer role
- Is it worth keeping in the By-Laws to indicate to future Intergroup Committees that we found this position of value?
- Should we move subsection D (Answering questions about misconceptions from the public) to the Attendance and Outreach Officer role?
  - Or remove the language about carrying the message “through the use of media and public speakers”?
- Motion made to reorganize By-Laws so Website section is moved up above both this section and the Attendance and Outreach Officer sections, as this role is already filled and of higher importance
  - Motion seconded, but withdrawn until it is clear whether section is staying in by-laws
- Motion made to omit section from by-laws
  - Votes in favor: 4, votes against: 1; abstaining: 4
  - Motion carried
- March discussion stopped directly above Section XVIII – Website
  - Note: Sections will need re-numbering because of omitted by-laws, and possible re-ordering

## OFFICER REPORTS

**CHAIR (Norm)** – Chair reports he has spoken with Jonathan, who is formally withdrawing his offer to serve as chair. Finding a new candidate to take this commitment is a priority as Norm has been holding two commitments for many months and has already served a full term as Chair.

**TREASURER (Norm)** – Potential issue regarding donations to PayPal from the site, to be discussed with Website Manager during New Business. Current balances: \$8240.27 in Citibank; \$1050.26 in PayPal. Current total balance: \$9290.53. Two donations, both with 3% fees because not made via Friends and Family, of \$1 (.97) and \$10 (9.70). Outlay for zoom of \$17.43.

**WEBSITE MANAGER (Becky)** – Reports that challenges of getting recording on site are not yet fully resolved.

**SCRIBE** (Kate) – Reports that she is continuing to take minutes live during the meeting, then checking them against the recording. Is still forgetting to ask Norm for the recording, so minutes are still going out shortly before the next meeting, NOT in the month of the actual meeting, which is her goal.

**LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE** (Harold) – Has report on meeting regarding event about new literature, to be presented later in Old Business

**GSR** (Ruby) – Absent

**EVENT LIAISON** (Tarun) – Has information about the new literature event to be presented in Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Possible Literature Workshop
  - Note: In all discussions of the perceived conflict at the World Service Level, the two halves of the conflict are referred to in these minutes as:
    - Chronologically First UA Organization or CFG (Chronologically First Group)
    - Chronologically Second UA Organization or CSG (Chronologically Second Group)
    - NO claims or determination are implied by this language, but some labels are needed for purposes of this conversation
  - In last meeting, Danny presented idea of an event sharing new literature.
  - Since then, Tarun met with Danny and shaped a possible schedule:
    - Preamble
    - 4 speakers for 5 minutes each
    - Half hour total speaking
    - Followed by Q & A about the new literature
      - Also serve as valuable feedback to committee
      - And
  - Potential date: April 21, in the afternoon
    - Proposed total time of 1 hour, 15 minutes
    - Do not seem to have any old business.
  - Concerns:
    - Affiliation with UA organizations that are currently in disagreement about legitimacy
      - Question was raised in last meeting
      - Answer provided did not give complete clarity
      - Danny presented literature as coming from a committee that existed in affiliation with both world service organizations
    - Lack of accuracy in answer given during last Intergroup Meeting

- SCI Member spoke with Danny after the meeting, and did not gain firm confirmation
- Subsequent conversation with a UA member serving the Chronologically First Group indicated that no, this literature committee is NOT affiliated with the chronologically first group
- It would appear that the literature committee is affiliated with the CSG
- It is not clear whether this information was not clearly presented due to human error or out of a deliberate attempt to conceal the truth?
- Does that make the organizers of the event seem untrustworthy, and if so, should the event be reconsidered?
- Is it counterproductive to present material that hasn't been approved?
  - The literature HAS been approved by the CSG and is on the site run by the CSG (wearealua.org)
- Counterpoint:
  - Is it more important to share literature and connect material with underearners who are still suffering, and to table questions of affiliation for later?
- Solutions:
  - Ask Danny to return to the meeting and clarify affiliation?
    - Would that produce clarity, given that first visit lacked
  - Review the literature
    - Determine for ourselves whether there is urgency in the presenting of this information
  - Alter event to make clear the affiliation of the committee that created this literature.
    - Possible wording:
      - “This is literature pending approval at the conference level”
      - “This literature has not been approved by any parties involved in the ongoing conflict at the World Service level.”
      - “This literature has not been approved by both parties involved in the conflict at the World Service level in UA.”
      - “This literature has been approved by one of the parties in the conflict in the World Service level in UA.”
  - Counterpoint: The literature HAS been approved by the CSG and is on the site run by the CSG (wearealua.org)
  - Delay planning of event until SoCalUA Intergroup has clarity regarding affiliation and content of literature

- Motion made to push discussion of this event to April Intergroup Mtg
  - Event will NOT be held on April 21
  - Motion carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business discussed.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Topics of discussion for April meeting:
  - Finding a new chair so that Norm can step down and focus on treasurer's role
  - Discussion of PayPal link on SoCalUAMeetings.org site if not resolved by then.
  - During February by-laws discussion, issue of attendance and outreach challenges was raised, and should be added to New Business for future meeting. Due to an error in the February minutes, this information was omitted until the revised February minutes were issued AFTER the March meeting.
    - 34 meetings are on the SoCal UA Meetings website, and 5 meetings are currently repped at the February Zoom
    - This disparity needs addressing
  - The following New Business topics came up in the August 2023 meeting, but have not yet been addressed in a meeting, so they are re-posted to ensure they are addressed at some point:
    1. Why are we sitting on so much money in the prudent reserve?
    2. 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?
    3. 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?
    4. 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.

**CLOSING:**

Chair closed meeting at 1:46pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 4/13/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm.