

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at 12:30pm by Chair (Norm) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer
- Harold (Timer) managed one-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Harold.
- Tradition Two Short form read by Kate.
- Guide for Participation read by Norm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Norm -Chair and acting treasurer (until Jonathan S. steps into chairperson role?); rep from the Wednesday night Steps and Traditions Zoom meeting
2. Tarun – Event liaison and rep from Friday 7pm Huntington Beach Waves of Prosperity meeting, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event
3. Kate – Intergroup Scribe
4. Harold – Rep from Saturday 9am PT Santa Monica in person Speaker Meeting
5. Becky – Website Manager
6. Sandra – First time attendee & rep for Sunday Bipoc Shining & Receiving
7. Danny – Guest from World Service Literature Elect, bringing up idea for workshop to be hosted by SoCal UA Intergroup

**LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved.

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY BY-LAWS DISCUSSION:**

In March, discussion should begin with Section XVII Public Information officer. In the today's meeting, the role of an attendance & outreach officer was discussed, and a formal role was drafted and added to the by-laws.

**DETAILED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY BY-LAWS DISCUSSION**

- Review of language developed in January meeting for the attendance & outreach officer role.
- Recap of concerns w/r/t adding an attendance & outreach officer position
  - What if we can't fill it?

- If it's worth doing, and we don't put it in the minutes, the future committee members won't know we valued it
- Why do we have this outreach problem?
  - Do we know why meetings are not sending reps?
  - What could we be doing differently?
- If we encourage meetings to send people to take on this role, and the meeting already HAS a rep, what does that mean for the democratic norms of the meeting?
  - May need to revise the by-laws to ensure each meeting has 1 vote, and no one meeting can dominate the decision making process
- Agreement that the position is necessary and important
- Motion made to vote on language and necessity of including it in by-laws
  - Motion approved
  - New language added to dialogue.
- Conversation ends with approval of Attendance & Outreach addition.
  - March discussion should begin with Section XVIII Public Information officer.
  - Discussion of attendance and outreach issues for the current Intergroup meeting needs addressing and should be added to New Business
  - 34 meetings are on the SoCal UA Meetings website, and 5 meetings are currently repped at this Zoom

## OFFICER REPORTS

**CHAIR (Norm)** – Chair reports he got an email from Jonathan asking to meet this week to discuss handing the Chair role over, starting in March.

**TREASURER (Norm)** – Reports that he is looking forward to only holding one commitment at this meeting. Has not checked on Chase since the December meeting or looked at the gmail account where we get confirmations.

**WEBSITE MANAGER (Becky)** – Reports that posting the recordings has proven to be very difficult, and is not sure where to go from here. The day-to-day updating is going well, but not being able to add the recordings has proven too difficult for her to solve alone.

**SCRIBE (Kate)** – Reports that she has been saving a mostly complete version of the minutes after the meeting but needs the recording to double-check her accuracy. Would really like to send minutes out the week of the meeting, not immediately before next meeting.

**LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE (Harold)** – No report as he took on this commitment in this meeting.

**GSR (Ruby) – Absent**

**EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Has a new event idea that will be presented by guest later in the meeting.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Do not seem to have any old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Guest attendee **DANNY** suggests holding an event to present new literature to the community
  - Danny reports development of new literature “Surrendering to the Process in UA” and “Trauma in UA,” as well as a Traditions workbook
    - Also in the works: How to give and receive an action meeting
  - Origins of material: World Service Literature Elect
    - Question raised regarding affiliation of World Service Literature Elect
    - Danny says group is affiliated with the chronologically first UA group
    - Has no opinion on outcome of schism, has intention of presenting information
  - Would like to present it to intergroup because literature is a fast track to recovery
    - Literature helps under-earners work the program with support, not alone
    - Underearning can get in the way of members seeking and reading literature
  - Goal of making the literature simpler and easier to understand
    - And how to use the literature
  - Benefits of new literature:
    - Possible value in explaining how this literature is being developed
      - A lot of current literature was created during and after the Artist Meeting in Hollywood
    - Possible value in establishing UA as a separate program from money program (Debtors Anonymous) and other programs
    - Possible value in drawing attention to the areas that can bring up trauma and when working the program is most helpful or least helpful
  - Possible goals for the workshop:
    - Instructional?
      - Presenting the literature to attendees

- Followed by taking Q & A re: literature
  - Give attendees a chance to engage and apply the literature
    - Possibly part of a series
  - Feedback?
    - No, material has been discussed and approved
  - Motion made to add this event to the agenda for the March meeting to discuss next steps
- Website Manager suggestion re: website manager
  - Creation of Gmail account for position
    - Makes it possible for website manager to login to Zoom
    - Use Google Drive to store documents/files for the website
    - Could potentially be given access to the Zoom account, making it possible for the website manager to download recordings directly
  - Motion made to authorize Becky to create a website manager Gmail account and, as time permits, create a document describing the role.
  - Motion was approved.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Topics of discussion for March meeting:
  - Next steps for a possible workshop to introduce literature developed by World Service Elect group
    - Danny to bring rough plan for the event
    - SoCal Intergroup has not voted to definitely do this event, but there is a desire to make it happen if the resources and support are available
  - During by-laws discussion, issue of attendance and outreach challenges was raised, and should be added to New Business for future meeting.
    - Specifically: 34 meetings are on the SoCal UA Meetings website, and 5 meetings are currently repped at this Zoom
    - Note: this information was omitted in earlier, unrevised minutes due to error on scribe's part. Error discovered during revisions after March meeting, and is being added here for transparency.
  - The following New Business topics came up in August's 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 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 approximately 1:30pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 3/9/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm.