

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 20

Overview for Meeting

- Group Discussion
 - Call to order, review, and approve the last meeting minutes
 - Non-profit update
 - Team Updates
 - Three-minute updates by team leaders with additional time for Q&A
 - Please use the “Raise Your Hand” function to ask questions
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM EST and review of last meetings – Group
The [5/13/2025](#) and [5/27/2025](#) meeting minutes were approved and will be added to the website.
2. Non-Profit Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
Board members meet monthly to collaborate on organizational business, review current projects, and work on processes and applications to be implemented.
 - The annual [NARSOL conference](#) is being held in Grand Rapids, MI on 6/26/2025, through 6/29/2025. UV4SOR will have a vendor table with promotional items and conversation. The board is hosting a social get together on Friday evening, 6/27/2025. All members attending the conference will receive an email with an invitation and details.
 - The next board meeting is scheduled for 6/26/2025.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Rita B.
 - The APT is in the process of reaching out to Facebook members who have not provided email addresses or state information and asking them to identify their priorities and concerns. Gathering this information allows the team to better connect members with similar interests or advocacy goals, encourage collaboration, and ensure that future informational emails are relevant and tailored to the needs and focus areas of our members.
 - The general meeting on 6/24/2025 will serve as a New Member Orientation. While all members are encouraged to attend, this meeting will focus on welcoming and introducing new members to UV4SOR’s mission, structure, and advocacy work. We will provide an overview of our teams, current projects, and ways to get involved. This is also an opportunity for new members to ask questions, connect with long-time advocates, and begin building relationships with others who share their priorities and goals.

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4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Shawn L.
 - SCT meetings are held bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, 6/23/2025 at 7:00 PM EST. Meeting details will be emailed to all members.
 - The UV4SOR State Coalitions Team is being rebranded with a new name to reflect its goals of bringing together members with similar advocacy interests, spanning state, local, and national issues. Various topics of interest have been brought forward in previous meetings, and moving forward, the team aims to form focused sub-teams around these topics. These sub-teams will allow members to collaborate more deeply on shared concerns, with guidance and support from UV4SOR to ensure alignment with our mission, maximize impact, and foster unity and shared purpose.

5. Welcome Team – Shawn L. for Ann S. and Shep S.

The team reaches out with an email to new members who have attended their first meeting to welcome and encourage them, give helpful information for resources, to support them, and to answer any questions they may have. Ann and Shep are active advocates in NC.

6. Communication Team (CT) – Kathy D.V.
 - A team meeting will be scheduled in July.
 - UV4SOR has been added by the Government's Public Affairs Office to the BOP Advocacy distribution list. The team's goal is to build a respectful line of communication between the government and UV4SOR.

7. Call to Action Team (CTA) – Shawn L.
 - The CTA team needs help and is asking for volunteers to assist teams and members in bringing forth and presenting action items to the group along with providing direction for resources and contacts. Several members expressed interest in joining the team.
 - The UV4SOR [website](#) has links to help find legislative leaders and their contact information.

8. No More Silence Project – Sharon M. for Betty B.
 - This ongoing storytelling initiative collects personal accounts from individuals and families impacted by incarceration, the registry and related laws. The goal is to give voice to those who are often unheard, using their real-life experiences to advocate for change. These stories are shared - anonymously or with permission - with lawmakers, media, and the public to build empathy, challenge stigma, and influence policy reform. Members are encouraged to participate or help others share their stories.
 - The team has mailed two more packets of letters along with an introduction letter from UV4SOR. Betty will follow up with another letter to the recipients this month.

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9. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- New fundraisers with [A Blend Above](#) and [City Pop](#) have started. The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.
- UV4SOR T-shirts will be available at the NARSOL conference vendor table with a donation of \$25 or more. Members wishing to pre-order a shirt prior to the conference will receive a discount and can contact Rita for details.
- Any questions about fundraisers or how donations are used for UV4SOR, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, can be addressed to Rita at rbetty@uv4sor.org.
- Donations can be made to UV4SOR through our [website](#).

10. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L.

- Shawn reviewed the positive feedback from the last meeting on 5/27/2025 which featured guest speakers from the organization [D3 – Decriminalize Developmental Disabilities](#).
- Kim Avery will be a guest speaker in July. She will discuss the subject of women on the registry and is promoting a healing circle project.
- Members who have ideas for possible future guest speakers can submit suggestions through the [referral form on the website](#).
- All the UV4SOR board members will be attending the NARSOL conference, with some meeting in person for the first time! An email was sent to all members asking who will be attending.
- Michigan members will be participating in the Michigan highway cleanup project through the Adopt-A-Highway program. The weekend of 7/18/2025 -7/20/2025 is the summer event and UV4SOR's project is scheduled on Saturday, the 19th with a picnic to follow after the cleanup. The stretch of highway where UV4SOR has a road sign is on M106 near Stockbridge, MI and all members are welcome to participate.

Other Business – Group

- Richard F. will investigate contacting former Congressman Anthony Weiner who was previously federally incarcerated on a sexting charge and is a registered citizen. Mr. Weiner recently announced his candidacy in a district election for New York City Council. Richard will update in the next SC meeting.
- Jesse W. was asked about his [book](#) on the Federal Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) which is a comprehensive breakdown of the program. Jesse answered questions about his experience and his book will be added to the UV4SOR website as a [resource](#).

Roundtable

- New members, Herman B. and Jason M., attended tonight. They were welcomed by the group and introduced themselves.
- Several members shared some good news in their lives and updates about their advocacy activities.

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- The Roundtable portion of our meetings is always rich with conversation, insight, and shared experiences. While we don't capture all of the details in these minutes, the discussions offer valuable perspectives and information that are not fully conveyed in the meeting minutes. We encourage members who haven't yet attended a meeting to join us - it's a great way to stay informed, connect with others, and be part of the ongoing advocacy dialogue.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:49 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.