

# SCA INTERGROUP NEWS 6-15

**THE NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING IS SUN JUN 14 FROM 3-5 AT THE CENTER.**

## SCA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

In March, elections were held for SCA officers and committee chairmen (4/15 to 3/16). The current officers and committee chairs and their SCANY email addresses where applicable are:

### Officers

Chair--Steve D--[chair@scany.org](mailto:chair@scany.org)

Treasurer--Paul Z.--[treasurer@scany.org](mailto:treasurer@scany.org)

Secretary--Patrick M.--[secretary@scany.org](mailto:secretary@scany.org)

Vice-chair (apptd.)-Tony D.

### Committee Chairs

Special Events--Eddie, J., Neil--[events@scany.org](mailto:events@scany.org)

Retreat--Jacob. R, Aram J., Ed F.--[sca.retreat@gmail.com](mailto:sca.retreat@gmail.com)

Technology--Mike S--[technology@scany.org](mailto:technology@scany.org)

Literature Distribution--Daniel W-- [literature@scany.org](mailto:literature@scany.org)

Communications--Gordon B., Rick, Ian-- [info@scany.org](mailto:info@scany.org)

Archives--Ian

ISO Reps--Gordon B., Tony D., Ian

There are two important service positions available to anyone interested in helping the fellowship fulfill our mission of helping the addict still suffering from sexual compulsion.:

Literature Development Chair—leads development of new literature for use by SCANY members and submission to ISO for national approval. Much of the literature available to the fellowship was developed on the local Intergroup level and then forwarded to the International Service Organization of SCA (ISO) for approval for use by the entire fellowship. Members of this committee recently developed two pieces of literature that are now being considered for fellowship wide use. There is no mandate for any particular type of literature. Creativity within the framework of promoting recovery is encouraged.

ISO Alternate—an alternate representative to ISO in case either of the 2 regular alternates are not available. Attends quarterly conference calls and annual ISO meeting.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact one of the officers or let an Intergroup rep know.

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, Gordon B., and Rik, Co-chairs

SCANY has a new voice "hot line" for phone inquiries . It's 917-SCANY12 [917-722-6912], and it's operated by Google Voice, which enables SCA volunteers to either answer incoming calls in "real time" or to return such calls from their own phones or devices. It even provides a text of the incoming call. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with this valuable outreach service, please contact our hot line, or see Gordon B.

SCANY is also working on a project in which volunteers from our membership will assist those coming out of rehab centers—those who may need assistance in initially going to meetings, acquiring our literature, getting set up with an interim sponsor, and learning some of the basic 12-step tools of recovery. A further announcement will be made about ways to volunteer for this service in the near future.

## TECHNOLOGY REPORT, Mike S, Chair.

The SCANY.ORG website has gone through a complete re-design. While still a work-in-progress, we updated our technology by moving to two new service platforms that enable us to have more contemporary technology features. This includes a "flexible" website design – meaning, you see a version that is optimized for phones/tablets if you access the site through one of those devices, or a version that is

optimized for a traditional PC view when you're on a computer. The website is updated much more frequently than in the past with timely news (such as when meetings aren't being held at the Center/news of upcoming events) and we implemented an integrated online store to facilitate ticket purchases for the SCA show. Intergroup can now receive monetary contributions/donations through the website using PayPal. If you are a treasurer at an SCA meeting and wish to send your meeting's Intergroup contribution electronically via PayPal, you can now do so. Lastly, the Technology Committee now also handles the meeting list updates, and a new re-designed version of the printed meeting list is available for download on the website as a PDF.

## NEW YORK TO HOST 2016 INTL SERVICE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION APRIL, 2016

Tony D., ISO Rep

SCANY will host the annual meeting of SCA's International Service Organization (ISO) in April, 2016. Representatives from cities throughout the country and outside the U.S. will gather in NY to discuss and vote on issues of interest to the entire fellowship. The meeting is open to all members of the fellowship though only ISO Reps can vote on issues. Individual members can make motions and take part in any discussions held.

Decisions that ISO makes that have the most effect on the general membership center around Literature. All nationally used literature is approved, printed and distributed by ISO. ISO is in the process of approving a new piece of literature on the tool of Sponsorship. Program literature is being translated into German and Japanese. The "Little Blue Book is being morphed into a larger recovery book. ISO is also trying to revive the Interfellowship Forum where delegates from each of the S fellowships can come together and share common concerns and gain from each others experience. ISO will elect new officers next year. I will run again for Chair of the Inreach Committee which provides services such as Literature Development and serves as an Interim Sponsorship Coordinator for those who live in areas where there currently are not meetings. Inreach also assists individuals who wish to start a meeting in their locality. We are also electing a Chair of the Fiduciary Committee. The Fiduciary Committee arranges to print all Literature, maintains the website and holds all copyrights. Fiduciary is also responsible for maintaining the bank account and paying all bills. Lastly we will elect an Outside Director who is a person serving on the Executive Committee who is not a member of SCA or any other S fellowship. This person could be a health care professional, a religious (Priest Minister Rabbi, Shaman etc.).

Reports are also received from fellowships around the world giving ISO Reps and interested parties an idea of what other Intergroups are up to.

SCANY will need to put together a host committee, arrange an internet and phone equipped location, provide a recording Secretary who can take minutes and produce draft minutes within a month of the convention,,and a person who monitors the conference call lines. We will also be arranging for a meal and entertainment for the ISO reps and support them in finding housing.

## TREASURY REPORT, Paul Z.Treasurer,

### Financial Report for Calendar 2014

**Total Income (From Donations): \$4,759.59** (Approximately 50% of all New York SCA meetings made donations in 2014.)

**Total Expenses: \$6,417.93**

**Net Gain/Loss -\$1,658.34**

**Calendar Year 2014 Contributions by meeting:**

<b>1st Things 1st U Square (Mon-Fri, 7:30, Sat, 8:30am)</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>
<b>Regular Meeting GMHC (Mon, 6:30pm)</b>	<b>\$ 77</b>
<b>Literature Round Robin LGBT (Tue &amp; Thu, noon)</b>	<b>\$ 495</b>
<b>Regular Meeting GMHC (Tue, 6:30pm)</b>	<b>\$ 477.75</b>

Beginners Meeting GMHC (Wed, 6:30pm)	\$ 626.50
Porn, Internet, Apps, Phone Sex LGBT (Wed, 9pm)	\$ 193.29
Round Robin GMHC (Thu, 6pm)	\$ 181.15
Beginners Meeting LGBT (Fri, 5:45pm)	\$ 512.50
Healthy Sexuality LGBT (Fri, 7:30pm)	\$ 40
Creativity- Third Column LGBT (Sat, noon)	\$ 285.58
First Step Meeting LGBT (Sat, 6pm)	\$ 274
Intimacy Meeting LGBT (Sun, 12:30pm)	\$ 393
Sex, Drugs, & Alcohol LGBT (Sun, 5:45pm)	\$ 311.32
Steps & Traditions LGBT (Sun, 8pm)	\$ 181.50
Step Writing Group	\$ 91

**Total Contributions in 2014** **\$4,759.59**

**Breakdown of expenses with Percentages:**

- 22%--SCA/ISO (30% of all monthly SCA NY Intergroup donations go to ISO): \$1,444.79
- 11% Annual SCA/ISO Conference- Travel Expenses for ISO Representatives (2): \$740
- 15% Annual Archives Storage Fee: \$1,000
- 11% IRS- becoming a non-profit organization (\$850), plus SCA New York Intergroup name change request with the state of NY (\$30): \$910  
Note: The name change and becoming a non-profit organization is a one time expense.
- 10% Printing agendas, minutes, newsletters: \$672.42 (10% of our annual expenses for 2014)
- 8% One time Contribution to SCA Special Events (helping to fund the 2014 winter show & party): \$500
- 7% Phone Answering Service: \$457.32
- 5% Website Domain: \$293.40
- 5% Rent for Intergroup meetings: \$300
- 2% PO Box: \$100

**Financial Report for 2015—Jan. 1 to April 30:**

**Total Income to date (From Donations): \$2,341.33 (Approximately 50% of all New York SCA meetings made donations so far in 2015.)**  
**Total Expenses to date: \$1,344.47**  
**Net Gain/Loss +\$996.86**

**2015 Contributions (Jan 1 thru April 30):**

1st Things 1st Union Sq (Mon-Fri, 7:30am, Sat, 8:30am)	\$ 45
Regular Meeting GMHC (Mon, 6:30pm)	\$ 10
Regular Meeting GMHC (Tue, 6:30pm)	\$ 205
Beginners Meeting GMHC (Wed, 6:30pm)	\$ 272.50
Round Robin GMHC (Thu, 6pm)	\$ 128.50
Beginners Meeting LGBT (Fri, 5:45pm)	\$ 469.96
Sober Topics LGBT (Fri, 6:15pm)	\$ 70
Creativity- Third Column LGBT (Sat, noon)	\$ 175.10
First Step Meeting LGBT (Sat, 6pm)	\$ 518.57
Sex, Drugs, & Alcohol LGBT (Sun, 5:45pm)	\$ 83.48
Steps & Traditions LGBT (Sun, 8pm)	\$ 307.22
Step Writing Group	\$ 56

**Total Contributions in 2015 (Jan 1 thru April 30)** **\$2,341.33**

**Breakdown of Expenses with Percentages:**

- 51% SCA/ISO Contributions (30% of all monthly SCA NY Intergroup Inc donations go to ISO): \$690.10
- 25% Website Domain: \$329.83
- 11% Phone Answering Service: \$152.44
- 9% Rent for Intergroup meetings: \$120 (9% of our annual expenses to date)
- 4% Printing minutes, agendas, newsletters: \$52.10

**A SUGGESTION ABOUT 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION (TREASURY) ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SCANY INTERGROUP**

*SCA's Seventh Tradition states that "Every SCA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."*

It is up to each SCA meeting to decide how it will implement the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. Whether or not a meeting has a written format, we suggest each meeting discuss what the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition means and take a group conscience on the form of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition announcement including whether or not the meeting wishes to state a suggested contribution or have a separate collection for Intergroup (30% of which goes to ISO) as part of taking responsibility for health of the meeting and the larger fellowship.

There is a misconception in the fellowship that there is a contribution of \$2 per person suggested by either SCA or The Center. There is currently no contribution amount recommended by SCA or The Center. At one time many years ago The Center asked for a donation of \$2.00 per person for rent. That is where this misconception comes from. However, The Center has charged fixed amounts for rent for many years and Center rents have recently increased so it is important to state each meeting's rent every time a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition announcement is made. Other meetings have monthly rents and some (i.e. GMHC meetings) are fortunate enough to have rent free spaces and choose to donate half of their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions to Intergroup and half to the location that hosts the meeting.

In order to be self-supporting our contributions must reflect what things actually cost. If a meeting's rent is \$45.00 (which is typical for a 90 min. Center meeting in a big room) and there are 20 people at the meeting, \$2.00 per person doesn't even make the rent let alone cover literature purchases, contribution to Intergroup for 12th Step work or a prudent reserve—if a meeting chooses to maintain one.

Please consider the suggested treasury announcement below agreed upon by Intergroup representatives (to be modified according to each meeting's needs and group conscience) which seeks to give an accurate picture of what is entailed financially to keep each meeting going and to contribute to the larger SCA fellowship which makes each individual meeting possible.

***Our Seventh Tradition states that "Every SCA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."***

***The rent for this meeting is [insert dollar amount] per week.***

***This meeting would also like to [make contributions to NY Intergroup and ISO, maintain a prudent reserve, purchase literature for newcomers (as applicable) to carry our 12<sup>th</sup> Step message of recovery.***

***When you decide what to contribute, please consider what your addiction has cost you, what this meeting adds to your life and give as generously as you can. If you cannot afford to contribute today, please keep coming back. Your presence here is more important than your money.***

***If we do not make the rent the first time, I will announce the shortfall and the basket will be sent around a second time.***

Again, this is only intended as a suggestion from SCA NY Intergroup intended to stimulate discussion in each SCA meeting of how to honor the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and whether a group conscience approved announcement would be helpful. As our Fourth Tradition states "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or SCA as a whole."