

Region 11 Southern California & Las Vegas, Nevada
Regional Meeting Minutes
Westin City Center—Washington, DC
Sunday, June 10, 2012

Members Present: **APPROVED TO POST: 06-23-2012**

Mel Boynton-----Regional Representative/Division President
David Tuckman-----Regional Rep./Division Secretary, SFV Chapter Co-President
Chris Fennessy-----Regional Representative/Pasadena Chapter Co-President
Carl Mariz-----UNA Orange County President
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Chapter Co-President
Barbara Tebyani-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President
Katie Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Chapter Co-President
Ryan Kaminski-----
John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President
Deborah Brown-----UNA-USA Leo Nevis Human Rights Program Intern
Bob Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Chapter member
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President

WELCOME: 11: 15 AM—Mel Boynton

Passed out Regional Break Out Session Q & A form.

Reminder: Mtg. with Sen. Dianne Feinstein is Wed. 830 AM Hart Senate Office Bldg. 9th Floor.

INTRO OF 2012 Region 11 Officers: by Mel Boynton

DIVISION/REGION GOALS FOR 2012-2014—Mel Boynton

Boynton introduced Debra Brown the Leo Nevis Human Rights Intern. The Human Rights Taskforce deals with falsehoods on the UN Human Rights Issues. Added that Rio+20 Environmental Events are a key focus. **Boynton:** We have some So. California UNA members on the Rio+20 United States Delegation

John Mariz (Carl Mariz son) was acknowledged as a US delegate to the UN Human Rights Council and is in D.C. with the State Department and will speak to Debra Brown and Carol Mariz.

Boynton: ½ the Council of chapters & Regions (CCR) is new people. Karen Mauhowser is the President of the CCR & Chair of the Executive Committee. You can all communicate with Karen directly or go through us. The Chair of the CCR should be close to National staff and UNA so luckily the chair works in Washington, D.C. I pushed her do it for that reason over myself. (Mel is Vice-Chair.) I encourage Chapter Leaders to participate in the Regional Committees by Conference Call.

1. Nominations
2. Advocacy
- 3) Young Professionals
- 4.) Education/Program
5. WFUNA (World Federation of UNAs).
- 6) Communications
- 7) Executive Committee
- 8) Membership Growth.

9-15 Division board mtg. at Joan Croc Ctr. San Diego 9/27 West Coast Global Forum with UNA-USA Director Patrick Madden as Keynote + a special Chapter Leaders Reception. The Diplomatic corps and Chambers of commerce will be there.

Tuckman: My 11am meeting with Congressman Howard Berman Chair of the Foreign Affairs/Intl. Relations Committee is set to include UNA-USA Director Patrick Madden and Mel CCR Vice-Chair Boynton. I'd like to invite you all to join with me for a strong showing. Mel has a mtg. with Judy Chu & Carl has Loretta Sanchez but if he can make it we'd have him too.

Boynton: You all have the passion. As Chapters you can advocate for any issue of UNA-USA, US/UN Relations. If it's an issue unfocused by National you can still support it and advocate for it in our guidelines. You must confirm to National that your annual report is turned in to keep your chapter status and tell national who your new officers are. Membership services will give your chapters personalized membership brochures.

UNA-USA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

Tuckman: I'm honored to be joining you with such outstanding leaders Mel & Chris. As your CCR Reps. As the former YPIC Natl. Leadership Council Branding Committee Chair the newly elected Young Professional CCR Reps requested the documents my committee came up over a 2 year period on PR/Branding. We held our Pre-Natl. Mtg. Natl. Conference where the documents were briefly discussed. The 1-page Young Professionals Interest sheet covers our About YP, UNA-USA Mission, and Benefits of Membership, Member Profile and chapter president & Young Professional Chair contact info. As the content is our current mission and benefits we plan to update by replacing "YPIC" with "YP" We will be designing a new Young Professionals Logo to replace the YPIC logo, keeping the format of the Young Professionals Monthly Report Form and determining if/how to use it as a group of YP Regional Reps., potentially shortening the 30-second elevator speech, and on the Young Professional Fact Sheets we will remove any reference to UNA-USA HERO Campaign & Adopt-A-Minefield (AAM) as these programs are officially ended and not part of our Strategic alliance. In their place we may talk replace it with Nothing-But Nets, Girl UP, Shot@Life and Measles Initiative, et al. And all references to "YPIC " will be changed to "YP" As Young Professional Regional Reps we will discuss these documents over the course of the National Mtg. Lastly, the Ford Foundation Grant to UNA-USA for Young Professionals Programming is almost depleted. This means there are no funds for a National Training Conference for the Chapter Level Young Professional Chairs nor funds available at National for the World Federation of UNA's meeting of either Young Professionals or other UNA members at this time though National is looking into potential fundraising opportunities.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHAPTERS:

Fennessy: There can be a disconnect between chapters and regions. I enjoyed the Young Professionals Events in the San Fernando Valley last week (Universal Citywalk Young UNA-USA Professionals Social at Howl & the Moon Club) and connecting with them. Integration of UNA & YP is key as there can be disconnects. That is, we can do co-hosted events YP/UNA events and have a fully inclusive community and use national resources to support that.

Boynton: We have an events calendar of the Division events and chapter events. **Boynton:** The question is which venues are the most effective. We could of course, do much better. ½ of us are on Facebook looking for leadership on Facebook. We need Chapter Facebook Pages. Regions are an echo of chapters and not to replace chapters. Building Chapters is our most effective goal.

Adjournment: 1:00 PM