

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM (KDV)

Attendees: 15

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business
- Introduce items for discussion in New Business
- Group discussion
- Update Action/Open Task Items
- Roundtable discussion

Notes:

1. 5/10/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Overview from the 5/10/2022 meeting and a summary of focus for tonight's meeting.
 - Old Business:
 - Non-Profit Update - Shawn
 - Guest Speaker – Shawn
 - 50 State Contact/Coalition Project – Kim H.
 - Loved Ones storytelling project – Betty
 - Communication Committee – Gail
 - New Business:
 - Anti-Registry Activists Manual Distribution – Jenny – table for next meeting
 - UV4SOR t-shirts – Jenny – table for next meeting
 - Mental Health Development Program - Page
 - Open Task Issues (review from meeting minutes) - Group
3. Group Discussion:
 - Non-Profit Update:
 - The bylaws were completed and have been adopted.
 - We are preparing for filing the 501c3 certification with the IRS as United Voices for Sex Offense Reform DBA UV4SOR.
 - The PNC Bank account has been opened and the final signatures have been submitted.
 - The PayPal account will set up after the final banking steps are completed.
 - Board approved advertisement at NARSOL conference.
 - The previous board meeting was held on 5/15/22; the next meeting is set for Sunday, 6/12/22 @ 8:00 p.m. EST.

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- Guest Speaker Update

Shawn announced two speakers scheduled for July and August, 2022, with other speakers pending for the future. Shawn encouraged suggestions for speakers that may be beneficial for the group.

 - Tuesday July 26, 2022 author [Bonnie Burkhardt](#), “[Manufacturing Criminals: Fourth Amendment Decay in the Electronic Age](#)” is confirmed.
 - August 2022 Kathie Gourlay will speak. Her studies revolve around sexual abuse, child sexual abuse, and restorative justice.
- 50 State Contact/Coalition Project

Kim H. updated on the living document capturing names, cities, states, and emails of the 457 members of UV4SOR. The purpose is to create coalitions within each state to be able to send a consistent message of sex offense reform and to build a mentorship program to support one another.
- Loved Ones Storytelling Project

Betty is making final edits to a UV4SOR website page, “No More Silence” story challenge and will present it at a future general meeting. The motivation behind the project was spurred by observing members of groups who needed a place to share their stories without shame and embarrassment. The goal is to show the humanness of everyone touched by sexual offenses and use stories to positively influence lawmakers, decision-makers, and court prosecutors. Maintaining confidentiality and safety is a concern of all.
- Communication Committee Update

Gail provided an update on [NARSOL’s synopsis](#) of the ALI’s approval of all changes. The ALI received heavy pushback from lawyers and national organizations. A few of the recommendations are: no public registry, a time limit of ten years on the registry, and limited types of offenses on the registry. Gail and Elena are in email communication with the ALI’s Deputy Director, Stephanie Middleton, and recommend focusing on a letter to all states, especially ‘friendly states.’ The committee will work on a letter to Merrick Garland regarding the Model Penal Code in addition to a letter of support to Lisa Monaco regarding interviews for the Director of the BOP being outside the BOP.
- Mental Health Development Project

Page introduced a working script addressing self-improvement for those who are in or outside the walls and will be available to family and friends. A portion of the presentation included a demonstration of hands-on exercises. Page would like to pursue having the program accredited to be used within state and federal corrections. The document will be made available for feedback and comments.
- Reviewed Action Items/Open Task Issues and Updates (details below).

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4. Roundtable:

- New member welcome and introduction. Welcome to Ann and Shep from Raleigh, North Carolina, who connected with UV4SOR when they saw that Emily Horowitz spoke at UV4SOR’s General Meeting on May 10, 2022. Their son is in state facing 25-40 years. Also, welcome to Dawn, whose husband will be released on June 17, 2022, after serving 21 months in Washington state. Welcome Ann, Shep, and Dawn!
- Something good. Betty’s grandson got his driver’s license and Pammy Jean reports her church opened the Pen Pal website for church members to write to those who are incarcerated. If your LO would like to be a pen pal, contact Pammy Jean.

9:15p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST.

See Action/Open Task Items Below:

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Action/Open Task Items:

| Item # | Meeting Date | Description | Owner | Completion Date |
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| 1. | 8/3/21 | Update the contact lists as elections occur. | Dawn, Gail, Melanie, Sharon | On-Going |
| 4. | 8/3/21 | Research Federal (complete) and State (ongoing) Guidelines. Work to narrow down specific subjects for State, such as the registry. Post on the website. | Shawn, Sharon, Kim H. | On-Going |
| 7. | 1/11/22 | Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 5/15/2022. | Shawn | 6/12/2022 |
| 15. | 12/7/21 | Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description. | Shawn | 6/12/2022 |
| 19. | 10/12/21 | Documentary Series and Guest Speakers follow-up. | Jenny, Shawn | Ongoing |
| 22. | 2/1/22 | Betty's Letter Writing/Story Campaign and Committee. | Betty | Ongoing |
| 23. | 12/7/21 | Work to tweak website for emails to be forwarded to Shawn, Sharon, Kim and Gail. Review list of changes with Eric. | Shawn, Sharon | 6/7/2022 |
| 27. | 3/1/22 | Update group on the ALI changes to the Model Penal Code for Sexual Offenses after their next meeting. | Gail | 6/7/2022 |
| 28. | 3/1/22 | Post in group regularly about our recipe book fundraising project and solicit recipes from group members' LO. Publication details are TBD. | Pammy, Sharon | Ongoing |
| 29. | 3/1/22 | Determine committees needed, establish committee heads, and solicit volunteers to join each one. | Group | Ongoing |
| 31. | 3/1/22 | Update website adding new pages, buttons, and drop-down menus as needed. | Shawn, Sharon | Ongoing |
| 32. | 3/29/22 | Research making appointments with elected officials to be scheduled during the March 2023 Washington, DC event. | Jenny, Shawn | 6/2022 |
| 33. | 4/12/22 | Compile group member information for a spreadsheet to identify members by state, gather contact information, establish interests and skills of each person, and create a mentoring program. | Kim H. | Ongoing |
| 34. | 4/26/22 | Follow and update on the Reentry 2030 project and future events. | Rita | Ongoing |