



**UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 9
Division General Meeting – SAGE Restaurant, Whittier, CA
Saturday, January 29, 2011**

MINUTES

Members Present:

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- Mel Boynton-----Division President/National CCD Steering Committee Rep.
 Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur-----National CCD Steering Committee Representative
 Diane Gonzales-----Div. Vice-President—Communications/Long Beach/SB Chap.
 President
 David Tuckman-----Division Secretary/Division YPIC Chair/SFV Chapter Co-
 President
 Lyn Harris Hicks-----Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor
 Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
 Sherry Simpson Dean-----Executive Director-Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
 Carl Mariz-----Past Division President/Sr. Policy Advisor, OC Chapter
 President
 Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President, Resource Development
 Ginny Hatfield-----Rep., So. California Regional Council of Organizations
 (SCRCO)
 Maria Stacey-----YPIC Co-chair, San Diego Chapter
 Marjon Barrigan-----YPIC Co-Chair, San Diego Chapter
 Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai-----Keynote Speaker
 Farhad Fredericks-----YPIC member, San Diego
 Katie Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Co-Chapter President
 Brian Bise-----Whittier Chapter President
 Barbara Tebyani-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President
 Esther Gillies-----National CCD Steering Committee Representative
 Jane Roberts-----Founder-24 Million Friends Org., /Pasadena. Monterey,
 Pomona Chapters
 Sheila Hartfield-----Past-President-Whittier Chapter. SCRCO Representative
 Chris Beauchamp-----????? Chapter

LUNCH: 12:40 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:50 a.m.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Boynton:* (Conveyed greetings and welcomed all).

TREASURERS REPORT: NO REPORT
(Jim Stanbery – Excused Absence)

SECRETARYS REPORT: *Tuckman:* 12: 05 p.m.

I have prepared 2 floor copies of the minutes of June 26, Aug. 28th & Oct. 2nd meetings for anyone who wishes to view them as the minutes are not currently posted on the Division Website. I will be passing around a revised DRAFT of the Division Contact List. It contains the contact info for Division Executive committee Officers, Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents & CCD Representatives. The top sheet is a 1-page condensed size version of the attached 4-page packet. Please review all your contact info and officer title for accuracy on both the top page and attached packet and hand it back up to me today. Last month, I e-mail all officers and chapter presidents a copy minutes for the Nov. 6th, 2010 Division Annual Mtg. and asked for everyone to print out their copy for today's mtg. By a show of hands, how many of you have your copy with you today. Today we will be approving the minutes. I have printed out 1 copy for the Division President, a Secretary's copy and 10 copies of the minutes, anticipating some may not have a copy. Each individual minutes packet is 13 pages long, so for today this totals 156 pages, not including other documents being passed out today. I know some of you will not have a copy of the minutes and will have to share. Please understand, I don't want to print a ream of minutes for every meeting.

When I send out draft minutes by –e-mail for corrections, I get requests to add in more pages covering parts of reports that were left out & the minutes get longer. However, I still get comments that the minutes are too short. We try to include all relevant key information, all motions and all officer reports. In the draft grammatical changes are in bold red as is the revised report by Rene Wilson on Local Networking.

I have made 30 copies of the Division Schedule of Meetings for 2011. If there are meeting changes during the year that deviate from the schedule you will be notified by e-mail by either myself or the Division President. I have a receipt for some printing expenses, specifically paper and ink to submit to the treasurer. This concludes my report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Boynton: Since our November talk, our merger between the UN Foundation (UNF)/Better World Fund (BWF) is now complete. We are now a part of the UNF and staff for retention. We do not have an executive director yet. Ed Elmendorf, previous Chair of CCD Steering committee is acting UNA-USA Director. We operate semi-autonomous and our organization structure remains virtually the same in Chapters, Divisions & Regions and we will elect our leaders the same way we always do and elect to the CCD. Our Annual National Mtg. will be June 12-14, 2011.

Many opponents of the United Nations are now committee chairs in the US House of Representatives. We need to be ready and effective.

Secretary Generals Visit: Roger Nokes & Liubov Grechen are still with UNA-USA. Steve Dimoff is still in charge of UNA-USA Advocacy Function & Steve called me yesterday to share that the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon will be in Los Angeles on 2/20 to meet Congressman Howard Berman with encouragement of UNF/UNA-USA and we want leaders of UNA-USA in Southern California to join in the luncheon. It would be wonderful if representatives of all 10 Southern California Chapters can be represented and this includes the Council of Organizations who we now treat as a chapter, including voting rights. We reaffirmed the priorities of the past. **The UNA-USA Handbook** is in working draft as of 1/28/2011. The affiliate agreement relies on the handbook and it will be approved by your CCD. If you have any concerns let me know because I'm the chair of the Handbook Committee.

Khamisani: Passed out CDs of the Old UNA-USA Handbook so chapters will have a copy to see what the new draft handbook is based on.

Boynton: Education Committee—Jane Gorman heads it at CCD & is working on our UNA-USA Global Classrooms Program. Bill Miller Heads the Communications Committee. Annual National Meeting committee is headed by Herb Bernstock and I [Mel Boynton] am on the committee as Past-Chair. **Structure of YPIC:** we are looking at the structure of the organization and current proposals will be approved by us all at the Annual Mtg. as members as an amendment. The proposal is for 8 regions (merging New York State & Boston) and will propose each region to have one YPIC Representative as part of their representatives to the CCD. Young Professionals are key and a hope for a better future. **Q & A: Simon:** When will Chapters sign the affiliation agreement. **Boynton:** In a few months. Also, we still want a new membership brochure. Send your new member applications to the new address in Washington, D.C. **Stacey:** Does it include YPIC? **Boynton:** Yes, all members including YPIC need to send their membership application in to the new address. The old address mail will be forwarded for a short time but it will be delayed. **Craig:** Will there be a Resolutions Committee? **Boynton:** I'm pushing for it. Jeff Laurenti is in charge of it. Ardi-Rashidi Kalhur is in charge of the By-Laws Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued): *Boynton: Priorities & Annual Mtg.:*

From the 2009 Resolutions Process & agenda of that National convention we have our priorities: for the US to pay their UN dues, Human Rights Treaty, Other Treaties, and keep on focus for the Millennium development goals (MDGs). We will have better advocacy support b/c UNF is headquartered in Washington, D.C. so we have a large team so when we are in D.C. we'll get books, illustrations, speakers and briefing teams. National Mtg. registration should be posted in a month online and is estimated to be \$200. Reserve your hotel early b/c the AAUW and several other key conferences will all be held at the same time so accommodations will be limited.

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Gonzalez: NO REPORT

VP RESOURCE & FINANCE DEVELOPMENT

Simon: We are planning for the 4th Annual west coast Global forum for November 2011. Maybe, to be held at the California Endowment. The 1st Conference Call of the Global forum committee is Monday, 4pm (702) 851-4044 Code 73223. We'll focus on the NOTHING BUT NETS CAMPAIGN & NBA Lakers Night and the Girls UP Program. UNF has provided us info on the LA Galaxy Soccer which is very supportive of nothing But Nets and we could honor their General Manager. For the girl UP Program we can honor a woman of accomplishment for the Global citizen Award. E-mail me at Barry simon@verizon.net. *Boynton:* Your events are outstanding.

VICE-PRESENT PROGRAM: NO REPORT

(J. Harris - Excused Absence)

LUNCH BREAK: 12:40PM-1:15PM

CCD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Rashidi-Kalhur: I represent the Southern California Region at the CCD along with Mel [Boynton] and Ester [Gillies]. February 11, 2011 we will be at the CCD meeting in New York to discuss structural changes in Bylaws. In June it will be put to a vote of all the membership. We don't have UNF Bylaws amended so UNA-USA becomes part of UNF's Better World Fund so, the BWF may amend their bylaws to get us (UNA-USA) more recognition. Our responsibility is to get the word to our national leaders to make change on human rights & freedom, especially in light of Tunisia & Egyptian violence.

Boynton: Thank you Ardi [Rashidi-Kalhur] for your excellence in service. He gives and gives and gives generously.

Gillies: We will be in New York next month to ensure the interests of southern California are reflected at the National Level.

DISCUSSION ON SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS

Boynton: We want to move meetings around across southern California. San Fernando Valley will host the May 21st General Mtg. San Diego will host the June General Mtg. Riverside/Inland Empire will host the 9/3/11 General Mtg. Pomona Valley will host the November Annual Mtg. The 5/21 & 12/10 EXCOMM meetings will be held at LAX

MOTION: By Boynton: to change the executive mtgs. to General mtgs. and general mtgs. to EXCOMM . Hand-vote. **PASSED: 21—1.**

MOTION: By Boynton: to approve minutes with a correction to the SR REP To SCD for Region-9 Report by amending the 4th to last line by striking the word “*YPIC*” and changing it to “*UNA-USA LLC to their bylaws*”. The corrected rephrase will be: “When we created YPIC we amended the bylaws to create YPIC. My proposal is for Better World Fund to amend to add UNA-USA LLC to their bylaws and I’m working to make sure it is supported and other UN programs. **PASSED: unanimously**

GLOBAL HEALTH REPORT: Soderberg: Excused Absence.

Boynton reporting: Dr. Margaret Soderberg is planning the Global Health Forum for b4/2011.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO) REPORT: Ginny Hatfield reporting for SCRCO Chair Mwendé May.

Hatfield: We are holding our Mini-convention for NGO leaders. It was to be 2/23 but we needed to change it to meet the schedule of our UNIFM speaker coming from New York. So, the new date may be March 8th which is International Woman’s Day.. We will have a UN related advocacy session, a luncheon topic on UN Reform & Women’s Issues because the Un recently creates a Women’s Bureau. There are only 3 regional councils, Washington, D.C., New York & Los Angeles. Philadelphia is trying to create one. The UN Foundation wants to expand Regional councils to San Francisco which is on the horizon. We will keep you posted.

Rashidi-Kalhur: POINT OF INFORMATION: I bring a point of information. The SCRCO speaker is with the Egyptian Delegation and Egypt is under current civil unrest. I suggest you pick an alternate speaker. **Hatfield:** We will take it under advisement.

POTENTIALM REGIONAL CHANGES

Boynton: We might become a region that includes Arizona, southern Nevada & Phoenix, Arizona—There is some discussion. There is a proposal to add So. Calif. & No. Calif. into a super region, but it has been nixed. We may lose our division name and be called simply a region and hold quarterly mtgs. with Nevada & Arizona.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

PACIFIC/LOS ANGELES: **Tebyani:** on 12/10 we held an excellent Human rights event with 200 attendees and honored outgoing congresswoman Diane Watson and incoming congresswoman Karen Bass, et al, and a young man age 19 who does conflict resolution around the world. We had performances on unity, diversity and Afro-American gospel. We had a group from India as well as Native American dancers and a Korean girls dance troupe. Tomorrow is world Peace Day and our celebration is 3-6pm at the Unitarian Church. March 8 is Women's Day event at the Matrix.

SAN DIEGO: **Barrigan:** I am now the Vice-President of the chapter and former Chapter YPIC Co-Chair. Our Chapter YPIC committee is very strong. The Women's Equity council attends United Nations conferences at the UN.

PASADENA: **Simpson-Dean:** we held Coffee Talks Speaker Series on Afghanistan and had an exchange student from Kabul share his experiences. On 12/10 we held a Human rights event focusing on youth. We had 400 students from Pasadena Unified School district perform. 3/12 is our International Women's Awards (WOW Awards) for impacting the world. It will be held at Brookside Golf course. For 2/14 we have an invite from Occidental College 5pm to hear the UNFRA Report on the Millennium development goals (MDGs). The speaker heads Gender Rights and Culture at UNFRA and is coming from New York. We are holding Model UN in June on the topic of Sustainability. We are hosting and 6 high schools will participate.

POMONA VALLEY: **Rashidi-Kalhur:** We cover many key educational topics and have access to many missionaries who have traveled the world. We have, also, increased our membership.

INLAND EMPIRE: **Khamisani:** we are holding a Feb. Model UN training. In conjunction with International Woman's Day we are co-sponsoring with UC Riverside a program with Abigail Disney, the granddaughter of Walt Disney. She is a filmmaker and scholar and philanthropist working toward peace who will present her most recent paper on Women as Peace Builders. We will, also, soon show a film *Countdown to Zero* and on Sept. 3rd. We ask for help in flood relief for Pakistan. We request division support.

Boynton: We hope your work on this will be a model for the country.

LONG BEACH: **Gonzalez:** Our UNICEF Gift Show has had a good season. In January we are hosting Peter Tolin at CSULB on Social Media & Peace. It will cover blogs, Social Media and will be useful to our older members age 80 to learn. We will be selling Fair Trade crosses for Easter and will have about 200-300 to sell.

CHAPTER REPORTS (continued):

WHITTIER: **Bise:** we have found a lot of non-profit organizations with similar core values so we invited 30 organizations from the Salvation Army to churches, synagogues and the League of woman's Voters and got 15 to share what they do, who they are, tell their stories and share their values. We called the event *Whittier unites for Human Rights*.

ORANCE COUNTY: **Mariz:** We just held our Annual Mtg. at Santa Ana Hacienda with Keynote speaker Tim Canoga speaking on UN Finance who talks on the US & UN. We have several coffee Talks Schedules. We hope to have an UNA-USA intern program with Chapman University and we'll look into the possibility of establishing a YPIC group.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: **Tuckman:** The San Fernando Valley Chapter presented the Film Countdown To Zero during our December Holiday Party. *Countdown to Zero* traces the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to the present state of global affairs: nine nations possess nuclear weapons capabilities with others racing to join them, with the world held in a delicate balance that could be shattered by an act of terrorism, failed diplomacy, or a simple accident. The film was written and directed by acclaimed documentarian Lucy Walker, and features an array of important international statesmen, including Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Pervez Musharraf and Tony Blair. And, it was financed by Participant Media, together with World Security Institute. We are planning an upcoming chapter program, tentatively for March at CSUN to focus on children & women's issues and to honor Dorothy Boberg for her decades of strong advocacy and leadership. As the program becomes finalized we will e-mail you all and invitation. We plan to honor our 1st & 2nd Place winners in the UNA-USA National Essay Contest on the UN and do so during the next Division General Mtg. whereby these 2 outstanding high school students can be honored by both our Chapter & The Division. National assigned our Chapter essays from students from across So. California for judging which led to our 1st place winner, Sangita Rajan, of Cerritos High School coming from Cerritos, CA, quite a distance away. And our 2nd place winner Bryn Woolcott of Los Angeles, attends Harvard-Westlake Academy in the San Fernando Valley. Our Chapter will be treating both students to their lunch and presenting certificates of honor to each.

SCRCO ANNOUNCEMENT: Hatfield: *Global So-Cal* is a coalition of NGOs and governmental organizations that are involved with international humanitarian work. At the meeting in December Barry, Mwende and I attended on behalf of SCRCO and learned about the Human Development Index. This is a data based policy tool that enables governments and organizations to get a realistic picture of the needs of a country state or other political/community division. This tool has now been applied domestically and an HDI index for the U.S. has been developed whereby one can log on to www.meadureofamerica.org and find out the social well being for every congressional district in America. Global SoCal is sponsoring a panel discussion from Noon-2pm on Jan. 31st entitled, *Haiti 1-Year Later*. The panel will examine the progress that has been made with relief efforts one year after the devastating earthquake. Global SoCal members who have been working on the ground will comprise the panel. All are invited to the Episcopal cathedral of St. Paul's in LA.

YPIC REPORT: Tuckman: Our first 2011 Divisional YPIC Community Service Project was held in partnership with CHILDRENS HUNGER FUND NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS in Pacoima, CA on Sat., Jan. 22nd, from 9am-Noon. We prepared Emergency Food Care packages of pastas, beans, canned fruit and vegetables that were sent to Mexico and across South America. There were close to 150 volunteers from YPIC, the American Red Cross, Boys Scouts of America and other service organizations.

YPIC Groups like to have prominent speakers on world affairs topics but often we are not able to get such high level leaders to present. As Division YPIC Chair, I asked Roger Nokes at National if there were enough conference call slots to include YPIC leaders& members in So. Cal. in the Nationwide Conference Call on the Right To Protect (R2P) with Ambassador James McLay, New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and UNA-USA's Executive Director, Edward Elemendorf in a conversation on the Responsibility to Protect. Under R2P each individual state has the responsibility to protect its population from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. The Conference Call will be held on Wed., February 9th., 2011, TIME: 3:30 PM PST, CALL-IN# 1-888-450-4823 PASSCODE: 552658

The conference call is open to not only UNA-USA leaders across the country, including the YPIC Section leaders, but also, the general membership. You must RSVP by e-mail to Roger Nokes at Rnokes@unausa.org . Conference Call spaces are extremely limited so please RSVP ASAP.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai. Speaking on *The UN, Self-Determination and Kashmir*. Dr. Fai is Executive Director of the Kashmiri American Council & Chair of the Kashmir American Council.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS—none.

MOTION: Boynton: to adjourn. 1st: Mariz. 2nd: Bise. PASSED: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 PM:

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary

NEXT MTG: Tentatively 02/26 Executive Committee: Shiloh Inn, Diamond Bar, CA or Flour Drum Restaurant, by LAX International Airport, Los Angeles.

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