

**Nicotine Anonymous  
Southern California Intergroup**

**Minutes of: November 15, 1998**

1. **Opening:** Hew L, Chairman, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Introduction:** introductions were made with 16 people in attendance.
3. **Traditions:** Matt read Tradition #11 and spoke on the importance of anonymity in Nicotine Anonymous.
4. **1999 Conference Update:** Matt reported that the various committees were expanded and chairpersons were selected at the conference planning meeting two weeks ago. There are currently 51 volunteers. There was a conference planning meeting scheduled after the Intergroup meeting today to discuss the proposed operating budgets for each committee. The next meeting will take place after the first of the year. The location for the conference has not changed -- the Holiday Inn in Costa Mesa.
5. **Chairman's Report:** No items to report.
6. **Secretary's Report:** Hew L read minutes of the October 17th, 1998 meeting, which were approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Due to technical difficulties with his computer, Phil P said he was unable to issue a current treasurer's statement. He said he is in the process of getting some new software and will mail out current reports as well as receipts for donations made since August 1998 with this month's meeting report.
8. **Committee Report:**
  - A. **Public Outreach** - George was not in attendance to give a general report but both Hew and Mary reported on other outreach efforts. Hew manned a Nicotine anonymous booth at a health fair at the Veteran's Administration in West Los Angeles. He handed out approximately 30 directories and talked to several people. The Veteran's Administration asked Nicotine Anonymous to participate in their quarterly smoking cessation program. Mary said there was a doctor's outreach event in San Bernadino that had a Nicotine Anonymous information booth.
  - B. **Hospitals and Institutions** - Mary said there were two panels held at Kaiser in Orange and that both were very successful. Mary also reported that a caseworker from a women's transitional facility in Downey called the 800 line to ask for a panel to come and visit.
  - C. **Communication** - Mary said the 800 line is receiving about 10 to 14 calls a day.
  - D. **New Meetings** - Jean was not in attendance to give a report.
  - E. **Registration/Meeting Directory** - Joe reported that the Sunday Apple Valley meeting is defunct bringing the total down to 56 operating meetings.
  - F. **Literature** - Wilson had chips, pamphlets and Nicotine Anonymous books for sale; the green "stories" book is on order. The World Service mailing (Mike Kerrigan) is now located in Southern California but all literature orders still have to be processed through Harrisburg.
9. **Old Business:**
  - A. **World Services and the 1999 National Conference agenda** - Matt said the agenda is 95% set but that World Services could still change the agenda in January. Joe said that the World Services board of directors has overloaded the conference agenda so this issue is still open ended.
  - B. **Move SCINA meeting to a different Sunday?** - the board of directors meeting conflicts with the SCINA meeting when there are out of town meetings. The next conflict is July 1999. The decision was made to table this item until the March 1999 SCINA meeting.
  - C. **World Services officer's report** - John O said that this report is usually published in "Seven Minutes". Phil P noted that a report to the intergroups would reach more people than the "Seven Minutes". John will bring this item up for discussion at the next World Services meeting.
10. **New Business:**
  - A. **Replacement for Hew as chairman** - Hew said he would have to step down a chairman because he will be out of town for at least six months after December. Bonnie H was nominated and accepted as the new chairman. She noted that she would only be able to take the commitment for six months.
  - B. **Holiday Dinner** - Mary passed out flyers inviting everyone to the annual Nicotine Anonymous holiday dinner being put on by her meeting group in Fullerton.
  - C. **Volunteers for January Board of Directors Meeting** - Joe asked for volunteers to help with transportation and lodging for the out of town attendees. John O agreed to coordinate the meeting and arrange for volunteers.
  - D. **Accounting** - Phil P asked people to please note "SCINA" or "1999 Conference" on their receipts so that he can be sure to pay bills out the correct account.

**Thanks:** to Matt for Tradition 11.

**Next Meeting:** Reid will read the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Mary will bring refreshments (note that there is a \$20 limit for reimbursement).

**November Birthdays:** Mary celebrated 12 years.

11. **Closing:** the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.