

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 23

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
 - Use the “Raise Your Hand” function to ask questions
 - Please refrain from discussing political agendas, issues, or opinions unless it is in direct alignment with advocacy missions.
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM EST and review of last meetings – Group
The 6/10/2025 [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](#) which was scheduled to be held in Grand Rapids, MI on 6/26/2025, through 6/29/2025 was unexpectedly cancelled.
 - NARSOL held a virtual meeting on 6/28/2025 to discuss the cancellation and plans for moving forward.
 - The UV4SOR board members continued with their plans to meet in MI. A board meeting was held on 6/26/2025 and they met with other group members throughout the weekend, including activities and a group dinner.
 - The next board meeting is scheduled for 7/13/2025.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Sharon M. and Rita B.
There are no team updates.
4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
SCT meetings are held bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, 7/21/2025 at 7:00 PM EST. Meeting details will be emailed to all members.
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.

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

6. Communication Team (CT) – Kathy D.V.
A team meeting will be scheduled in July.
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.
 - The UV4SOR [website](#) has links to help find legislative leaders and their contact information.
8. No More Silence Project – 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 seven packets of letters along with an introduction letter from UV4SOR. Betty will follow up with another letter to the recipients this month.
 - The group discussed possible influential recipients such as other organizations or pastors who may be willing to engage their congregations.
9. Fundraising Team – Rita B.
 - Fundraisers with [A Blend Above](#) and [City Pop](#) are continuing. The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.
 - 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.
 - Kim Avery will be our guest speaker at the next meeting on 7/22/2025. 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](#).
 - 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 for 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
No other business.

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Roundtable

- No new members attended tonight.
 - Several members shared some good news in their lives and updates about their families and their advocacy activities.
 - Burt asked if anyone is familiar with [Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishment](#). He will look into this group further and report back at the State Coalitions meeting.
- 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 general meeting date is Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

9:05 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.