

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – October 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:35pm by Chair (Meredith) with 3rd Step Prayer
- One-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read aloud
- Tradition Two Short form read aloud.
- Guide for Participation read by Meredith

ATTENDANCE:

1. Meredith – Meeting Chair / Rep for Friday 7pm PT Zoom Huntington Beach Meeting
2. Sandra – Website Manager and Rep for Sunday Morning Bipoc Hiding & Biting
3. Kate – Meeting scribe and interim rep for Saturday 11am PT Speaking of Prosperity Zoom meeting

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved.

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- October intergroup meeting had technical difficulties that caused very low attendance and we did not have quorum to make any changes. Attendees looked at the by-laws just to refresh our memories, in hopes of ensuring we'll be able to pick up the bylaws discussion more easily in November
- Looking back to the September minutes, this is where we left things that month:
 - [Next by-law] discussion should begin with a discussion of the following language, as a proposed first line of a possible 2nd paragraph in Section XVII:
 - “In the future, as their schedule permits, the attendance and outreach officer may compose a speaker list drawn from suggestions from the unrepresented meetings they attend.”
 - This language was added to the current by-laws draft, so when we resume work on this in November, we need to use the draft with this language already in it
 - If this language is NOT in the document, it is not the most current version

- And more generally, the idea of adding “composing a speaker list” as a future responsibility for the Attendance & Outreach Officer. In September, we reviewed these open questions:
 - A. Are we adding a speaker list to this role?
 - B. If we are, what language will we add to this document to describe that new speaker list responsibilities
- We agreed that yes, we would like to add a speaker list to this role, but did not land on any specific language

DETAILED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER BY LAWS DISCUSSION

- **Sections may or may not need renumbering because of omitted Public Information Officer section of by-laws, and possible re-ordering.**
- **These minutes are included because they record our last substantive discussion of bylaws (in September 2024)**
- Excerpt from the September minutes for reference by November meeting:
 - *September discussion began with review of June discussion and where things were left at that time, as there was no July meeting, and the August meeting seems to have been primarily about terminology.*
 - *Review of June minutes revealed the following:*
 - *June Intergroup meeting attendees agreed that it would be good if, in the future, a speaker list was created.*
 - *As SoCal Intergroup has several vacant positions, it seemed counterproductive to add another position which would remain vacant.*
 - *Instead, the suggestion was made that creating a speaker list could be a future responsibility for the Attendance & Outreach Officer to take on, as their schedule/time allowed*
 - *The discussion ended with a decision to insert the former Section XIX under Section XVII – Outreach and Attendance Officer, but ONLY as archived information to be referred to as Intergroup discussed the inclusion of “compiling a speaker list”*
 - *Section XIX is NOT intended to remain in the finished by-laws, and should be deleted when Section XVII has been revised and approved*
 - *To capture the above discussion and create a “bookmark” in the bylaws for the October Intergroup meeting to use as a jumping off point, the following language was presented as a proposed first line of a possible 2nd paragraph in Section XVII:*
 - *“In the future, as their schedule permits, the attendance and outreach officer may compose a speaker list drawn from suggestions from the unrepresented meetings they attend.”*
 - *This language was accepted as a PROPOSED first line for further discussion in October*

- *In [the next by-law] discussion, we should begin with the possible 2nd paragraph of Section XVII, and the addition of composing a speaker list as a future responsibility for the Attendance & Outreach Officer.*

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR (Meredith) – No report

TREASURER (Norm) – Reports this month we had no donations. Last month had a balance of \$8240.27 in Citibank, and that's what we still have today. The PayPal account had no donations, so the balance was \$2077.81, or \$2060.38 after the September Zoom fee of \$17.43. and a service fee of \$1.83, our PayPal balance is \$2058.55. Together with Citibank, that's a total of \$10,300.65. (Note: These numbers are extracted from a combined September/October report submitted on 11/9/24. If these conflict with the numbers in the November minutes, the latter should be considered accurate and definitive.)

WEBSITE MANAGER (Sandra) – Reports that she has gained access to the site and has begun to familiarize herself with the set up, with the intention of redesigning it when time permits. Noted that payment for Wix and GoDaddy are covered by the website manager's personal debit card and observed that if our group has a Citibank account, that would be the better way to cover those costs. Also for November, she would like to discuss setting up an intergroup Gmail account for purposes of email and saving files.

SCRIBE (Kate) – Acknowledged that the August minutes have not been updated to reflect Morgan's attendance and the absence of a July Intergroup meeting because she did not have an editable copy of the August minutes. (She did not create the August minutes, due to not being able to attend.) Shared that, in the future, recording the meeting creates an audio file that Microsoft 365 can transcribe, making the scribe's job much easier. Observed that she may not be able to keep the scribe role much longer, as the pattern of last minute scrambling to produce minutes seems to signal that she's taken on too many commitments, but will not step down until someone else takes over the commitment.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICER (Becky) -- Absent

GSR – Vacant

EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- October meeting did not have quorum, but we reviewed the old business from the September minutes:

- That we would like to gain a better understanding of the schism at the world service level
 - Partly so we can resume making donations to the appropriate organization
 - Partly because, as SoCal UA Intergroup, we have a responsibility to the member meetings to investigate the situation.
- September meeting recapped the situation as it stands so far, and came to two conclusions:
 - The two organizations have two sites, which list different meetings.
 - Does supporting one organization and not the other mean we may be delisted by the other?
 - By supporting one organization and not the other, are we accidentally endorsing the practice of delisting member meetings
 - All our information about the current situation comes from the newly elected (Feb 2022) GSB. We have no information from the incumbent (pre-Feb 2022) GSB or their perspective on the situation
 - We may need to make a decision without that data, but the absence of that data is noted for the record
- Excerpt from the September minutes for reference by November meeting:
 - *Glossary:*
 - *GSB – General Service Board*
 - *SCPC – World Service Conference Planning Committee*
 - *GSR – General Service Representative*
 - *WSC – World Service Conference*
 - *Document from the 2022 General Service Board was read into the record stated the following sequence of events:*
 1. *In May 2021, the Incumbent GSBoard voted to cancel the 2021 WSConference in May 2021*
 - a. *Cited accounting irregularities with the 2020 WSConference*
 - b. *WSC Planning Committee tried to address these issues, but GSB did not reconsider their decision*
 2. *WSC Planning Committee prayerfully considered options and asked input from GS sub-committees*
 3. *In October 2021, WSCPC held a WSConference attended by 50 GSRs from around the world and 120 members at large*
 - a. *Funded with donations through a non-GSB PayPal account for registration fees and expenses*
 4. *At that conference, a group conscience was held, asking the Incumbent GSB to step down or agree to mediation*
 5. *A new GSB was elected with 7 trustees in February 2022*

- 6. *Incumbent GSB responded with legal measures – a cease and desist letter, etc.*
- *New GSB (elected Feb 2022) would like to unify UA under a single organization, but the by-laws do not provide an easy path forward to this goal if the Incumbent GSB does not cease legal measures and does not step down*

New Business

- None, due to small meeting.
- Excerpt from the September minutes for reference by November meeting:
 - *Proposal for temporary speaker list:*
 - *Each Intergroup member go back to meetings and ask for volunteers who are available to be speakers*
 - *Questions:*
 - *Do these volunteers need to have a certain amount of recovery?*
 - *Attending UA meetings for 6 months*
 - *Absence of new debt for 6 months*
 - *Time tracking for 2 months*
 - *Actively working the 12 steps*
 - *Motion made and passed:*
 - *In October, we look at the above list of requirements, vote on them and if approved, add them to the by-laws*
 - *Morgan commits to typing the requirements up*

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for November meeting:
 - None discussed due to lack of quorum
- Excerpt from the September minutes for reference by November meeting:
 - *Topics of discussion for October meeting:*
 - *Look at list of requirements for volunteer speakers, vote on them and if approved, add them to the by-laws*
 - *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?*
- **Takeaways**
 - **For everyone:**
 - 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 1:26pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 11/9/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Meredith will serve as co-secretary.