

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – August 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:21pm by Chair (Norm) with 3rd Step Prayer
- Stacy (Timer) managed one minute timed meditation
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Lynna
- Tradition Two Short form read by Kate
- Guide for Participation read by Norm

ATTENDANCE:

1. Norm -Chair
2. Zeus W. – Rep for HP in the Goals Pages; Mondays 7:15p-8:15p pst
3. Kate – Scribe, unofficial Rep for Speaking of Prosperity; Saturdays 11am PT
4. Becky E – Website Manager
5. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
6. Stacy – Rep for Worth and Action Meeting, Wednesdays, 7pm PT
7. Tarun – Friday Huntington Beach meeting, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF AUGUST BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- September 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- Norm has deleted the outdated language, but changed text remains in red.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**
- September 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:

CHAIR (Norm) – Reports that Jonathan S. is still willing to take on the chair commitment, but in October, not August. Once that happens, Norm intends to step over into the treasurer role full time.

TREASURER (Norm) – Reports that he had some tasks but was unable to complete them because of travel to Texas last month. Has started looking into where the money goes when people donate to 7th Tradition using our PayPal account, and has discovered the official intergroup email account is apparently tied to So Cal UA Intergroup's PayPal, so that's useful information. No change to the balance at Citibank, which would suggest that PayPal isn't moving the money into that account, but hasn't been to Citibank since the June meeting to investigate further.

Looking ahead to the transition to serving fully as Treasurer, Norm acknowledges that a) he and the new chair will need to go in person to a Citibank to make sure the signing privileges are updated, and b) the group will need to approve his taking on the Treasurer commitment when Jonathan starts as chairman.

NOTE: During the 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 have both been added to New Business, below.

WEB MANAGER (Becky) – Reports that she is still on a learning curve, and still grateful for the commitment. Brings three questions to Intergroup:

1. SHARE (an LA-based facility) wishes to communicate that they have space for meetings; what should the web manager do with this information?
2. Someone contacted her 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?
3. Someone wanted to make a donation and the link on the site is through PayPal, raising the question of whether we should offer alternative ways to make 7th Tradition payments.

All of these topics have been pasted into New Business, below.

SCRIBE (Kate) – Scribe offered amends for submitting the minutes earlier today. She has committed to attending all future meetings, to avoid the challenge of compiling notes solely from an audio file. She has also accepted that using her service email account for this commitment allows her to hide from this task, and has asked the chair to use her personal email address going forward to avoid further instances of this. Scribe verbally commits to putting out the minutes no later than end of day Sunday, August 13.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE (Jeff) – Absent

GSR (Ruby) – Absent

EVENT COORDINATOR – Renamed EVENTS COORDINATOR to reflect that going forward, this person will always work with a team. Position is vacant and needs filling. **TAKEAWAY FOR ALL INTERGROUP MEMBERS: Keep sharing the need to fill this position in meetings.**

SEVENTH TRADITION:

Tabled until dealings with Citibank can be resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Positions & Elections
 - GSR position may need filling
 - Scribe raised the issue of nominating or voting in a Co-GSR, so that we could have updated information about what's going on at the World Service Level. This was tabled until New Business and has been copied below.
- Time Tracking Workshop
 - Tarun is our liaison on this event with Jeff
 - Jeff's not here today, but Tarun (tarunhansen@gmail.com) is
 - Tarun reports that event planning has not progressed sufficiently and the event should be pushed back
 - Subcommittee is formed: Tarun, Jeff, Norm, with Zeus volunteering to create a flyer
 - **TAKEAWAY FOR SUBCOMMITTEE: Subcommittee commits to meet at 12:15pm on Saturday, August 26 (two weeks from today's Intergroup meeting)**
 - **After some discussion, a new date and time are voted on and approved:**
 - **1-4pm PST on Sunday, October 1**
 - **TAKEAWAY FOR ALL INTERGROUP MEMBERS: Share the revised details for the event in other meetings**
- Suggestions for speakers:
 - Recap of subject material
 - Fair Pricing and Time Reverence
 - Developed in last meeting, based on responses from fellowship to a questionnaire distributed by Tarun and Jeff S.
 - Topics that might include:
 - How do you decide to say yes to a job?
 - How do you know what your value is?

- When is it appropriate to give away our time in a spirit of service, vs. when do we need to set a boundary or ask for compensation?
- Intergroup is looking for speakers
 - 4 speakers, each with 10 minute shares
 - What do we do with our recommendations?
 - Email Tarun with suggestions
 - Tarun will collate suggestions for discussion at sub-committee level
- Current suggestions:
 - Organizers of Prosperi-team (sp?)
 - Jess (Lynna suggestion)
 - TAKEAWAY FOR ALL INTERGROUP MEMBERS: Communicate need to find speakers in meetings. If anyone has suggestions, they can email Tarun (tarunhansen@gmail.com).

NEW BUSINESS

- NOTE: After discussion of upcoming workshop, there was not enough time to touch on the New Business pasted here from above. For clarity, that content is now pasted below, under GOOD OF THE ORDER in the “Topics of Discussion for Next Meeting.”

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Chair Norm will be unable to attend next month; Zeus has volunteered to chair in his absence
- Topics of discussion for next meeting
 - The following New Business topics came up in today’s meeting, but we ran out of time to address them. 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 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:**

- Share the revised date and time for the upcoming workshop:
 - **1-4pm PST on Sunday, October 1**
- Request suggestions for possible speakers at the event.
 - We are planning on inviting 4 speakers, each with 10 minute shares
 - The proposed topic is Fair Pricing and Time Reverence, which could include:
 - How do you decide whether say yes to a job?
 - How do you know what your value is?
 - When is it appropriate to give away our time in a spirit of service, vs. when do we need to set a boundary or ask for compensation?
 - Suggestions can be emailed to Tarun (tarunhansen@gmail.com)
- Invite people interested in helping out to the upcoming subcommittee meeting, on Saturday, 8/26 at 12:15pm, in the same Zoom room where Intergroup meets (link at the top of SoCalUAMeetings.org)
- 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.

- 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 the Fair Pricing Event Sub-committee (Tarun, Jeff, Norm and any other interested parties; also fyi for the volunteer flyer-creator Zeus)**
 - Meet in the So Cal UA Intergroup Zoom Room, at 12:15pm on Saturday, August 26 (two weeks from the 8/12 Intergroup meeting)
- **For Kate:**
 - To finish notes from today's meeting and share via email
 - To create a table or spreadsheet for use as a future attendance tracker
- **For Norm:**
 - To change the text in the Scribe section by-laws from red to black
 - If necessary, fix the formatting in the Amendment Procedures section so clauses have letters, not bullet points

CLOSING:

Chair closed meeting at 1:45pm. Next meeting 9/9/22 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm.