

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – May 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:15pm by Chair (Kate) with 3rd Step Prayer
- One-minute timed meditation.
- SCUA Purpose Statement read aloud by Norm.
- Tradition Two Short form read aloud by Karin.
- Guide for Participation read by Kate

ATTENDANCE:

1. Kate – Meeting Chair
2. Meredith – Rep for Saturday 9am Santa Monica Steps and Tools Meeting (sub through June)
3. Norm – Treasurer, home meeting Friday 7pm PT Zoom Huntington Beach Meeting
4. Karin – Trustee from Underearners Anonymous General Service Board; Speaker Seeker for Evening Step and Speaker phone meetings
5. Susan T – Trustee from Underearners Anonymous General Service Board; home meeting: 7am Monday I Can See Clearly Now home
6. Becky – Trustee from Underearners Anonymous General Service Board; Saturday Beginners Meeting

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

AI-generated Transcript submitted and approved.

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF APRIL BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- June by-laws discussion should begin by reviewing Section 19 (XIX) – Website Manager; this part of the document has not been read or considered previously, so this will be our first time working on this section.

DETAILED MINUTES OF MAY BY LAWS DISCUSSION

- Chair reported identifying the most current bylaws document and renaming it UA IG Bylaws May 2025 Work File 051025, then saving it on Google docs under her personal Gmail account, with editing privileges for Treasurer Norm and her own service Gmail account
 - Other edits the chair made include:

- Centered the headings
 - Removed irrelevant dates and in-document notes about where we last stopped working
- Chair recapped for the minutes the last changes made in the March 2025 meeting:
 - Section 19 – The UA Speaker List was updated with a definition of sobriety for the speaker list chair (two years continued attendance, working the steps with a sponsor and participation in action meetings) and the speaker list chair’s responsibilities
- Chair stated for the record that the bylaws are a somewhat aspirational document, in light of SoCal UA Intergroup’s current status, with only one chair and no scribe, but completing them will hopefully make it easier for us to obtain nonprofit bank accounts and the like
- Visitors from the UA GSB made an observation that we should be very careful about what’s in the bylaws because once they are officially passed and accepted by the larger group, they can be VERY difficult to change
 - Specifically, they recommended language around passing motions by a 2/3 majority; it’s better to specify that things pass by a 2/3 majority of those voting, not “those present” because abstentions and whatnot can create havok.
- After reviewing the changes made in March and April, Chair recommended that going forward, Bylaws should be saved with a Month and Date relevant title (e.g., UA IG Bylaws May 2025 Work File 051025) to avoid further confusion.
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OFFICER REPORTS

Co-CHAIR (Kate) – Reports that the co-chair has announced she is stepping down from her role. Chair reports that she would like to find a co-chair no later than Labor Day to fill out the remainder of the Jan-Dec term. Chair also offered amends for last minute cancellation of April meeting in response to a personal crisis.

TREASURER (Norm) – Reports that Citibank has closed our account for lack of activity and FedEx’d him a check. In retrospect, moving money from PayPal into checking would have avoided this situation, but Norm will now endeavor to undo this situation. The Check was for \$8240.27, in combination with our PayPal funds for a total of \$10,968.85. One possible wrinkle is that the check is made out to SoCal UA Intergroup, which doesn’t actually exist as an entity.

WEBSITE MANAGER (Sandra) – Absent, but site looks great

SCRIBE (Boise) – Absent and sent email via Karin that he is stepping down effective immediately.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICER (Becky) – Absent

AD HOC GSR (Becky) – Absent

EVENT LIAISON (Tarun) – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- None

New Business

- Trustees from the General Service Board attended the meeting and explained the current status quo at the world service level:
 - A new board of trustees has been elected
 - They are on a listening tour to gather consensus about the priorities for all member meetings
 - Have retained the services of an attorney in hopes of undoing some of the legal steps taken by previous trustees
 - Require funds to sustain GSB activities and is hoping that member meetings will resume submission of 7th Tradition Funds
- Upcoming public meeting on May 18 will give members an opportunity to ask more questions
 - Further details in the transcript may need to be added to minutes

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for January meeting:
 - Handing off of roles and credentials to people in new commitments
- **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 1:26pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 7/12/25 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm PT; Kate will serve as co-chair.