

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 20

Overview for Group Discussion

- Review the Last Regular Meeting
- Board of Directors Updates
- Team Updates from Team Leaders/Spokespersons
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:34 PM and Review of Last Meeting – Group
The March 19, 2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Board Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
 - The Customer Relations Management (CiviCRM) is making progress and will be installed, and training can begin. Art L., Gail’s husband, has stepped in to help in the meantime. A meeting with Art L., Gail L., Sharon M., and Shawn L. will be on April 17, 2024.
 - Bonnie Burkhardt’s second book, “Manufacturing Criminals 2nd Edition: Wiretapping and Planting Evidence” has been published and is available on Amazon.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday, April 7, 2024.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.
 - Compiled the CiviCRM requirements and sent them to the teams for their review.
 - Elena A. has provided feedback with an attached example from an advocacy group and Kim H. is working to capture and update the requirements.
 - Requesting teams to provide their feedback with any updates from the compilation by the deadline, Friday, April 5, 2024.
 - Kim H. applied for an Adopt-A-Highway permit to clean up a two-mile stretch on M106 near Kim’s home. The program includes an Adopt-A-Highway road sign with the business name that is organizing the clean-up. If approved the following will happen;
 - United Voices for Sex Offense Reform, UV4SOR will be displayed on the signs. There will be two signs located at each starting point of the clean-up on the M106 in both directions.
 - After discussions with Shawn L., the Michigan Coalition is planning to invite Michigan members to participate and then BBQ afterward.

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4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
 - At the March 25, 2024 meeting the team looked at making specific asks to people who are living on the registry and their families to participate in advocacy activities with us. The asks would include taking part in CTA events and invitations to join members who are visiting their state capitals to talk with their senators and representatives.
 - The team spoke with Dwayne D. who offered an idea to establish relationships with agencies overseeing the registry population. Discussion with the team raised more questions than answers and Dwayne was invited to their next coalition meeting, on April 22, 2024, to discuss further.
 - Brenton Traxler, Tennessee State Coalition leader, responded to a member’s request seeking help to find home options for their father. In the process, Brenton found a resource that seems to be available in all states for anyone convicted of a sex offense, [Sex Offender One Stop Resource for Registered Citizens](#). Kim H. will look into adding UV4SOR to their website.

5. Communication Team – Gail L., reported by Kathy D.V.
 - While watching the growth of UV4SOR, the team is reviewing the history of letters and the goals to determine if there is a team name that would be more appropriate and define more clearly what the Communication Team does.
 - Through FB, the team will encourage members to advocate by actively participating in the upcoming state and federal elections.

6. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Elena A., reported by Pammy D.
 - Plans to watch the upcoming USSC meetings for responses that can be made by UV4SOR.
 - Considering a response to Louisiana law regarding the castration of anyone involved in child pornography. This law passed the Louisiana Senate’s Judiciary Committee and can now be considered by the full Senate. It allows surgical castration of anyone convicted of a sex offense of a child under 13, including illegal images.
 - Looking at an opportunity to organize a march in Washington D.C.
 - The question was asked if a task force team for elections would be worthwhile to help present platforms.
 - Discussed how CTAs should be presented to the team that would be more helpful. Pammy D. will bring it to the team to discuss.
 - Joe M. recommended an approach of ‘One Voice, One Vote.’
 - Shawn L. stated that requests were coming to UV4SOR from CorrLinks and including them in CTAs and general information emails.

7. Mental Health Team – Pammy D.
 - Pammy D. will be presenting to the board an area of consideration for member care.

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8. No More Silence Project – Betty B.

- Betty states working on clarifying whether cases are state or federal and gathering missing ROIs.
- Working with Elena A. on a cover letter for a group of letters to go out.

9. Social Media Team – Rita B.

- States working with members who are posting articles to briefly explain why the article is important and then opened interesting dialogue among members.
- Staying on top of election posts and making sure the posts are appropriate and respectful.

10. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- [Tru Earth](#) has been posted and they are giving 25% to UV4SOR for the month of April.
- Rita B. will be dropping off more items for consignment.

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

- A referral form for guest speakers has been emailed to the membership and is on the website.
- Shawn L. is scheduled to speak via Zoom on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 to Dr. Stephanie Jerstad's criminology class at Millersville University.
- Our next General Meeting will focus on introducing Distinguished Board Members and Executive Board of Director Members of UV4SOR.
- Tuesday, June 25, 2024 will welcome guest speaker Kendra Phillips. Kendra is a playwright, who is writing a play on the population we advocate for as she learned more of the punishments and sentences given.

12. Other Business

Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

Two new members introduced themselves to the group.

2. Share Something Good

Members shared plans to watch the eclipse, travel in April, and celebrate with grandchildren.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. EST. This general meeting will introduce Distinguished Board Members and the Executive Board.

9:00 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.