

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11
Division General Board Meeting – University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
Joan Croc Center of International Peace & Justice
Saturday, June 26, 2011

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mel Boynton-----President
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
Richard Harris (via written Report)-----Vice-President—Membership/Chapter Development
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Judith Harris-----Vice-President—Program
Rene Wilson-----So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations
Tom Wilson-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Alison Marcus-----YPIC member, San Fernando Valley Chapter
David J. Harris-----San Diego Chapter, member
Arleen Freeman-----San Diego Chapter, member
Mary McKenzie-----San Diego Chapter President
Joy Adams-----Orange County Chapter, member
Levon Mariz-----Orange County Chapter, member
Carl Mariz-----Past-President—Division
Rhoda Gilbert-----San Diego Chapter, member
Debra Blum-----San Diego Chapter, member
Bettina Housmann-----member

LUNCH: Noon

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 12:30

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Boynton*: welcomed all. Announced that YPIC (Young Professionals for International Cooperation) has been shortened to UNA-USA YP (Young Professionals) as they are Young Professionals. This has been a move to more integrate YPs. As part of the approved new Regional Map Region—9 (includes Southern California) is now Region—11 (including So. California & Las Vegas, Nevada).

SECRETARYS REPORT

Tuckman - presented a copy of the minutes from the June 12, 2011 Regional (Region—11) General Meeting held at the Arlington Hilton, Arlington, Virginia as part of the UNA-USA National meeting. Handed out latest updated Contact List for review, corrections and updates.

MOTION: to approve the 6/12/10 Region—11 Board minutes, with minor typographical error corrections: **MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

YPIC REPORT: UNA-USA Young Professionals

Tuckman: As part of our Strategic Alliance with the UN Foundation our Young Professionals programming of UNA-USA has changed and UNA-USA Young Professionals (UNA-YP) is the new name of YPIC (Young Professionals for International Cooperation). Our mission statement mirrors that of YPIC- a UNA-USA program that engages UNA members, typically between 21 and 40 years old, in discussions of international affairs, emphasizing the importance of multilateral cooperation and the United Nations. UNA-YP distinguishes itself from other young professional programs for international affairs, by focusing on supporting the United Nations through community education and by outreach to Congressional representatives (as we have seen by a strong Young Professionals showing on Capital Hill during our National Mtg. just a few days ago). UNA-YP members work with UNA-USA chapters and benefit from learning by doing -- managing local events, soliciting speakers, designing fundraising initiatives, introducing chapters to emerging new technologies and social media, and recruiting and engaging volunteer teams. We have seen this through several Division Level YPIC projects with Children's Hunger Fund emergency food projects where young professionals work hands on prepping food relief to Hat Japan as tsunami relief and Lima Peru - n alignment with the MDGs to alleviate world poverty. We have also been active on National teleconferences with YP presence and chapter level YP events and projects.

To alleviate fears of local chapter YPIC groups that they may not exist in the new structure please is assured under our new name UNA-YPs their structure in the chapters can remain the same.

UNA-USA recommends two different models of UNA-YP organization at the chapter level. Chapters may opt to follow either model or combine features from both in ways that best suit their local circumstances.

One model that may be followed by chapters is to create a Young Professionals committee within the chapter structure. The chapter may elect or designate one or more younger members to serve on the chapter board of directors, whose responsibility is to organize events and programs geared towards young professionals to help attract younger members to the chapter. This model does not have a separate organizational structure and leaves chapters the flexibility to design their own program.

Another model that may be followed by large chapters (which is the current model now used for YPIC groups in chapters) is to develop a more structured Young Professionals program with designated officers, specific responsibilities, and standard procedures. In this model, the UNA-YP group chair is also a member of the chapter board of directors and coordinates young professional activities, communications, and programs in full alignment with the chapter's programming, with content specifically tailored to the goals and interests of the young professionals that comprise the chapter's membership. In essence the same as a YPIC group. Effective chapters set aside no less than 50% of the share they receive of dues revenue from Young Professional members for the development and support of young professional activities within the chapter. Chapters should create a specific line item in their budget for their Young Professionals Committees. In either model, the UNA-YP chapter members all have access to the national network of UNA-YP leaders through the young professional representatives on the Council of Chapter and Regions Steering Committee, who are responsible for developing effective membership recruitment and retention strategies for this key age demographic and for strengthening young professional members' participation in the UNA-USA chapter network.

The YPLC National Leadership Council is no longer part of this structure. The NLC met every months where national. YPIC and local YPIC Chairs had a vote, joined in national YPIC committees and were informed monthly on what every YPIC across the country was doing.

Under the new structure there will continue to be Division Young Professional Chairs and Nationally Young Professional Regional Representatives. The Division YP Chairs & Regional YP Representatives will keep the local YPs informed on state and national YP activities. The Regional YP Reps may choose to meet as a group by national conference call monthly (if they choose to do so, but are not required to) this structure will most likely NOT include the local chapter Young Professional chairs. As for leadership training and leaders retreats for the local YP groups (which has been done at local, divisional and national levels) this will be looked at on a divisional level and regional level at a later date. As to whether National will provide funds to do an annual YPIC leadership training retreat for local young professional chairs will be an issue to be taken up by the Young Professional Regional Reps after their election in 2012 and based on availability of funds. We are looking at UNA-USA Young Professionals to be a strong part of our UNA-USA family. (To learn more please visit www.unausa.org/yp).

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery - presented the Treasurer's Ledger of 1-29 to 6-26-2011. Page-1, Line-45, Column-(d) shows total deposits: \$4,531.30. Line-50: We had a gain in the Wedbush Mutual Funds Account of \$299.15. As you look at page-2 Line 73: Davanzo Fund Earmark shows \$2,234.27 and Line 74 Wedbush funds at \$3,439.18. They Total: 5,603.83 But, the majority are funds we are holding for others, i.e. SoCal Regional Council of Organizations. Line 72, we have \$298.42

for ourselves. As you turn to Page-3, what's the solution for a balanced budget. Some chapters did not pay their dues. Three Chapters still owe: Pacific-Los Angeles; Pasadena/Foothills; San Diego. We hope to work it out soon. We are grateful for the chapters who pay regularly on-time.

Simon: is there any comment on this? **McKenzie:** It will be placed on our agenda for our next Chapter (San Diego) Executive Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Boynton: Division General and board meetings are open to all members, friends and the public.:

- Saturday, 9/10 General Board Meeting, Porter Hall, Pilgrims Place, Claremont
- West Coast Global Forum, 9/15, California Endowment, Los Angeles (Sub-committee reports now due.)
- Executive Committee Meeting, 10/1
- Annual Meeting—Division, Pasadena Women's City Club.
- ExComm., Flower Drum Restaurant, LAX Airport area, Los Angeles

TREASURERS REPORT (Continued)

Stanbery: Bank of America notified us they are changing our Signature Card rules and need us to state who the signers are in the minutes and all signatories must be there at Bank of America at the same time.

MOTION: to approve the following signatories for our Bank of America account:

Signatory—1: Mel Boynton (Division President/Region-11 Representative)
Signatory—2: Barry Simon (Division Vice-President Resource Development)
Signatory—3: Jim Stanbery (Division Secretary)
Signatory—4: Mwendé May (So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations)
Signatory—5: Virginia Hatfield (So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations)

1st: Jim Stanbery

2nd Diane Gonzales

MOTION PASSED: By Majority. ABSTENTIONS: 2

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Boynton- The Division is the appropriate organizational structure for our area. We can be a Region or a Division. If we're just a Region, under national regulations, we can only have officers, no programs and no treasury. As a Division we are now the best, the top Division in the Country. If we change to a Region we can be a Region with less authority or we can remain a Division.

Harris-Hicks: David Tuckman made a wise suggestion before convention that we remain very successful as a Division & Region and be both.

Boynton: We can be both a Region and a Division because our area is both.

Stanbery: How will we change the Division Bylaws?

Boynton: We should revise our bylaws now. To comply with UNA-USA National. As we go forward. i.e. Dues sharing etc. My personal opinion is that new dues sharing is ½ of all dues go back to chapters so for the typical member paying \$40, \$20 goes back to the chapters. The net to each chapter will be bigger than before. If we choose \$3.00 per chapter member to go to the Division dues, you'll still have \$17 net to the chapter. We are supporting the programs, communication and chapters so it does take some cash flow to make it work.

We have a finance sub-committee and we encourage all chapters to have representation on our sub-committee.

We do have a by-laws committee:

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE IS:

- John Baynen
- Ike Khamisani
- Rene Wilson

[Rene Wilson was past president of the Commission to Enhance the United Nations with the National UNA-USA to help for the SCRCO (Southern California Regional Council of Organizations) which have 29 current non-profit organizations. Wilson asked that we continue to integrate the SCRCO in the division bylaws]

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS:

VP—COMMUNICATIONS

Gonzales: I have an open line of communications with chapter presidents and officers. I'll keep coming up with what changes are being made and how we will end up. So. Cal. Division Officers and delegates who attended the National meeting in Arlington. Washington, D.C. please give your take on it and tell me so I can form a report to get it out to the public.

VP—RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Simon: The 4th Annual West Coast Global Forum is scheduled to take place in 3 months on 9/15 at the California Endowment. Invitations will be out the first week of August. The theme is WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE. We will try to get Gillian Sorensen to be a keynote and Patrick Madden our new UNA-USA Executive Director and several stars who are Goodwill ambassadors to the UN such as Angelina Jolie and Maria Schreiber, former First Lady of California. My commitment is an interactive event, a potential town hall design portion. GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD: to be presented at the Global forum and potential honorees are Tisch Lambert, Voices of African mothers and Kay Buck, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking. I'm making a call to you for more honorees because we want three.

Harris-Hicks: You need to communicate to the COO (Council of Organizations) to recommend an honoree.

VP—PROGRAM

J. Harris: SORENSEN VISIT: In regard to the visit of Gillian Sorensen, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, were working with the Pacific Los Angeles Chapter and Rene Wilson. The date will be July 27th or 28th in the evening. The location will be Saints Church in Pasadena. Were looking for large public appeal and then a small UNA-USA leader gathering.

Division Annual Mtg.—11/5 Annual Mtg.—Tanisha Dyal of UNA-USA Natl. will offer additional events./support.

VP—MEMBERSHIP

R. Harris: reported by Boynton: Richard feels he must step down due to health issues. He sends his greetings. We all wish him well. **Simon:** What's the procedure when an officer is not well for us to do a card to show he is in put thoughts. **Boynton:** It's all informal and we will, as a division, do a card for Richard and Dr. Margaret Soderberg.

GLOBAL HEALTH CHAIR'S REPORT

Margaret Soderberg, M.D. is **Boynton**: The Global Health Initiative will be April 2012. She always puts on an amazing event and works so hard at it.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Boynton: for bylaws committee chair I would recommend John Beynon. He has 30 years experience from UNICEF. He's the one who raised the importance of the chapters.

MOTION: that John Beynon shall be the Bylaws Committee Chair & Jim Stanberry to lead the Finance Committee.

1st: Jim Stanberry

2nd Lyn Harris-Hicks

MOTION APPROVED: NO VOTE NECESSARY

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: UNA-USA 2011 Annual Meeting: The UN in Everyone's Interest

By: Division President & CCR Representative Mel Boynton

- **9 of 10 Southern California Chapters were delegates present**
- **The former National Board of UNA-USA voted themselves out of office**
- **The (National) Council of Chapters and Regions was elected by the Chapters.**
There will be more representatives of young professionals.
- **There are now 11 Regions**
- **Adopted was the final version of the UNA-USA Chapter Handbook & new Responsibilities of Regional Representatives. Your handbook was approved by your representatives.**

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Stanberry: Young Professionals no longer have their own elected group [National Leadership Council]. It's Regional representatives.

Boynton: Yes. For 1,000 members in your region, 1 must be a Young Professional of the three. For regions with 2 reps (less than 1,000 members) they are encouraged to have one who is a regional rep.

Gonzales: UNA-USA YPs [Young Professionals] don't choose their own representatives?

Boynton: The Young Professional age representative is put on the ballot so there will be representation on the committee.

- Approved the final draft of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) & Regional Map. The SOPs replace our bylaws.

CONCERNS OVER AMENDMENTS

Harris-Hicks: I have concerns. We were told we could submit amendments.

Boynton: No. What's happening is the SOPs were adopted and are final. There was 1 dissenting vote, the rest of the Chapters all voted for it. The SOPs and Regional Map were brought before all the delegates or Chapters (& Divisions) and Young Professionals (YPIC) and was approved by all but one dissent. There was not a lot of controversy on this.

All the documents are on the web at: <http://www.unausa.org/Page.aspx?pid=2274> .

McKenzie: This process had lively discussion. **Boynton:** It unified us. **Stanbery:** We had a problem of different things said by e-mail vs. in person. I don't want to hear it later in private e-mails so please speak now or forever hold your peace.

Harris-Hicks: I did extensive telephone polling and found that people were excited about the potential of the Alliance and the opportunity we have.

Gonzales: SOPs are a National Bylaws. What about the chapters and Divisions.

Boynton: Yes. Our Division and Chapters will have bylaws. We have bylaws and will continue to do so, but National will have their own SOPs.

Simon: Is there an intended deadline for chapters to sign it?

Boynton: Many chapters signed their affiliate agreement and got their charters.

UNA-USA now has a senior executive. He was part of the National Capital Area UN and is a former Model United Nations student. He was CEO of Sister Cities Program where 2,000 US Cities have sister cities that promote international understanding. He is Patrick Madden.

- He's located in Washington, D.C.
- Our membership staff is in New York at 801 2nd Ave., New York, NY.
Liuba Grechen/& Roger Nokes

- But Advocacy to Congress and our Exec Dir. Are in Washington, D.C.

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Day-2 of National Mtg:

- Council of chapters & Regions (CCR) delegates voted overwhelmingly to approve the national SOPs
- YPIC is now called UNA-USA Young Professionals
- Girl Up & Nothing But Nets Campaigns from UN Foundation
GIRL UP: Girl Up links US girls w/ girls from developing countries and the goal is to stand up for yourself and encourage them to seek education and to be empowered.

Proposal to a male counterpart program by one delegate: RATHER TO BUILD BOYS THAN MEND MEN: to empower boys.

NOTHING BUT NETS fights malaria.

- UNA-USA Membership Drive Opportunities including working with the NBA.
- Larry Levine described how he got 500 members to join. It's all up to you to make every event a membership event
- Partner with other Organizations
- Region 11 (southern California & Las Vegas)
- Region 10 – Mid-Pacific includes Northern California, adjacent state & Hawaii.
- Region 4 – Southeast includes Puerto Rico

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

- Ike Khemisani
- Mary McKenzie
- David Tuckman
Who were at the National Meeting
(plus those added today).
- Kathy Coleman, CEO of E-Bay is now the CEO of the UN Foundation. Her goal is 100,000 UNA-USA members.
- Remember, UNA-USA is non-partisan or bi-partisan so its not democrats or Republicans, but all.

Tuckman: There is a serious typo. The Division Charter signed at the National Meeting says "...signed by the "Chapter President" & Executive Director of UNA-USA & is a Chapter Affiliation agreement. It needs to be corrected simply by getting the correct document and signing it and having a new Charter Printed and issued.

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NEXT STEPS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:
DISCUSSION

Boynton: 85% of a Random Survey of Americans show they feel the UN is vital or important.

For key documents: <http://www.unausa.org/annualmeetingdocs>
Here you can get all the documents and the regional map.

We will be electing new Regional Representatives next year:

CURRENT REGIONAL REPS: (until the end of the year)

- Esther Gillies
- Ardi Rashidi-Kalhur
- Mel Boynton

Stanbery: We need each document to show the adoption date at the bottom.

Boynton: It's now done.

Wilson: Except that the Chapter Handbook does not have an adoption date.

Tuckman: I pointed out to Mel (Boynton) at the end of the CCR-Steering Committee meeting at the National Meeting that in the handbook there was no mention of YPIC under membership category but it is in the membership brochure. As Mel is our regional rep. I ask you to bring this point up to National. **Boynton:** Okay.

Boynton: We are a Program of the UN Foundation like the UN has several programs. They are serious and respected so the term program is a good one.

[In reference to comments that UNA-USA is a Program of another organization (UNF) while at same time UNA-USA has programs of its own]

Gonzales: But as an NGO we are now under UNF and they tell us what to do. Right?

Boynton: NO! We determine what we do and the Steering Committee votes on it but, the [UNAUSA] Executive director is hired by the UN Foundation for us.

We are both a Region (Region—11) and, also, a Division with Division Authority under the Chapter Handbook standard operating Procedures, and we elect our officer and have a Treasury and have programs and events.

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SECURANCE OF THE DIVISION/REGION STRUCTURE

MOTION: to affirm our structure going forward as a Region and Division.

1st: Lyn-Harris Hicks

2nd: Barry Simon

MOTION PASSED: unanimously

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Boynton: we ask for draft recommendations by 9/1/11 and the final recommendations by October 1st by our subcommittees to draft bylaws and financial considerations with one month to talk/discuss.—Oct. 1, 2011 Final Notification. Now is the time to look at them. Make sure they are correct and affirm.

CHAPTER REPORTS

SAN DIEGO—McKenzie: We are pleased to be host to your Division meeting here today in San Diego and we hope you'll stay for our UN Charter Day Celebrations. They are free and right here. We have a big UNA Day Celebration in the works.

INLAND EMPIRE—Khammisani. Our next program is Countdown to Zero the film. 8/12/for international Youth Day. International Day of Peace with Dr. Liuba on 9/3. We are co-sponsoring 9/7 on the UN Millennium Development Goals 9MDGs). We are working on Model UN (MUN) Membership.

LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY—Gonzales: We have 2 great losses. One ran our UNICEF—UN Shop. She was our buyer and a 40-year buyer. She has 2,000 angels she donated to us, so we will have Christmas in July and sell the angels to support our organization.

UN Day—we will have a Croatian Dance Group in San Pedro, California.

SCRCO: SO. CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS—R. Wilson:
The Council will elect new officers this summer.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY—Tuckman: Our Chapter has been very busy with events these past few months. The SFV Chapter is proud to have been part of the Chapter Charter Signing ceremony at our National meeting, and feel that our lobbying at Congress was productive and will lead to stronger support of the United Nations by Congress. We have been active on the national conference calls and continue to have strong programs. In particular our latest program is actually today joint with the AAUW titled: ONE INDIVIDUAL MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Have you ever reached that stage in your life where you felt it was time to embark upon a new path in life and devote your time and talents to a grand venture, maybe totally different from your work-a-day world? Something that would provide self-satisfaction and make the world a little bit better place. I'm sure many of us have harbored such thoughts and perhaps never acted upon them.

Today the AAUW & UNA SFV Chapter are hosting a speaker, Mwende May, our own SCRCO leader who has recently returned from the Democratic Republic of the Congo where she has been pursuing her lifelong desire to work in Africa helping the people, especially women and children, strengthen their infrastructure through education, health and sustainable growth. She shared her experiences as a volunteer with One World Works, an organization in Kinshasa that works with street children, and the U.S. lead Earth Rights Institute, which is building an eco village. We heard from Mwende, a friend and fellow United Nations Association colleague, that it's never too late for one individual to make a difference! It was held SATURDAY, June 25 11:30 AM Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood; at Vineland & Victory next to the 99 Cents Only Store; parking adjacent to bldg (818) 762-9951. An Italian buffet was served including salads, entrées, and beverages for \$15.00.

ORANGE COUNTY—Mariz: We held a Community Talk titled "UN More important than ever—led by Jim Stanberry. Next in Irvine on 8/2 is Global Village. On 10/9 is the Annual UN Film Festival. The focus will be on improving the role of women in the world.

We are now working to promote a Youth Delegate age 13-24 to participate in Youth Delegate Program of the UN—a program of the United States and US Department of State. So we want the UNA-USA to lobby the State Department to push for it.

POMONA VALLEY—*Boynton*: July, we are seeing the Hempl film Population & Resources. For UN Day City Council will declare it UN Day or UN Week so all of you, please remember to ask your local jurisdictions and contact the governor's office.

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***Harris-Hicks*:** We could take initiative to get a proclamation by President Obama to honor UN Day.

VP-MEMBERSHIP: Richard Harris (report by *Boynton*): Richard is not well. He has been recognized as National Volunteer of the Year in 2010. He has resigned so we call for nominations of interim VP Membership. We applaud his leadership and service.

NOMINATION: McKenzie nominated for VP Membership

1st: Acceptance by McKenzie.
No Second needed.

MOTION: To approve McKenzie as Interim VP Membership

1st: Mariz
2nd: Khemisani

MOTION PASSED: unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

***Harris-Hicks*:** if we really want a successful membership campaign we need to go back to the chapters to get members to serve with McKenzie on her committee.

I'm concerned of our pressing our archive of policy positions adopted. Ask the Secretary to look through all the records of all the minutes of the Division and point out each Policy Position we have ever adopted.

Every Convention we had chapters who could never afford to send a delegate. To continue as a non-profit we need to get representation of all chapters.

We recruit money from many donors for a needs based fund for the national meeting. If we get an understanding for all events that we make money, lets put a little each time aside for the fund.

Boynton: Lyn [Harris-hicks] please formulate a written proposal on the fund and we will take a look at it.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary

NEXT MTG: Executive Committee: Tentatively Shiloh Inn, Diamond Bar, CA.

—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—

