

UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 21

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 meeting – Group
The 1/20/2026 [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.
 - An update from Joe M., and Mike L. included that they and Jay M. are meeting via Zoom on 2/12/2026 to discuss developing a podcast, the feedback received from members, and the next steps toward implementing it.
 - The next board meeting is scheduled for 2/8/2026.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Sharon M.
 - The team is becoming more familiar with utilizing the Constant Contact platform for new member requests and categorizing active contacts.
 - The team is working with Mike L. to add news content to the website and Sharon asked for input for subjects that are of interest. Various resources for news and judicial updates were discussed.
4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Jenny L.
All members are invited to attend the next meeting on 2/23/2026. The team works to bring members together who are in the same states for learning opportunities and collaboration.
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.

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6. Communication Team (CT) – Kathy D.V.
 - UV4SOR received an email from the Public Relations department of the BOP promoting positive changes in interactions between the BOP staff and the families and friends of visiting LOs. These changes are expected to be reflected soon throughout all facilities. A reply has been sent to the BOP, thanking them for their recognition of needed improvements and implementing changes.
 - The team is working with the Call to Action team on the CorrLinks CTA.

7. Call to Action Team (CTA) – Shawn L.
 - The team has a meeting scheduled on 2/9/2026 to continue preparations for a CTA 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. A questionnaire has been drafted to gather information from impacted members and their LO. Template letters and contact lists by region will be provided to members asking them to participate in this CTA.
 - A potential CTA was discussed regarding comments made by V.P. Vance during a [speech](#) in relation to living next door to “sex offenders”.
 - 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. Fundraising Team – Sharon M. for Rita B.
 - The Little Caesars pizza fundraising campaign will run through 2/28/2026. Another fundraiser with A Blend Above is planned for this spring. The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.
 - Any questions about individual fundraising for UV4SOR can be addressed to Rita at rbetty@uv4sor.org.

9. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
 - UV4SOR’s [Distinguished Board Members](#) (DBM) will be the guests for the 2/17/2026 general meeting. These professional DBM are mentors who offer their guidance and expertise to help further our advocacy efforts.
 - The meeting on 3/17/2026 will be the quarterly New Member Orientation meeting and is open to all members.
 - The spring Healing Tuesday presentation on 3/31/2026 will be with Rev. Dr. Lloyd Newman of [Ohio RSOL](#).
 - UV4SOR is working with several potential guest speakers for general meetings in 2026. Members who have ideas for possible future guest speakers can submit suggestions through the [referral form on the UV4SOR website](#).

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- The 2026 [NARSOL Conference](#) has been announced and will be held in Baltimore, MD on 6/25 – 6/28/2026. The Super Early Bird rate of \$189.00 is available through 3/1/2026. UV4SOR has been invited and accepted the invitation to host a workshop at the conference.

Other Business – Group

Roundtable

- A new member from MO attended her first meeting tonight. She introduced herself and was welcomed by the group.
 - Several members shared updates about their advocacy activities in their states.
- 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 information and perspectives 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, 2/17/2026, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:51 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.