

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – May 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:20pm by Chair (Sandra) with 3rd Step Prayer
- One-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read aloud
- Tradition Two Short form read aloud.
- Guide for Participation read by Sandra

ATTENDANCE:

1. Sandra – Meeting Chair / Co-Secretary and Rep for Sunday Morning Bipoc Hiding & Biting
2. Norm – Treasurer
3. Tarun – Timer, Event liaison, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event
4. Nicki D. – Rep for Thursday night Altadena Prosperity and Abundance Visions & Goals Meeting
5. Lola V – Rep for Saturday 9am PT Zoom Steps and Speaker Meeting
6. Kate – Meeting scribe

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved.

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF MAY BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- June discussion should begin with Section XIX – UA Speaker List
 - No part of this section has been discussed in any way

DETAILED MINUTES OF MAY BY LAWS DISCUSSION

- **Sections may or may not need renumbering because of omitted Public Information Officer section of by-laws, and possible re-ordering.**
 - Needs to be dealt with in the future
- Discussion of Section XVIII – Website Manager is continued from April meeting
 - Current language is read aloud
 - Section currently ends with an unfinished list of website manager responsibilities
 - Discussion of potential responsibilities:

- Responding to requests submitted through the form
- Updating the site at least once every other week to ensure accurate information about meetings
- Responding to requests for changes or other inquiries in a timely manner
- Language was revised, voted on and approved. Section XVIII – Website Manager now reads:

The primary purpose of the Website Manager is to enhance and improve the website <https://www.socaluameetings.org>. The Manager shall focus on continued development of the website to ensure that newcomers feel welcomed and that all U.A. members may easily obtain the information they seek. The Website Manager shall be proactive in consistently updating and improving the design and accessibility of the website in the service of attracting underearners to a life in prosperity.

The Intergroup Committee shall select a Website Manager from candidates who are volunteering and have experience with websites. The Website Manager shall serve a one to two-year term.

The Website Manager is authorized to seek support from other UA members to fulfill responsibilities that they may need help with. The Website Manager has the following duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to:

- a. Report at UA Intergroup meetings on the work performed during the preceding month.
 - b. Update the UA Intergroup website at least once every other week to ensure meeting information is as up to date as possible.
 - c. Participate in discussions of/and present potential changes to the Intergroup website as needed
 - d. Responds to requests for help and/or other inquiries submitted through the website or via email
- Discussion of Section XVIII - Website Manager was concluded.
 - June discussion should begin with Section XIX – UA Speaker List

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR (Sandra) – No report given, but this was our first meeting using the rotating chair system and it is not clear whether a chair report is required in this format

TREASURER (Norm) – Our Citibank balance hasn't changed by so much as a penny. Reports \$149.30 donations from meetings and individuals, minus expenses of \$17.43 in PayPal fees. Current balances are \$8240.27 in Citibank and PayPal has \$1416.56, up from last month's \$1284.69. Total this month of Citibank and PayPal together is \$9656.83, up \$120-some dollars Previously used

to recommend we remind people to use Friends and Family setting when using PayPal for 7th Tradition Donations, but that may or may not be possible anymore?

WEBSITE MANAGER (Becky) – Absent

SCRIBE (Kate) – Thanked Intergroup for recording, which helped her write up the minutes despite her absence last month.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE – Vacant or Absent?

GSR (Ruby) – Absent

EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Reports that Danny's suggested meeting is on hold, perhaps indefinitely. Additional request submitted for an event with a paid organizer, which Tarun declined due to the traditions. Other requests submitted by SoCal groups, but nothing has been decided yet. Additional information on these may be available in our June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Workshop
 - Tabled for now
- Changes to website manager role
 - Tabled due to website manager's absence at today's meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- GSR
 - Have a person elected to that role, but they have not attended regularly in the past year
 - Perhaps the role should be considered vacant due to lack of attendance?
- Becky
 - Needs support around serving as the website manager
 - Communication has been sporadic recently
 - Norm commits to contact Becky
- Additional topics:
 - This conversation expanded into more areas than could be covered in the remaining time. See notes on unresolved areas under Good of the Order.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for June meeting:

- NOTE: Priority of the following still needs to be determined – we deliberately did not arrive at a priority because time was running short.
- First order of business will be to prioritize these three topics, then address them as time permits
 - Vacant positions
 - Website manager – current status of this role? The person currently holding it? Does it need to become a 2-person position or...?
 - We are allowed to pay for specialized skills; does that include website management?
 - We would really like to get the recordings up on the site
 - Where are we with the Gmail account and storage that comes with it?
 - Also GSR
 - Our participation in a parent organization/at the worldwide service level (related to the GSR question, may need to be decided first?)
 - Which organization?
 - Where do we submit an appropriate portion of our prudent reserve?
 - Either way, should we be using our prudent reserve to support less well-funded groups
 - Zoom fees
 - Room rentals
 - Etc.
 - SoCal UA Membership – which meetings are covered by our organization? How many of them know we're here as a resource? Can we get in touch with them to encourage more participation?
- Additional topics to be addressed or permanently tabled as time permits
 - 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 7th 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:**

- Read the Intergroup Purpose Statement at your home 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.

CLOSING:

Chair closed meeting at 1:46pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 6/8/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Tarun will serve as co-secretary.