

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM (kdv)

Attendees: 19

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business
- New Business
- Group discussion
- Update Action/Open Task Items
- Roundtable discussion

Notes:

1. 6/7/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Overview from the 6/7/2022 meeting and a summary of focus for tonight's meeting.
 - Old Business:
 - Non-Profit Update – Shawn L-B.
 - Advocacy Participation Project (fka 50 State Contact/Coalition Project) – Kim H.
 - No More Silence Project – Betty B.
 - Mental Health Development Program – Page N.
 - NARSOL Conference – Shawn L-B.
 - New Business:
 - July Speaker – Shawn L-B.
 - New Revision of BOP Pattern Score – Melanie H.
 - Fall 2022 speaker, Dr. Newsome, “Finding Peace in an Imperfect World” – Melanie H.
 - Open Task Issues (review from meeting minutes) - Group
3. Group Discussion:
 - Non-Profit Update – Shawn L.B.
 - The IRS certification is pending on funds in the bank account. The web developer is working on the donate button and is donating his services.
 - The previous board meeting was held on 6/12/22; the next meeting is set for Sunday, 7/17/22 @ 8:00 p.m. EST.
 - Advocacy Participation Project – Kim H.

The project name was changed from “50 State Contact/Coalition” to align various aspects of advocacy. Kim H. is gathering an understanding of the needs of the FB and website members while collecting emails. The emails will assist in connecting personally with members and asking for facility locations to connect members with one another. The first message is in draft form and ready to be posted on FB. The second message is in draft form and will be sent to Sharon M. and Kathy D.V. for feedback.
 - Loved Ones Storytelling Project Update – Betty B.

The project was presented and was opened to members for feedback. Betty affirmed the stories told are voluntary and at the writer's discretion. Writers can be anonymous or under a pseudonym. Kathy D.V. will provide an updated ROI (release of information) clarifying everyone in a picture must sign an ROI and no children under the age of 18 who is not the person who is or has been incarcerated. Betty will work with the communication committee to write a letter/s sharing the purpose of the project with LOs, senators, congressmen/women, etc. It is in final edit and Betty B. will bring it to the board to discuss implementation. There is no official launch date.

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- Mental Health Development Project – Page N.
Page N. has met with five people considering participation in the project. The preliminary discussions identified a prison in California that has a reputation for being more progressive and open to project testing. Any level of participation is welcomed.
 - [2022 NARSOL Conference](#) – Shawn L-B.
Members who attended the conference in North Carolina shared their ‘takeaways’ and were encouraged to view recorded virtual sessions from the conference. These are available for \$30 for 60 days. The 2023 conference is scheduled for Houston, TX.
 - July Speaker – Shawn L-B.
Confirmed 7/26/22 speaker [Bonnie Burkhardt](#), “[Manufacturing Criminals](#).” Shawn L.B. recommends reading the book prior to the presentation, which is laymen-friendly. The presentation for our general meeting will be the same as what Ms. Burkhardt presented at the 2022 NARSOL conference.
 - New Revision of BOP Pattern Score – Melanie H.
Melanie showed the [recent FSA revisions](#) and the convoluted pathway to assess a person’s [PATTERN](#) score, including undermining a better score. Discussed working with the communication committee to address the experts who gave the recent recommendations to evaluate pattern scores.
 - Fall 2022 speaker – Melanie H.
Dr. Newsome wrote, “[Finding Peace in an Imperfect World](#)” and works with individuals who have been sexually abused and seeking to heal. A significant amount of his work is on forgiveness. Melanie is seeking input from the group to give Dr. Newsome direction on topics we may be interested in hearing and learning.
 - Open Task Issues – Group
Page N. is speaking with David Straight. Elena A. is working on a letter addressing the recent protests and threats in front of Supreme Court judges’ homes and the mirroring of those living on the registry and their families.
4. Reviewed Action Items/Open Task Issues and Updates (details below).
5. Roundtable:
Sharing something good, Rita B. spoke with a mother whose son is on the campaign trail and shared about UV4SOR. Jenny L. will be mailing [the anti-registry book](#) to selected individuals.

9:30 p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, July 12, 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
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.	Ongoing	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 7/17/2022.	Shawn	8/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description.	Shawn	8/2022
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, and Kim H. Review list of changes with our website designer Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	8/2022
27.	3/1/22	Update group on the ALI changes to the Model Penal Code for Sexual Offenses after their next meeting.	Gail	Completed
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	8/2022
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