

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
OF SAA
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Steve K.

Minutes from December , 2010 were reviewed and approved by the reps. with one minor correction. Today's agenda was reviewed and approved by the reps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

New and existing reps. were introduced.

Copies of the bylaws can be obtained by email by contacting Steve K.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

MEETING SCHEDULES – Steve K. reviewed a suggestion last month to remove the Thomas Guide coordinates from the meeting schedule format to save space. Anthony G. reports that the coordinates have been removed from the meeting schedule to save space, as the number of meetings continues to grow. Anyone can obtain extra copies of the schedule on www.scisaa.org. Anyone who wants to make a change to the schedule can contact Anthony@scisaa.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Steve K. announced that suggestions for mental health professionals who may be interested in finding out more about SAA should be given to him for outreach. He emphasized that this is only for mental health professionals, and that other individuals who want to learn about SAA should be referred to the web sites.

WEB-MASTER REPORT – Anthony G. reports that our website is registered for the next ten years, and has recently been updated.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE- Brian A. reports that the efforts to put together a bid for the 2013 International Convention in the Southern California area is still underway. Andre explained that he is trying to work with Dejon to identify specific tasks that are needed to that volunteers can be solicited for specific roles.

Information on this year's convention in Houston on Memorial Day weekend can be found at www.SAA-Convention.org. The site is secured with a password. Interested persons may contact Brian A. or an Intergroup Rep. for the password. Registration is open between now and should be received by March 30 for the lowest rate. Groups should begin to consider sending a delegate to the convention and plan to raise the ~\$1000 cost. SCIAA may be able to supplement the funds of individual groups to cover costs of a delegate.

TREASURY REPORT- Carsten B. reviewed this month's treasury report. A list which totals donations for each group from April through December, 2010 was distributed. Carsten does not have access to information prior to April 2010. Steve K. reports that the annual audit of the SCISAA financial reports was completed and no discrepancies were discovered. Steve K. reported that for the last two months, there has been a small shortfall of revenue compared to expenses. The issue of whether the ISO contribution should

be adjusted each month to compensate for any shortfalls or surpluses was discussed. There is supposed to be a "prudent reserve" of \$600, which is currently present, but an additional ~\$1700 is present in the general fund. The issue of what to do with this excess funding was discussed. Steve K. believes there may be a few outstanding expenses that still need to be reconciled, and requested that this issue be discussed again next month. The issue of group donations to intergroup was discussed. Several reps. believe that groups are more cautious about donating to intergroup because of last year's financial problems. Issues about how groups should be informed about the intergroup's financial process and safeguards were discussed. Steve K will investigate the role of a fund raising position that the SCISAA had in the past and report at the next meeting.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE- Don S. states there is nothing to report.

LITERATURE SALES- Don S. states there is pamphlet called "What does the ISO do?" that can be purchased and handed out at group meetings to improve awareness of the ISO and the purpose of ISO contributions from groups.

BOARD REPORT- Deferred to next month.

TIMELY OLD BUSINESS

GROUP REGISTRATION- Steve K. reminded reps that each group needs to register online each year.

CONVENTION DELEGATE- Initial discussion about sending a delegate from SCISAA to 2011 convention will be discussed at the March 6, 2011 meeting.

ANONYMITY- Jim asked about how inquiries from the press should be handled so that he can share this information with his group. Don. S. reported that he has dealt with reporters showing up at SAA meetings, and the basic principle is that no person should represent SAA to the media, although an individual may discuss their personal experiences at their own discretion. Steve K. suggested that any such contacts be reported to the ISO. Carsten B. pointed out that the ISO is well prepared to handle media inquiries and Steve K. suggested that media inquiries be forwarded to them.

TIMELY NEW BUSINESS

FEBRUARY MEETING- Due to the next meeting falling on Superbowl Sunday, the February meeting will be rescheduled to Sunday, February 13. This information will be posted at www.scisaa.org to help prevent any representatives from showing up on the wrong day.

NON-TIME SENSITIVE OLD BUSINESS

Guidelines for underage members. Steve K. announced that guidelines are available for groups to accommodate minors who wish to attend group meetings. Interested members should contact Steve. K.

Steve K. reminded us that women are encouraged to participate in SAA and may wish to form their own groups.

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NEXT MEETING – February 13, 2011