

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 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 7:33 PM EST and review of last meetings – Group
The 9/2/2025 [meeting minutes](#) were approved and will be added to the website.
2. Non-Profit Organization 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 rescheduled NARSOL [conference](#) is being held in Atlanta, GA on 10/16/2025 through 10/19/2025. Exact details will not be disclosed until after you have registered and there are added security measures in place for the event. UV4SOR will have a vendor table with merchandise and information available. Shawn is attending and asked if we have any other members who will be there, with an invitation to meet up. Registration is available to attend online for those not able to attend in person.
 - UV4SOR is one of thirty-two national advocacy organizations in NCACR. The Steering Committee is developing talking points, and the group is building a resource library and establishing a domain.
 - UV4SOR is working with a National Government Relations Committee on creating correspondence to legislative leaders on the perils of an [Executive Order](#) (EO) signed by President Trump on 7/24/2025, power mapping and creating a list of key committees, subcommittees, and government organizations, and developing a Key Points document.
 - A Google form was created to invite UV4SOR member’s feedback for producing podcasts. A timetable will be discussed at the next general meeting.
 - The next board meeting is scheduled for 11/9/2025.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Rita B.
The team has announced the annual Holiday Greeting Letters campaign. Participants volunteer to send holiday greeting letters to incarcerated loved ones. Members interested in volunteering this year can send an email to holiday@uv4sor.org by 10/18/2025.

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4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Jenny L.

- SCT meetings are held bi-monthly on the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/24/2025 at 7:00 PM EST. Meeting details are emailed to all members and posted in the FB group.
- At the last SCT meeting on 9/29/2025 members discussed identifying sub-groups and topics to be addressed at the next meeting.

5. Welcome Team – 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) – Sharon M. for Kathy D.V.

The team is developing outlines for topic sheets and handouts with facts, statistics, and resources. In coordination with the other teams and with member input, they are identifying subjects of interest. Some current subjects include How to Advocate, Vigilantism, Ineffective Residency Restrictions, Family Support Resources, Federal Prison Q & A, and Definition of Terms and Slang. The team welcomes suggestions for topics and member participation for research. Input and suggestions can be sent to smonroe@uv4sor.org.

7. Call to Action Team (CTA) – Shawn L.

- The team is working on a follow up CTA about the issue of discrimination against those who are incarcerated in federal prisons due to a sexual offense who are routinely denied access to the TRULINCS/CorrLinks messaging system. Letters and emails will be sent to directors of the BOP, DOJ, and various legislative committees. Template letters and contact lists will be provided to members asking them to participate in this CTA.
- The team 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. Please contact smonroe@uv4sor.org if you are interested!

8. No More Silence Project – Betty B.

- Betty provided an overview of the project which is an ongoing storytelling initiative to collect personal accounts from individuals and families impacted by incarceration, the registry and related laws. Members are encouraged to participate or help others share their stories. Questions and stories can be emailed to: nomoresilence@uv4sor.org.
- An introduction/cover letter is being revised and the group discussed ideas for addressing legislators and government officials and the possibility of creating a petition.

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9. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- The [Little Caesars](#) pizza fundraising campaign is extended to 10/31/2025. Fundraisers with [A Blend Above](#) and [City Pop](#) are continuing. The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.
- Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that occurs on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, encouraging people to support nonprofit organizations in various ways, such as donating money or volunteering their time. The team will be sending emails and making announcements in the FB group to ask for support. Giving Tuesday is on 12/2/2025.
- Any questions about fundraisers or how donations are used for UV4SOR can be addressed to Rita at rbetty@uv4sor.org.

10. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.

- UV4SOR is working with several potential guest speakers for upcoming general meetings, including a panel discussion with its [Distinguished Board Members](#) in the first quarter of 2026.
- Members who have ideas for possible future guest speakers can submit suggestions through the [referral form on the website](#).

Other Business – Group

Ann S. and Shep S. discussed a Second Look bill that didn't pass in NC and suggested contacting the legislators who voted for it.

Roundtable

- Several new members attended their first meeting tonight. Ric K. and Maureen K. from IL introduced themselves and were welcomed by the group.
 - Jenny L. discussed the [PROWD Program](#) which gives grants to states to fund services that help people prepare for and secure jobs in the communities, with the goals of improving employment outcomes, strengthening communities, and increasing public safety.
 - Several members shared updates about their advocacy activities and news of their families and personal plans.
- 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, 10/28/2025, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

9:07 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.