

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – June 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

1. Tarun – Meeting Chair / Co-Secretary and Event liaison
2. Sandra - Co-Secretary and Rep for Sunday Morning Bipoc Hiding & Biting
3. Nicki D. – Rep for Thursday 7:30pm PT Zoom Altadena Prosperity and Abundance Visions & Goals Meeting
4. Meredith – Timer and Rep for Friday 7pm PT Zoom Huntington Beach Meeting
5. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday 6:30pm PT Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
6. Becky – Website Manager
7. Lola V – Rep for Saturday 9am PT Zoom Steps and Speaker Online Meeting
8. Joshua – Affiliation TBD
9. Kate – Meeting scribe

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved, conditional on scribe reviewing recording to doublecheck accuracy and fix typos.

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF JUNE BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- July discussion should begin with revisiting Section XVII – Outreach and Attendance Officer position and deciding what, if any, language we'll add regarding a potential speaker list
 - We wanted to include a speaker list as a potential responsibility for the Outreach and Attendance Officer position, but ran out of time
 - Finalizing the language of the speaker list subsection in Section XVII is the first task to tackle during July's bylaws discussion
 - The July Intergroup meeting needs to decide:
 - How would we define the speaker list task?
 - What language will we add to this document to describe that new speaker list responsibilities?

- NOTE: The former Section XIX has been archived and inserted into Section XVII for reference ONLY; the final language will be MUCH more concise

DETAILED MINUTES OF JUNE 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 XIX – UA Speaker List
 - Section describes a committee that keeps a list of available speakers, with a required 3 years of sobriety for the chair of the committee
 - Finding a committee's worth number of people to serve this role seems daunting considering we have vacant positions at this time
 - Creating a position might even be too ambitious, given the current status of SoCal UA Intergroup
 - Also AA-based sobriety requirements would need to be changed to under-earning and prosperity, etc.
 - Seems like a natural fit with the Outreach Officer, the new position we have created (but not filled) in an earlier section of the by-laws
 - Alternatively: Does it make sense to create a document that multiple people can edit?
 - Crowdsourcing the speaker list would make it less onerous
 - We've done something similar when finding speakers for the previous event and it worked well
 - Does an existing list encourage speaker seekers to go back to the list over and over, instead of seeking new speakers?
 - Underearning and not wanting to do outreach go hand in hand
 - Is accessing the list something people could "earn" by adding 3 names to the list?
- Support for omitting the position entirely exists, but there is concern about losing this project
- Motion made to omit the speaker list committee/position, and move the section about compiling a speaker list under Outreach Officer XVII in a VERY condensed form -- ideally no more than 1 or 2 sentences
 - Motion passed and by-laws were PARTIALLY edited
 - Outreach Officer subsection re: creating a speaker list is NOT fully revised for brevity and clarity.
 - Addressing this should be the first task when the bylaws discussion begins in July:
 - How would we define the speaker list task?
 - What language will we add to this document to describe that new speaker list responsibilities?
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OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR (Tarun) – Chair briefly recapped the co-chair lineup for the coming months: Tiffany will chair July 13, Norm will chair August 10 and Lynna will chair September 13.

EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Home meeting – The HP in the GP (Goals Pages) meeting approached liaison about doing an in-person workshop in September. No one else has approached liaison about any future events, including the previously proposed literature meeting.

TREASURER (Norm) – Absent; send message through chair that there is no meeting. (Numbers from May 2024 meeting minutes:

WEBSITE MANAGER (Becky) – Expressed the necessity of handing off her website manager role, due to technical challenges. Further details discussed in the next section of the meeting, below.

SCRIBE (Kate) – Asked Tarun to please get her the recording in asap so she can turn around minutes in a timely manner.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE – Vacant or Absent?

GSR (Ruby) – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- In May meeting, these three topics were identified, but not prioritized:
 - Vacant positions
 - Website manager – current status of this role?
 - Outreach and Attendance Officer
 - GSR
 - Our participation in a parent organization/at the worldwide service
 - SoCal UA Membership
- Group agreed to prioritize discussion of vacant positions
 - Full details of other topics (from May meeting) that still need addressing are included under Good of the Order (below)
- Website manager:
 - Discussion of the role and expectations
 - Needs to be a paid position?
 - Additional details provided regarding the antiquated software (Wix) used to keep the (also outdated-looking) site live
 - All technical tools/decisions inherited from previous website manager

- After discussion of the website manager role as outlined in by-laws, Sondra was unanimously voted into the website manager role
 - Discussion of technical options to follow in July meeting after Becky has handed everything off to Sandra
- Outreach and Attendance Officer vacancy
 - Per the by-laws, this is a position with a 12 month term which requires the officer to track attendance at the monthly intergroup meeting, in order to identify unrepresented meetings (i.e., SoCal UA meetings that do not send a rep)
 - Using this information, the officer will:
 - Attend in person/over Zoom one unrepresented meeting a month
 - Encourage meeting to begin sending a rep to the monthly intergroup meeting
 - When the meeting cannot be attended (physical space is empty at the scheduled time and/or Zoom link doesn't work), officer can reach out to the meeting's contact person by email or phone.
 - At some point in the future, there may be a speaker list-related responsibility added to this role, but that is still TBD.
 - Lola volunteered to take on this role
 - Was confirmed in the role by unanimous vote
 - Brief discussion of possible errors in the listings on the current site
 - One questionable meeting currently listed
 - All other listings appear to be correct

NEW BUSINESS

- No time to address new business in this month's meeting
 - See Good of the Order (below) for list of items that still need addressing in July meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for July meeting:
 - Vacant GSR position
 - Our participation in a parent organization/at the worldwide service level (related to the GSR question, may need to be decided first?)
 - If we're going to discuss this in July meeting, it may be helpful for intergroup members to make some effort to educate themselves about the current organization(s) whose meetings a GSR would attend
 - 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
 - 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.
 - NOTE: This list was MUCH longer in January 2024 – we've already crossed several of these items off!
1. Why are we sitting on so much money in the prudent reserve?
 2. 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?
 3. 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?
 4. 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?
 5. 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 7/13/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Tiffany will serve as co-secretary.