

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – January 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order late due to no host keyat 12:37pm by Chair (Lola) with 3rd Step Prayer
- Sandra acted as scribe because the meeting couldn't be recorded due to no host key
- One-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read aloud by Norm.
- Tradition Two Short form read aloud by Lola.
- Guide for Participation read by Lola

ATTENDANCE:

1. Lola – Meeting Chair & Saturday UA Artist's Speaker Group
2. Sandra – Website Manager & Rep for Sunday BIPOC Shining & Receiving
3. Norm - SCUA Treasurer
4. H – Saturday Morning Santa Monica (NEW!)
5. Moonti - Thursday Return to Health Miracle Mile

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved, pending addition of information about Lola co-chairing until another co-chair with Kate which isn't currently included.

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF JANUARY BY-LAWS DISCUSSION:

- Sandra made a motion to postpone these for the month as attendance was low and we need to discuss events because we've not organised any for a year. Motion was passed
- February by-laws discussion should begin by continuing review of language we want to add to Section XVII, either excerpted verbatim from Section XIX, edited versions of language from Section XIX or entirely new language (Keeping December 2024 discussion notes below as a reference for February)
 - December by-laws discussion started review of Section XIX language for potential inclusion in Section XVII, specifically:
 - Adding to the list of requirements for speakers that a speaker must have a UA sponsor and be currently working the steps.
 - Adding to the list of details for each speaker on a hypothetical list if that person is willing to do "In-person" meetings, "zoom/phone call meetings" or both.

DETAILED MINUTES OF DECEMBER BY-LAWS DISCUSSION

- **Sections may or may not need renumbering because of omitted Public Information Officer section of by-laws, and possible re-ordering.**
- December by-laws discussion started review of Section XIX language for potential inclusion in Section XVII.
- Morgan made a motion to include the following;
 - Adding to the list of requirements for speakers that a speaker must have a UA sponsor and be currently working the steps.
 - Adding to the list of details for each speaker on a hypothetical list if that person is willing to do “In-person” meetings, “zoom/phone call meetings” or both.
- By-laws discussion ran out of time before these could be seconded or voted on
- January by-laws discussion should begin by continuing review of language we want to add to Section XVII, either excerpted verbatim from Section XIX, edited versions of language from Section XIX or entirely new language
- Background Information:
 - o SoCal Intergroup mostly agrees that a speaker list would be very helpful – it is hard to find speakers, and this is exactly the kind of thing Intergroup exists to do
 - o However, we already have a problem getting meetings to send reps to the monthly intergroup meeting, and another problem filling open commitments
 - o For this reason, we do not currently have anyone in the attendance officer role and may not have anyone in this role in the near future
 - o So this section of the by-laws is:
 - A) A wish list for a future when someone is in this role
 - B) Documentation of who would be eligible for the speaker list when/if it is created
 - o The speaker list is a new responsibility that is still being formalized, including:
 - How much sobriety a speaker should have
 - What counts as sobriety in UA, and how that would be described in the by-laws
 - How long the speaker list coordinator serves
 - How speakers would be selected for the list
 - o Instead of inventing all-new language, it may be easier to start by reviewing the text labeled Section XIX and excerpting relevant chunks (verbatim or edited) for use in Section XVII
 - o At the conclusion of the discussion of Section XVII, the highlighted text labeled Section XIX should be deleted
 - It is ONLY in the document for reference because institutional knowledge is so hard to preserve from month to month

OFFICER REPORTS

Co-CHAIR (Lola) – Asked to edit December 2024 minutes (noted above), looking forward to finishing the bylaws, would like to get clarity on Zoom code and who has access to it. Will write an email (including Tarun) to see who has the details for the Gmail and Zoom code. Repeated need for a qualified candidate for role. Would like to meet with Norm and possibly Tarun to figure this out.

TREASURER (Norm) – Happy to have clarity about the timeline of the term. Citibank Numbers - want clarity about things and Norm will contact them and see what they want but senses that it's just a routine check that's done yearly to ensure that we are who we say we are Citibank balance: 8240.27, Paypal: new money 168.43, new total: 2753.75. Norm wants to make this a non-profit so we don't get charged. He would like to figure out how to put money to use in future re: UA Schism

WEBSITE MANAGER (Sandra) – everything is up to date. No new meetings, Racial Awareness meeting is up on site, space for listing new events is up and Intergroup minutes have been updated and added to the website from the last year and a half

SCRIBE (Boise) – Absent

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICER (Becky) – Absent

AD HOC GSR (Becky) – Absent

EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- UA schism and our treasury funds
 - Sandra noted rumour that there may be a solution to the schism and that the WeAreAllUA group may be taking over. Keep our funds until that is decided. In the meantime, we keep focus on our mission remembering principles before personalities (Tradition 12)
 - Also noted that if we had more events and workshops we'd be more visible
 - We spend our funds on the events that we put on regardless of where the person affiliates because these would be SCUA events rather than either UA schism
 - Motion made to keep funds in the treasury to see what happens with the rumour and continue planning events that are in line with UA's traditions (Motion by Norm, seconded by Sandra - unanimously passed)
- Workshop and Events ideas
 - Literature workshop could be a possibility again but need to talk with Event liaison to learn the current status of this and he's not present

- Having regular events throughout the year that can become staples of the Intergroup including having in-person events,
- the last in-person event was August 2025 and it was initiated by another member. We didn't have the Candlelight and Promises workshop that didn't take long to organise when we did it last (which was December 2023)
- Attendance at Intergroup Meeting
 - Be more visible by having regular workshops and events
 - Need to be clearer with the mission and how we are of service in UA
 - Make a commitment as committee members to sharing more in other meetings about what we do
 - Creating a list of practical things that we do for and sharing these in meetings so that people can learn more. For example: creating a speaker list, organise events, support people in hosting events, maintain meeting directory of SoCal meetings
 - Noting the importance of service when we share in other meetings to encourage more people to come to Intergroup meetings

New Business

- New Event idea
 - A possible event for March 2025 to support underearners dealing with crisis
 - Lola will send an email to the email group of ideas we've discussed in the meeting and requesting their thoughts and ideas they might have about this new event - possible ideas "Using UA tools in times of crisis", "How to be at home when you're not at home"
 - Is there a way that we can put on an in-person event?
 - Is there a way that we can do a series of workshops on the topic? And then share the resources on line of how to support others - extending our reach beyond SoCal - have people add comments to the meeting and bring their ideas to the next meeting.
 - Possible format ideas to consider for this March 2025 event: a speaker for each tool, 3 guest speakers and then shares, smaller groups for sharing if needed, having someone share some tools for grounding or using the body (somatics) to connect to your higher power when feeling stressed

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for February meeting:
 - Planning a new event for March 2025: take any additional information shared in emails and organise structure/format of event, date, place, and roles needed filled etc
 - Completing the bylaws: Suggestions on how to complete the bylaws in a way that doesn't take up so much of our meeting time: perhaps not done monthly or for the duration of a meeting and then they can be done in a couple of meetings - to discuss more in next meeting

- Literature Event: revisit this event with Event liaison to see if this is possible to still organise and host
- **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:

Meeting was extended by 5 min: motion by Norm, seconded by Sandra
Chair closed meeting at 1:50pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 2/8/25 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Kate will serve as co-chair.