

**UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 9
Division Board Meeting – Women’s City Club of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA
Saturday, November 6, 2010**

MINUTES

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APPROVED TO POST AS AMENDED

Members Present:

Mel Boynton-----Division President
Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur-----Natl. Board of Directors, Chair—UNA-USA LLC Natl. Bylaws Cmte.
Diane Gonzales-----Div. Vice-President—Communications/Long Beach/SB Chap. President
Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary/Division YPIC Chair/SFV Chapter Co-President
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor
Richard Harris-----Division Vice-President—Membership/Chapter Development
Margaret Soderberg, M.D.-----Division Global Health Chair
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Judith Harris-----Division Vice-President—Program
Rene Wilson-----So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations, former National Board Mbr.
Sherry Simpson Dean-----Executive Director-Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Carl Mariz-----Past Division President, OC Chapter President
Mwende May-----Co-Chair-So. California Regional Council of Organizations (SCRCO)
Maria Stacey-----YPIC Co-chair, San Diego Chapter
Marjon Barrigan-----YPIC Co-Chair, San Diego Chapter
Farhad Fredericks-----YPIC member, San Diego
Shirley Williams-----Division Webmaster
June O’Connor-----Keynote Speaker, member, Citrus Belt Chapter
Harry Hood-----Past-President, Citrus Belt Chapter
L. Mark-----member, Orange County Chapter
Wendy Rashidi-Kalhur-----member, Pomona Valley Chapter
Tom Wilson-----member, Pasadena Chapter
David Harris-----member, San Diego Chapter
Dorothy Boberg-----SFV Chapter Officer, a past Exec. VP of Division
Rizik Abushar-----member, Pomona Valley Chapter
Megan Frenchian-----member, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Ralph McNight, -----City Commissioner, City of Pasadena
David Dean-----member, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Betty Sirri-----member, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
So Youn Meal-----member, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Nori Sirri-----Board Member, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Esther Gillies-----Pasadena Chapter Treasurer
Jane Roberts-----Founder-24 Million Friends Org., /Pasadena. Monterey, Pomona Chapters
Sheila Hartfield-----Past-President-Whittier Chapter. SCRCO Representative

LUNCH: Noon

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:45

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Boynton:* this has been a year of transition for us in Southern California & Nationally. The June 2010 National Meeting was fabulous. We support affiliation of the Better World Fund(BWF)/UN Foundation (UNF) & UNA-USA to stabilize our finances and expand our resources. In September we finalized the decision in the October 12, 2010 UNA-USA National Convention, 219-1 in favor to go with the BTF/UNF. I think it’s a great fit to be effective we need to consider mergers. It’s better for 1 or 2 UN associations instead of dozens. We’re well represented in the CCD with your elected reps to the national body and remain so. I and Ardi will be in NY for

the National transition Team. The Day on Capital Hill advocacy has had a great effect and has gotten our government to pay their UN dues on time. E-mail and call us on your urgent needs like partner events with other NGOs, UNICEF Stores—e-mail and use Facebook. We're in the new industrial age. COMMENDATION: We commend Shirley Williams as an amazing webmaster who has done so much for us & we praise our Treasurer Jim Stanbury and David Harris for his speech on his presence at the UN Founding. With UNF support as a new partner we can see our org. with more national prominence....I hold the current UNA Handbook. We'll build on the same subject matter. We also thank the Women's City Club of Pasadena for putting on a great event for us today.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Tuckman - The minutes of the June Division Mtg at the Joan Kroc Ctr. for Peace Studies in San Diego; the 8/28 board mtg in Palos Verdes and the Oct 2 Exec Mtg have been approved and posted online. Copies were sent out to Division Officers/Chapter Presidents via e-mail. In case you missed your copy, I have made a few extra copies that I have here today. I have one copy of the Division Contact List which I will pass around. Please review the information on you, if you are a Division Officer or Chapter President and make any corrections. After the elections today, the board list will be revised again to reflect these position changes.

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery - presented the Treasurer's Proposed budget for 2011. Noted that there is \$6800 in checking. Proposed budget sheet shows under proposed budget ln-4 \$8,768 & ln-10 Checking account net worth, \$8,768. This years closing balance \$7,971. Under action categories: 2010 actuals: Health conference \$2,880. For 2011: \$2,500. For Global Forum cost in 2010: -\$1,870 & Global forum income: \$2,320. Council of Organizations: 2010 actuals: \$1,750. Less expenses -905 + income = \$880. (For additional info n the Division budget see handout).

EXEC. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT/PROGRAM VP REPORT

J. Harris: Praises the West Coast Global Forum and the Global Health Conference. Praises Diane Gonales, Mel Boynton, Cecilia Jackson, for organizing the Annual Mtg.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

R. Harris: Mel has been going to all the chapters in So. Cal. and attending your board meetings. This is good. My experience with cancer has slowed me down a bit. We have a major event at Pilgrims Place to raise 2,000 in 1 day (The Arts Showcase), next Friday.

VP FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Simon: [Reported by M. Boynton]: The chapters helping with the Global forum will share in the profits.

VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Gonzalez: Covered the Division newsletter and has traveled and presented material on UNA from San Diego to Ventura to meet with chapters and see Chapters In Action.

We recommend to elect:

- VP-Program—Judith Harris
- VP-Financial Development— Barry Simon
- Treasurer—Jim Stanbury

VOTE: All in favor of electing the aforesaid individuals for office.
PASSED: by acclamation

We recommend to elect:

- Chapter Representative-1—Brian Bise
- Chapter Representative-2—Ike Khamisani

VOTE: All in favor of electing the aforesaid individuals for office.
PASSED: by acclamation

We recommend to elect:

- Nominating Committee—Diane Gonzalez
- Nominating Committee—Ike Khamisani

VOTE: All in favor of electing the aforesaid individuals for office.
PASSED: by acclamation

The continuing nominating committee members are:

- Mary McKenzie
- Lyn Harris Hicks
- Ardi Rashidi-Kalhur

SR REP TO CCD for REGION—9 REPORT

Rashidi-Kalhur: You have all been well informed of the UNA-USA/BWF Alliance via e-mail/mail. UNA National Office and CCD both have bylaws. By the letter of agreement, programs and finances are transferred and now UNA is in wind-down. We moved from a board of 50 to a board of 7 members. New week chapter representatives will get a new welcome packet. Next is to put in place a new structure of UNA for programs such as Global classrooms, Human Rights program, etc. The transitional officers include: Ed Elmendorf, Roger Nokes, Tashnia & Liuba. On the CCD side the final decision on the structure of the CCD at 11/19 planning mtg. of CCD will be to look at things and the actual CCD mtg. will be February 2011. The next working mtg. will be planning. The chair of each CCD committee will attend so as to plan for the February 2011 CCD mtg. and prep for the 6/2011 CCD Annual Mtg.

Rashidi-Kalhur: 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.

Boynton: The June Convention may be 1st or 2nd weekend in Washington, D.C. by our main office.

DIVISION YPIC REPORT—Tuckman: It has been a pleasure to serve as your Southern California YPIC Chair and on the Natl. YPIC Leadership Council as the PR/Branding Director. This year YPIC has been phenomenal. We held the YPIC Regional Service Day in Pacoima at Children's Hunger Fund preparing emergency food packs and hygiene kits for distribution worldwide and we also did 2 CHF projects for Haiti Relief and Chili Relief after the Chilean earthquake. In a special Awards Luncheon we presented our YPIC Regional Service Awards honoring YPIC leaders across So. Cal. and community service by Kiwanis Intl. and the American Red Cross So. Calif. Chapters' youth programs. We supported Malaria no more spreading the word of the campaign to UNA Chapters nationwide. We held a YPIC social and fundraiser for Natl. Convention at Universal Citywalk Howl At The Moon Club and a YPIC Summer Fun Day at 6 Flags Hurricane Harbor. All this is just YPIC Division Level. In-between these projects, chapter YPIC groups have been active supporting chapter programs, festivals and events. I have pushed for YPIC to have a strong focus on hands-on Community Service and I am proud of all we have accomplished in 2010. I look forward to an amazing 2011 and working with all the chapter YPIC Chairs on an even more spectacular 2011. Thank you.

SO. CAL. REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO) REPORT

May: for those of you not familiar with who we are there is information on the SCRCO in the Tribute Book. We are a council of organizations in support of the United Nations as affiliates of the UNA-USA to do outreach to communities by helping the NGOs in our council to be more aware of the UN and spread more through the organizations. Currently, we have council meetings once per month and have merged our council and executive board into an all Business Council of NGOs; Each organization will work together to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We have at least 1 program per quarter on such areas as Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons, sponsor of WCGF, Advocacy for MDGs. Feb. 11, 2011 is our SCRCO Convention

Briefing for UNA Chapter Presidents on Local Networking

R. Wilson: "Locally UNA Chapters sometimes join forces with other non-governmental organizations in their own area in celebration of UN Day or to put on an event of mutual interest, or to follow through on one of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

I am pleased to say that some work is being accomplished at the national level of UNA (which will continue into our affiliation with the Better World Fund of the UN Foundation). The result of this work has the potential for creating NGO alliances locally enlarging on the opportunities for active participation together, such as follow through on the Agenda for Advocacy, which was developed in consultation with UNA's 100 member national Council of Organizations.

That Council has had a small group of NGO representatives working together for a year or so resulting in a document geared to strengthening Chapters and NGOs networking together. It will be discussed with representatives from regional NGOs in Southern California at the afternoon session of a regional NGO meeting being scheduled for February 2011. Presidents of all local UNA Chapters will be receiving a special meeting invitation where you can look forward to this presentation and discussion.

In the future, Chapter Presidents' leadership for considering and perhaps implementing this new avenue of cooperation and action will be important."

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. June O'Connor on “Conflict, Truth, and *Reconciliation: Is ‘No Future without Forgiveness’ Realistic? Is forgiveness possible in the face of social atrocities and betrayal?* (O'Connor is Professor of religious Studies at University of California Riverside & Chair of the Religious studies Program, published more than 35 articles and two books.)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Red Cross Medal

Carl Mariz, Division Past-President: My wife and I visited Geneva where our son is with the State Department. Right Across from the United Nations is the International Red Cross Red Crescent (ICRC) Headquarters. We brought back the perfect medal to honor David Tuckman, who has been extremely active in Red Cross in helping people in disasters, with youth and all he's doing to help the world through UNA. The hand-made medal I'm presenting David has the Red Cross on one side and the Red Crescent on the other. **Tuckman:** I didn't expect to receive any recognition for my work in Red Cross helping families during disasters, mentoring youth and leadership in YPIC. I want to thank my parents, teachers, mentors in Red Cross and UNA for shaping me into who I am. Thank you for to Ardi, Mel, Carl and all the Division officers for your outstanding efforts in Shaping the Southern California Division and all the chapter leaders for all that you do.

CHAPTER REPORTS

INLAND EMPIRE—*Khamisani*: Thank you for your support and encouragement. I assume the presidency late. 3/10 is an Energy Celebration Worldwide & the Health & World Refugee Day. Program with the legendary actress and activist Marsha Hunt who created the documentary on refugees and she will present it personally. In December we'll hold our Model United Nations Program.

LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY—*Gonzales*: Every year on the 1st weekend of November we have a nativity show made from every corner of the world. It's for our U.N. Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) store in San Pedro.

ORANGE COUNTY—*C. Mariz*: The UN Film Festival was so successful and made money. Our Annual mtg. is in January—You're invited!!! We used the Barnes & Noble coffee Shop as a venue. Our honoree George Christoffersen is an amazing world traveler who works worldwide and does service.

***C. Mariz*: CEDAW:** The Convention for the Eradication of Discrimination Against Women. The treaty is coming up in Congress. Senator Boxer & Feinstein are in favor. I'm meeting with Feinstein tomorrow night to remind her.

PACIFIC-LOS ANGELES—No Report

PASADENA—*Simpson-Dean:*

- Thank you to our Board of Directors. We are continuing our MDG Speaker Series Coffee Talks. We held a phenomenal talk on Haiti with three who worked there on the ground.
- Women of the World Awards will be at Brookside in 2011.
- The Global Festival, held at the Western Justice Center was Outstanding. We had 2 NGOs and we dedicated the event to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- We have developed a Green Citizen Cert.
- Our new Student Alliance at Pasadena city College has garnered in 66 new student members. PCC mentors work 1on 1 through an SCE grant .

Boynton: It' for this reason that Pasadena Mayor was at their event s and their web site has it all right.

POMONA VALLEY—*R. Harris:* We have a speaker every month. Our recent speaker was on Palestine & Israel. Our next speaker will be on Economic Affairs.

SAN DIEGO—*Barrigan:* YPIC has worked successfully with universities and NGOs and has UNA-USA support. YPIC works with NGOs on Human Trafficking Tracing and working with victims. Marjon (Barrigan) created a mentor project for student who work with the UN. Were giving toys and clothing to orphans

Stacey: We recently celebrated UN Day & Millennium Development Goal (MDG) #7 Sustainable Development. And we will be hosting U.S. Ambassador Reno Harresh. We also raised funds thanks to the efforts to Lyn Harris-Hicks.

Boynton: Remember that Facebook is a link tob4 million people, A great resource for UNA-USA, YPIC, Student Alliance.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY—*Tuckman*: Our chapter has been very active in advocacy and service this year from resolutions and delegates to National Convention, Strong Student Alliance with the formation of a new Model UN Club at Thousand Oaks HS, a strong YPIC group active in community service including Haiti Relief and Children’s Hunger Fund. We are proud of our partnership for joint events with Rotary Intl. including our support of the Afghan Dental Relief Project led by Santa Barbara Dentist Dr. Jim Rolfe. I am proud to announce that through our Chapter’s nomination of Dr. Rolfe, he was selected as a Model Citizen Diplomat and will be honored in Washington, D.C. alongside fellow recipient, actor Robert Redford in Washington, D.C. next week for his extraordinary work in providing clothing and food to Afghan orphans in the mountain region of Warduk, and creating the first modern dental lab in Kabul, Afghanistan. One of our chapter’s founding members and a past-president, actress Marsha Hunt, will be honored at an activist fair in her honor at the Sydney Irmas Transitional Living Center located at 7817 Lankershim Bl., N. Hollywood on Sun. Nov. 14th 1-4pm. Our Chapter and the LA Chapter will have booths along with many other service orgs. CNN, LA Times and LA Daily News among other media will cover the event. The Division and all chapters are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

SANTA BARBARA/TRI COUNTIES—*Boynton*: The chapter has an amazing webpage with Facebook links.

WHITTIER—*Hartfield*: November 14 is Whittier United for Human Rights w/League of Women Voters, Rotary International, Churches, Synagogues,

TRIBUTE AWARDS

Exceptional Diplomacy Award: to M.I. IKE Khamisani By Advocacy Committee of SCD UNA-USA

In recognition and appreciation for his skilled direction of the Division's outstanding human Rights Policy Resolutions composite: "Self Determination of Peoples" at the UNA June 2009 Biennial Convention Advocacy Policy Adoption Session, and for his service in lead positions in our Association. He is currently president of the UNA-USA Inland empire, and Chapter Representative to UNA-USA SCD.

LIFE & SERVICE TRIBUTE: To Professor Gaye Christoffersen By Orange County Chapter

In recognition of one of the longest serving volunteers in the UNA-USA. She was an active member of the Hawaii Division and Monterey Chapter for many years before moving to OC in 2005 to join the international faculty of Soka University. She is honored for her international expertise, taught at the Naval Post Graduate School, Chinese Foreign Affairs Univ., Beijing (Fulbright Professor), Eastern Mediterranean Univ. in Turkish Cyprus, published in the Journal of Contemporary China, Exec Brd mbr. OC Chapter, past VP-Programs, arranged coffee talk speakers by top advocates on UN initiatives.

SO. California Regional Council of Organizations Tribute To Ted R. Leutzinger

In recognition of longtime service in support of the United Nations and as an active role as a representative of the SCRCO and alt. rep to Board of directors of World Federalists Assoc. (of which he is a past-president) /Citizens for Global Solutions, so. California-Hawaii Synod. Ted has traveled the world visiting more than 100 countries. He has shared his wisdom and experience with his passion for peace and justice.

**PASADENA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER HONORS
SHERRY SIMPSON-DEAN**

Sherry is a filmmaker, social entrepreneur and humanitarian and grassroots community organizer known for her innovative and creative leadership. She is an Emmy Award winning film producer acknowledged for her deep commitment to human rights and civil liberties. Her film AMADALA is a multiple award winner at Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival. As Exec. Dir. Of the Chapter her work includes development of flagship programs such as Coffee Talks speaker series, Art the Voice of Humanity, Model Un at PCC, Pasadena Green Business Certification Program. In 2010 she was honored by the California state Senate 21st District as a 2010 Woman of the Year.

**TRIBUTE TO DIRECTORS & MEMBERS
WHITTIER CHAPTER**

In celebration of their devotion and hard work in serving the principles of our organization. The Whittier Chapter joins with the rest of our beloved Association in supporting the work of the United Nations and anticipated continued activity within the new, re-energized United Nations Association. We look forward to a prosperous and peaceful 2011.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER HISTORIC TRIBUTE

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY, the members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the UNA-USA pay tribute to the former and current membership who have devoted decades of service and commitment to the ideals that created the United Nations. In 1943, our San Fernando Valley Committee for the UN, became the first recorded United States volunteer membership organization for the United Nations to “save future generations from the scourge of war.” Our early leaders, soon united in formation of American Association for the United Nations (AAUN), then in 1964, merged their growing strength with U.S. Committee for the UN, in the formation of United Nations Association of the USA. As the first chapter, we have been and continue to be a focal point for advocacy, service and leadership. **ADVOCACY:** From the 1973 convention, to the present, supporting the delegate adopted resolution to promote transition to clean, safe, benign, renewable energy sources, since 2003, the official action plan of the State of California. Also, end of the 70’s to early 80’s conducted a National chapters/divisions/Council of Organizations campaign for ratification of the convention on Rights of the Child; in **SERVICE:** active in support of the Adopt-A-Minefield Program and HERO Campaign for Africa, UNICEF, African Dental Relief Project (ADRP) and Malaria No More. In **VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT:** where our membership has given 110% effort, including some members still active since our founding. The Chapter supports the effort of students and young professionals and Model UN with chapter officers sitting on the present boards of WESTMUN Collegiate MUN, the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations (SCRCO) and the Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) National Leadership Council. Our speaker series continually promote: alleviation of Poverty & Hunger, Universal Primary Education, Gender Equity, Child Health & Survival, Maternal Health, Reduction of Infectious Disease, Environmental Sustainability and a Partnership for Development and promotion of World Peace. In honor of decades of exemplary service, the Chapter Board of Directors pay tribute to the chapter for its’ past and present achievements and look forward to the challenges in the future as we strive for a world that embraces the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals.

**POMONA VALLEY CHAPTER TRIBUTE
TO MEL BOYNTON**

In recognition of service as Division President, former President of Pomona Valley Chapter. Mel currently serves as a member of the Council of Chapters & Divisions. Mel is a tireless Champion for all things UNA. He has made it his mission to visit every chapter, attending board meetings, special events, and is often pressed into service as a moderator and speaker. His knowledge base is so vast he can speak on just about any UN related topic off-the-cuff. His extemporaneous speeches are often better received than speeches from other experts after they've long prepared. He has traveled to 34 countries on five continents. Gregarious, outspoken, and captivating, Mel has never met a stranger. His energy and enthusiasm is legendary among UNA members.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 PM:

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary

NEXT MTG: 12/11 Executive Committee: Shiloh Inn, Diamond Bar, CA.

—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—