

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Lola V – Meeting Chair / Outreach Officer and Rep from Saturday 9am PT Zoom Steps and Speaker Meeting
2. Tarun – Co-Secretary and Event Liaison; Monday In-Person HP in the GP Meeting
3. Norm – Treasurer and previous rep for Waves of Prosperity
4. Becky – Volunteer Intergroup Rep (Mtg TBD)
5. Morgan S. – 6:30 Tuesday In-Person Arts In Recovery
6. Kate – Meeting scribe

**LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved.

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER BY LAWS DISCUSSION:**

- October discussion should begin with a discussion of the following language, as a proposed first line of a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.”
- 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.**
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 October, discussion should begin with the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of Section XVII, and the addition of composing a speaker list as a future responsibility for the Attendance & Outreach Officer.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**CHAIR** (Lola) – First meeting as the chair, and currently getting the hang of it; reports that Meredith (co-chair) will be leading the meeting next month

**TREASURER** (Norm) – Reports this month we had no donations. Last month had a balance of \$8240.27 in Citibank, and that’s what we have today. The PayPal account had no donations, so the balance was \$2077.87 in August. After Zoom fees of \$17.43 and a service fee of \$1.83, our PayPal balance is \$2058.55. Together with Citibank, that’s a total of \$10,298.82, down from \$10365 from last month.

**WEBSITE MANAGER** (Sandra) – Absent

**SCRIBE** (Kate) – Committed to updating the August minutes to reflect Morgan's attendance and the absence of a July Intergroup meeting. Described Microsoft 365's transcribe feature and how useful it is for creating minutes.

**LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICER** – Vacant, but Becky was approved as the new LIO starting in October

**GSR** – Vacant

**EVENT LIAISON** (Tarun) – Reports that he was inspired by a 2020 workshop put on by New York UA about defining what is sobriety and prosperity in UA, beyond solvency. Has spoken to Mike, who worked on the NY event. Will continue to work on this idea.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- World Service & Donations
  - We have a prudent reserve that is unusually abundant because we haven't made donations to the World Service since the organizational confusion in May 2021
  - 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 WSCConference in May 2021
      - a. Cited accounting irregularities with the 2020 WSCConference
      - 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 WSCConference 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
- Intergroup discussion of this letter arrived at the following conclusions:
  - We don't have an alternative version of events from the Incumbent GSB, only this version
  - We all want this conflict to be peaceably resolved
  - We need more information and several Intergroup members committed to attending upcoming events to gain this information

## **New Business**

- 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 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?
- Additional topics to be addressed or permanently tabled as time permits
  - Discussion of PayPal link on SoCalUAMeetings.org site if not resolved by then.
    - During February by-laws discussion, issue of attendance and outreach challenges was raised, and should be added to New Business for future meeting. Due to an error in the February minutes, this information was omitted until the revised February minutes were issued AFTER the March meeting.
      - 34 meetings are on the SoCal UA Meetings website, and 5 meetings are currently repped at the February Zoom
      - This disparity needs addressing

- 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:
  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:**
  - 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 10/12/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Meredith will serve as co-secretary.