

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 28

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 7:38 PM EST and review of last meetings – Group
The 10/14/2025 [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 NARSOL [conference](#) in Atlanta, GA was held 10/16-19/2025 and there were no incidents from Proud Boys or any other organizations and security was visible. There were many opportunities to meet and interact with attendees and speakers. The next conference will be in June 2026, Baltimore, MD and everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - The National Coalition Against Conviction Registries (NCACR) did not meet in October due to the NARSOL conference.
 - National Government Relations Committee (GRC) is a national organization working at a federal level. It is currently on hold due to the government shutdown.
 - An update from Jay regarding the podcast is tabled.
 - The next board meeting is scheduled for 11/9/2025.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Rita B.
There are 32 members who have volunteered to mail annual Holiday Greeting letters to recipients. Participants volunteer to send holiday greeting letters to incarcerated loved ones.
4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Jenny L.
Shawn L. stated there will be Michigan updates for the next SCT meeting.

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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. They can be reached at ssmith@uv4sor.org.

6. Communication Team (CT) – Kathy D.V.

- The team will meet to review 2025 and look at the directions for 2026.
- Gail L. is writing to the Illinois General Assembly regarding “negligence hiring” challenging the premise that a company can be held responsible for hiring an employee with a criminal conviction.

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

- The team plans to meet in one week to prepare a CTA to be mailed when the government shutdown is over on 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 the BOP, DOJ, and various legislative committees. Template letters and contact lists will be provided to members asking them to participate in this CTA.
- Shawn discussed a CTA to write to Attorney General Pam Bondi regarding the connection of identifying information of individuals on the sex offense registries to the safety of ICE agents at risk with apps identifying where they are located.
- Don C. has offered to write a CTA to the committee of Veteran Affairs in response to a bill to remove buried vets who have sexual offense records.
- 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.
- Letter packets will continue to be sent to university law professors or organization leaders.

9. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- The [Little Caesars](#) pizza fundraising campaign will end on 10/31/2025. Fundraisers with [A Blend Above](#) and [City Pop](#) are continuing. The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.

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- 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 rbelly@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.
- Danell Puglisi-Knutson, founder and facilitator of Shine Voices, will speak on 11/11/25. Shine Voices is an organization for women who are on the registry.
- December will be our annual Holiday Celebration in lieu of the general meeting.
- The spring Healing Tuesday presentation will be by Lloyd Newman of [Ohio RSOL](#).
- Members who have ideas for possible future guest speakers can submit suggestions through the [referral form on the website](#).

Other Business – Group

Roundtable

- Several new members attended their first meeting tonight. Cheryl introduced herself and was welcomed by the group.
- Shawn encouraged members to not be discouraged and that we watch each other's back.
- 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, 11/11/2025, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:55 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.