

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 9  
Division Board Meeting – Old Spaghetti Factory, Fullerton, CA  
Saturday, April 3, 2010

**MINUTES**

**Last Revision: 4/26/10 – 23:45 PM —DRAFT—DRADT—DRAFT**

**Members Present:**

Mel Boynton-----President  
Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur-----CCD Rep./National Board of Directors  
Diane Gonzales-----Vice-President—Communications  
Jim Stanbery----- Treasurer  
David Tuckman-----Secretary/Division YPIC Chair/SFV Chapter President  
Barry Simon-----Vice-President—Resource Development  
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor  
Margaret Soderberg, M.D.-----Global Health Chair  
Richard Harris-----Vice-President—Membership/Chapter Development  
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President  
Gerri McNenny-----Orange County Chapter President  
Rosemary vander Loar-----Orange County Chapter member  
Susan Graf-----Orange County Chapter, fundraising officer  
Judith Harris-----Vice-President—Program  
Rene Wilson-----So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations  
Abraham Carons-----YPIC member, Los Angeles Chapter  
Maria Stacey-----YPIC Co-chair, San Diego Chapter  
Alison Marcus-----YPIC member, San Fernando Valley Chapter  
Marjon Barrigan-----YPIC Co-Chair, San Diego Chapter  
Farhad Fredericks-----**YPIC member, San Diego**

**LUNCH:** Noon

**Call to Order/Meeting Opened:** 12:30

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:** *Boynton*

**SECRETARYS REPORT**

*Tuckman* - presented a copy of the minutes from the January 30, 2010 Division Board Mtg. and Division Executive Committee Mtg. minutes of February 27 for review and approval. Handed out latest updated Contact List for review and corrections/updates.

**MOTION:** to approve the 1/30/10 Board minutes: **MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

**MOTION:** to approve the 2/27/10 Board minutes: **MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: YPIC & UN SECRETARY GENERAL**

*Carons* –Barry Simon, I, and Heather Ross attended the 2010 UN Global Reform Forum.UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon was joined by the leaders of the world Health Organization and other UN organizations, and actors/activist Michael Douglas—a UN Messenger of Peace. The Secretary General asked Hollywood to partner to tell the story of the UN.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

*Stanbery* - presented the Treasurer’s Ledger of 1-30 to 4-3-2010. In line 25 the estimated Global Health Conference income took in is \$3,000. Line-47 , shows estimated \$200 in additional costs for the Conference. Ln-52 shows the principal checking acct. of \$2,848.01 which is really about \$3,000. Also, passed out and was the 2010 Division Budget. On the proposed budget, line-16-17 is the anticipated income \$11,243. Line-18 is estimated deficit of \$919. Ln-21 begins general expenses *Boynton:* The So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations SCRCO will run their own bank account.

**MOTION:** to adopt the budget. 1<sup>st</sup>: Gerri McNenny. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyn Harris-Hicks.  
**MOTION PASSED: unanimously.**

**Boynton**-it is important for chapters to pay their per capita assessments to the Division. . **Simon**-next months' meeting will include discussion on the West Coast Global Forum budget. I ask for \$1,000 in the budget for net expenses. **MOTION:** at add in Line-69-70 \$1,000 for Global Forum. **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** on SCRCO expense, put \$728 under expense on line-85. Line-52-53 is based on previous earmark and will be adjusted for 2011 budget. Soderberg would like those funds in there for 2011.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Suzie Graf on “4 Million in Medical Supplies & 6 Tons of Hope:** Fundraising For Haiti Relief. Graf covered her project led by friends that garnered millions in aid and support. She covered detail on the devastation in Haiti and her efforts via e-mail blast that got thousands across the country to get involved. UPS came on board for deliveries. 500 orthopedic boots values at \$300 each, were delivered, bottles of water and food. There were challenges and Graf got airline support and 4 million in medical supplies were delivered. PODS were docked outside her home in Malibu for collection. Stevens global Logistics, MAC Containers, Burlington RR all served as corporate sponsors and Vision of Hope Ministries delivers the supplies once in Haiti. Emergency Sheltering was provided by NGO's and Red Cross as primary agency for Sheltering aiding 1.3 million.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

**Boynton**- I'm excited for UNA-USA Today. It's never been a better time to thank you and the Obama Administration-our government in supporting the UNA-USA and our advocacy has got us on the road. Thank you Abe for your report on your mtg. with the secretary General and Bob Orr the CFO of the UN. Thank you Margaret and her committee on the Global Health Conference which was exciting and at the California Endowment. I commend Shirley, Diane, Ardi, Maria and Barry, et al. Chapter Presidents, please contribute your events to the division website so all of UNA in California will know and can attend. For the next Division Exec Board Mtg., the chapter presidents should all attend. It is 5/22 in diamond Bar. The National Mtg. is in Washington, DC in June. Go to [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org) to register. YPIC will get a discounted registration. Several YPIC members from across So. Cal. Are her today—welcome.

**VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS:**

**VP—PROGRAMS**

**J. Harris:** The Division Annual Mtg. is Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at Bistro 45 or alt. location. **Wilson:** There is no podium and so many compartments in the restaurant that it is hard to see. Boynton: We will consider alt location at next Exec. Mtg.. Chapters should look at locations near you.

**VP—COMMUNICATIONS**

**Gonzales:** We had a great Global Health Conference at the California Endowment. Excellent venue. The speakers were world class. We had more speakers and medical community than actual UNA-USA members. I'll poll our membership to see how we can improve on this.

## VP—RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

**Simon:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Global Forum Committee conference Call will be next week. I, David T., Juliet Flores, Shirley Williams, Diane, Mei Wah Wong, Heather Ross, Ginny Hatfield, Gerri McNinny will be on the call, et al. The Global Forum will bring business leaders and community leaders together. The location is the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy in downtown LA. We will present the Global citizen Award and are looking for nominees like **Marsha Hunt**, Dr. Biel, Gil Garcetti and to Bob Orr as Keynote. We are looking at Late Sept. or early Oct. The profits will benefit chapters and YPIC.

REGIONAL DIRECTIORS REPORT—Region-9: **Rashidi-Kalhur:** at the last board mtg. we formed a Haiti Relief Committee. I'd like to praise the work of Suzie Graf. Because of finances, the organization may have to be restructures. There is ongoing discussion on joining with another entity and on the benefits . We are a grassroots organization and can do more joining another organization like us. We can join forces or stay on our own as UNA-USA. (as a Division we are very strong). We are an important organization in our principles, in what we have done and what we are doing. Ed Elmendorf is our new interim UNA-USA President for the next 6-,months.

**Because of legal restriction on nonprofit organization, no fundraising can be conducted outside of the UNA-USA guideline and must be in support of a UN agency endorsed by the UNA-USA.**

MOTION: To make Suzie Graf the Division Chair of Southern California Humanitarian Programs.

MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Rashidi-Kalhur; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Simon: PASSED: unanimously

**In consultation with Gerri McNenny and Mel Boynton, Ardi Rashidi made the motion to nominate Susan Graf as the Humanitarian chair for the division.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### GLOBAL HEALTH

**For the Millennium Development goals. The** speakers. We seek feedback on ways to improve attendance and to move the conference to June to avoid conflict with other conferences.

### SO. CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS

**Wilson:** Except for summer, we meet from 1:00-3:00pm at the Wilshire Presbyterian Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Out of 25 or more members, we have about a dozen NGOs represented at each meeting. Monthly informal speakers have represented various examples of furthering the Millennium development goals. There is, also, a small executive committee which Meets regularly by conference call. Valuable leadership during 2009-10 is from the SCRCO Chair and vice Chairs representing Soka Gakkai, the National Council of Negro Women in Southern California, the Association of university Women in SC, and the Membership Chair who represented the YWCA, SC Council. On behalf of the Board, Regional Council representatives met the Division Treasurer and, after 15 years, worked out a better separation of Division and Regional council funds, allowing the Council to pay bits own bills. By invitation, we are connecting officially for the first time with the UNA-USA Council of Organizations through our Chair, who is now a member of the COO Executive Committee and through my participation on a Council Sub-Committee which is putting together an Organization Manual for Starting Area Councils of Organization, i.e., at the local and regional level in the United States. This involvement is basically through the efforts of our guest speaker a year ago, Jessica Hartl, Executive Director of the Organizations, headquartered in UNA-USA's Washington, D.C. office.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (YPIC)**

**Tuckman:** As Division YPIC Chair I was selected to serve as the National elections Chair for the special Election for a vacant YPIC seat on the YPIC Natl. Exec. Committee. The election winner Dan Sullivan will also serve on the Council of Chapters & Divisions as a YPIC Rep. Dan serves as Chief of Staff to the Dean of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, while pursuing a Master's in Religion at Harvard University's. and was a Delegate to the Youth General Assembly at the United Nations and a Sustain US Agent of Change Delegate to the UN Commission on Social Development.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> We held our YPIC Southern California Social at Universal Studios City Walk at the howl at The Moon Dueling Piano Bar. As a 2010 Grand Prize winner of a Spring Break Party at City walk for 100 people, I decided to make to a Social for YPIC and UNA-USA. Members from across So. Cal. Were invited to a catered Italian dinner by Bucca Di Beppo, a rock band show and dueling pianists for 4 hours of fun.

Our YPIC Southern California Service Day will be Sat April 17<sup>th</sup> at Childrens Hunger Fund Headquarters in Pacoima, We will be making emergency food paks and hygiene kits for the families in Haiti and Chili who suffered through devastating earthquakes. The project is at CHF 12820 Pierce St., Pacoima, CA 91331 9am-11am followed by a YPIC So. Calif. Awards Luncheon at Sizzler, 8875 Tampa Ave., Northridge, CA 91324. Noon-2pm. The luncheon will honor top YPIC members across Southern California. Each YPIC group will select one outstanding member for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Divisional YPIC Community Service Award. Procedures for selection have already been sent out to YPIC groups and the deadline to submit is Mon. April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. The service project and luncheon, through primarily for Young Professionals and UNA-USA Student Alliance sections, is open to all UNA-USA members.

**YPIC REPT.: CONTINUED**

But please RSVP to me ASAP to ensure we have enough spots to volunteer and for the luncheon. You may rsvp to my e-mail [uclacool7@gmail.com](mailto:uclacool7@gmail.com)

BIOGRAPHY OF SULLIVAN (presented briefly by Tuckman):

**Dan Sullivan has served as the Chairman of the YPIC board for UNA-GB since May, 2008. Professionally, Dan serves as Chief of Staff to the Dean of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, while pursuing a Master's in Religion at Harvard University's Extension School. Dan has been a Delegate to the Youth General Assembly at the United Nations and a SustainUS Agent of Change Delegate to the UN Commission on Social Development. He has taught in the after-school program Citizen Schools, and is an Ordained Minister. He has a Bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard University. Dan was a Clinton Volunteer at the inaugural Clinton Global Initiative in 2005 and has returned to work for President Clinton at the 2006-2009 Clinton Global Initiative.**

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**ORANGE COUNTY—*McNenny*:** we had a robust discussion for invisible children affected by global Scale Calamities. On 4/6 at Nixon Library Gillian Sorensen, former Asst. UN Secretary General, will speak on Relations of the US & UN. 4/15 at Chapman Univ. will be a speaker on Climate Change. 5/1 Soka Univ. International Festival.

**PASADENA—*J. Harris*:** Wednesday is the Model United Nations (MUN) Coffee Talk with State Senator Carol Lu. We are partnering with the school district for MUN and 2 Pasadena city college (PCC) are on the Board. We talk about YPIC in our Chapter. We are mentoring high school students. We have a great newsletter out and a greater focus on membership. Our Women of the world event had 2x the attendance.

**SANTA BARBARA/TRI-COUNTIES:** No Report

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY—*Tuckman*:** Our Chapter has been very busy with events these past few months. We recently hosted Jane Roberts to speak at Cal State Northridge to students in Women's Studies, Political Science and Communications on Women, Gender Equality and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Last month we supported a Hollywood event recognizing Marsha Hunt, one of our original chapter presidents and a courageous woman who was blacklisted during the Red Scare, a famous Actress and leader in Hollywood support of the World Refugee Committee. The event raised funds for the Roger Memos documentary on her life and courageous struggle against intolerance and for aid of refugees worldwide. As a means to call awareness of the humanitarian efforts of activist and actress Marsha Hunt, a special screening of "Call from the Stars" was held at the historic Hollywood Studio Museum,

### **SFV RPT.: Continued:**

Feb 18, 2010. Producer and Director Roger Memos, along with Richard Adkins are producing a Documentary, called "Marsha Hunt, Sweet Adversity", on Marsha's life of service through the United Nations Assn.-USA and U.S. committee for Refugees. She received the "Eleanor Roosevelt" Award for her contribution to the organization. The showing of "Call from the Stars" was put on as a fundraiser for their documentary "Marsha Hunt: Sweet Adversity" project. Selected clips from this film were shown. We have also continued to support Haiti Relief through an e-mail campaign to our members to support the various UN relief organizations that our UNA-USA Natl. President has requested in his call for support for Haiti.

**PACIFIC-LOS ANGELES—*Tibayani*:** We had a Celebration of International Women's Day on 3/8 at a local LA restaurant and showed the Emmy Film "A Walk To Beautiful" as well as a doctor's panel on women's health issues/mid-wives. The film is on women in childbirth with children dying or tough births b/c they are very young. They live in the outskirts of a village and are targeted as impure. We will pay down our dues to the Division and are working on it.

**INLAND EMPIRE—*Khammisani*:** we have a board of directors in place., We undertook a project called Earyh hoyur observed world-wide with e-mail to 1000's. The response was amazing in northwest states in the US. Some observe 3-days without power, [passed out a flyer on World Health Day observance] On 6/20 Marsha Hunt will do a documentary for world Refugee Day. The world has transformed a lot more and more refugees.

**LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY—*Gonzales*:** At our UNICEF Gift Shop open house we sold Crosses Around The World of several countries and made \$5,000. We, also, gained 11 new members and 6 new volunteers at the shop. We joined with CSULB Student Union on a MDG Program, We have a Material Health Program in May.

**SAN DIEGO—*M. Barrigan*:** We had our Chapter Annual Mtg. in January. Maria [Stacey] and I are on YPIC as Co-Chairs. We have a new committee working to bring n new members. Our 1<sup>st</sup> event was February on Human Trafficking for Students. We will host the Division in June at the Peace & Justice Center. We have a new outreach committee to market UNA-USA work in San Diego. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Career Day is in collaboration with UCSD.

**WHITTIER—**4/4 is a board mtg. and 4/17 a Chapter Mtg. Brian Bise is the new president.

**POMONA VALLEY—*R. Harris*:** we have great speakers each month, consistent quality and lots on new members, as well as, the best refreshments. 4/20 at Cal. Poly is the Nationally award winning Model UN who will share their experiences.

***Boynton*:** this is the best time to push membership.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

CCD Participation: June 6-8 UNA-USA National Mtg., Washington, D.C.  
6/5 National Capital Area Gala Event & the party/Gala is “no charge” to us.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:14 PM:**

**MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary**

**NEXT MTG: 5/22 Executive Committee: Tentatively Shiloh Inn, Diamond Bar, CA.**

**—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—**

