

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11  
Division Annual Meeting – Women’s City Club—Pasadena  
Saturday, November 03, 2012

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**MINUTES : APPROVED TO POST 01/026/2013 14:50 PM PST DRAFT**

**Members Present:**

- Mel Boynton-----Division President/Regional Rep.-CCR
- Diane Gonzales-----Division VP—Comm./Pres. Long Beach/South Bay Chapter
- David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV Chapter Co-President
- Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President—Resource Development/Pac-LA Chap.
- Judith Harris-----Division Vice-President Program
- Carl Mariz-----Division Past-President/Orange County Chapter
- Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor
- Shirley Williams-----Division Webmaster
- John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President
- Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
- Chris Fennessy-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
- Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter President
- Alba Martinez-----Model UN/GCLA Consultant/Recent Natl Mgr. Global Classrooms/M UN
- Alison Marcus-----San Fernando Valley Chapter/UNA-Young Professionals
- Marsha Marcus-----San Fernando Valley Chapter member
- Marsha Hunt-----San Fernando Valley Chapter & Keynote Speaker
- Ginny Hatfield-----San Fernando Valley Chapter Co-President/SCRCO President
- Jilani Amarre-----San Fernando Valley Chapter Young Professionas
- Jenny Casillas-----San Diego Chapter Young Professionals
- Mario A. Zuniga-----San Diego Chapter Young Professionals
- Bettina Hausmann-----San Diego Chapter President
- Barbara Gaughn Muller-----Santa Barbara/Tri-County Chapter
- Gerry McNenny-----Orange County Chapter
- Joy Adams-----Orange County
- Art Sutton-----Pomona Valley Chapter
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**Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:30 AM**

**LUNCH: Noon**

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Boynton:** welcomed all to the Annual meeting and praised chapters on outstanding year of servid and advocacy.

## SECRETARYS REPORT

*Tuckman* – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our Division Annual Mtg. in beautiful Pasadena. All Division, Regional Officers & Chapter Presidents that attended the Oct. 13 Div. Exec. Brd. Mtg. in Diamond Bar received your draft copy of the Exec. Brd. Minutes. Extra copies are available at the podium. Please take a moment to review Them. Asked if there are any corrections/additions. Seeing none, called for a motion to approve the minutes.

**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Boynton. 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Harris** to approve the 10/13/12 Div. Exec. Brd. Mtg. Minutes.

**MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

Passed out the minutes of the June 23, 2012 Div. Gen. Mtg. held at il Fornaio, Pasadena. Sent via e-mail copies of the DRAFT minutes to all Division/Regional officers & Chapter Presidents and to others that attended the mtg. Extra copies available at the mtg. Attendees review the minutes. Asked if there are any corrections/additions. Seeing none, called for a motion to approve the minutes.

**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Fennessy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry McNenny** to approve the 06/23/12 Div. Exec. Brd. Mtg. Minutes.

**MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

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## TREASURERS REPORT

*Simon*– [Presented for Treasurer Stanbery. He is attending a mtg. of the International Criminal Court.] We have a \$2800 profit on the West Coast Global Forum. The 2013 Budget on Record of Finance Committee will be presented at the January meeting. [Simon presented the Year-End Financial Statemet to all attendees.]

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## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT(State of The DivisionAddress):**

**Boynton:** We had a great year for UNA-USA and So. Cal [Division]. The purpose of our unity across chapters is to support chapters and hold Division & Regional events that succeed the chapter’s ability to do so. We’re up to 1,200 members and growing because of your leadership. Our purpose as a Division and Region is to support you across Southern California . We’re recognizing mature leaders today with Tributes. The future of UNA is in your Young Professionals who have worked hard to promte peace, human rights, advance health issues and the environment. There’s a big challenge before the UN. We see it in Europe, Africa and the political camp agenda. We will vote on next Tuesday for Obama or Romney. We in UNA are non-partisan.

Congrats to Dr. Margaret Soderberg who leads the Global Health Initiative and led the global Health Conference at USC Medical Center. At the National Convention in June we met with State Department officials and UN officials. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Global Forum had our National Director Patrick Madden as Keynote. The Division Budget is strong. Jim [Stanbery, Division Treasurer] is at a International Criminal Court mtg. today and could not make it. I’m amazed by the 12 UN Day celebrations and 2 UN Film Festivals in cluding dignitaries from mayors to Congressional representatives.

**Joy Adams:** Orange County Council of Organizations is following in the footsteps of the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations (SCRCO) to benefit the member non-profit organizations such as American Association of University Women (AAUW), Rotary International, Kiwanis and many others.

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## **VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAM REPORT:**

**Judith Harris”** Marsha Hunt is an amazing person and keynote. This is an exciting and happy day. Her part will be videotaped. Thank you Mel, Ginny, Shirley Williams, David Tuckman, Jim tanbery and Violetta Ridde (our sponsor) and Roger Memos (producer of the documentary ‘Sweet Adversity: The Marsha Hunt Story’). LA Chapter Co-Presidents Fahreyi Mahrenholtz and Barbara Tebyani could not be here today with Barbara s caring for an ill family member. Toby Osos a Miss Pasadena has passed of a heart attack. She was amazing and often attended 4 meetings of different organizations a day. Shes a phenomenol leader of YWCA ad UNA-USA. She brought Eleanor Roosevelt to Pasadena. She is loved and will be missed.

**Harris-Hicks:** Margaret (Soderberg, M.D.) is so very dedicated. She is in the hospital undergoing knee surgery. She is the leader of the Global Health Initiative and we wish her a speedy recovery.

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## **VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATION’S REPORT:**

*Gonales:* I attended the Non-Governmental Organizations meeting and I note that we don’t use social media as we should and I’m changing all that with Twitter and Facebook to get UNA to act as one across the Nation.

*Boynton:* Sonia Amin and I maintain the Facebook page for Southern California UNA-USA.

### MODEL-UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

**Alba Martinez-**As Global Classrooms Model UN Representatives of UNAUSA to California introduced herself and thanked chapters for their leadership in support of Global Classrooms Model-UN. She praised the success of the GCMUN in Los Angeles and Los Angeles Unified School District reaching underprivileged children that could not otherwise afford to participate and the most recent excellent MUN Conference at UCLA with support of UCLA Model-UN and UNA Chapters..

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## **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT (National Council of Chapters & Regions (CCR))**

**Chris Fennessy (Young Professional/Regional Rep).**: Attended and appreciated being selected as the parliamentarian on the CCR. The meeting was amazing. It’s an honor to be elected to the CCR and represent all chapters in Southern California at the annual UNA-USA National Mtg. in Washington, D.C. last June.

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### **David Tuckman (Regional Representative/CCR National Young Professionals Taskforce Chair):**

Our YP CCR Representatives have begun their votes for UNA-Young Professionals to become part of the UNA-USA Affinity Group Network. We have enough votes now to join the Network and on-line voting will conclude soon. I would like to briefly describe what these changes are and this will mean to UNA-USA and our UNA-Young Professionals:

**UNA-USA Young Professionals** is a network of UNA-USA working to engage young professionals in promoting effective US involvement in international affairs and the United Nations. The group encourages young people to use their important voice in the UN system to impact the future of international cooperation.

**(Regional Representative Report (Continued): Tuckman:**

**Mission of UNA-USA:** UNA-USA is dedicated to educating, inspiring and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, strengthening the United Nations system, promoting constructive United States leadership in that system and achieving the goals of the United Nations Charter.

**Mission of UNA-USA Young Professionals:** UNA-USA Young Professionals supports the mission of UNA-USA by providing information and opportunities to young professionals across the country, working to engage members between the ages of 21 and 40 across the sectors. The network offers a unique forum in which to learn more about international issues, the UN, and the work of UNA-USA. Additionally, it offers young professional members a platform to connect with other emerging leaders and act on issues of national and global importance.

**Purpose of UNA-USA Young Professionals:**

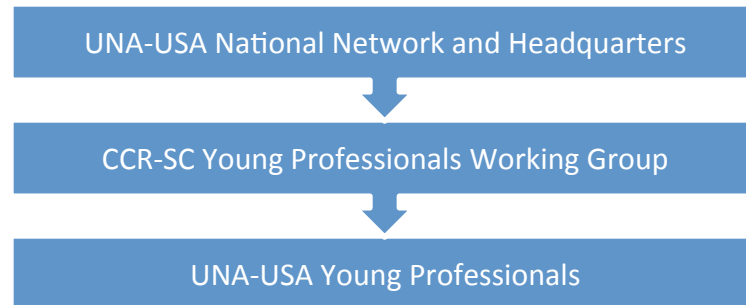
UNA-USA Young Professionals seeks to amplify the voices of young Americans in their efforts to build a stronger U.S.-UN relationship. The group has two main purposes: to build a new generation of leaders through professional development opportunities and to build a group of advocates for issues particularly facing young people at the UN.

**Areas of focus for UNA Young Professionals:**

The primary focus of UNA Young Professionals will be to engage young UNA members on a breadth of issues particularly important to them within the UNA-USA Advocacy Agenda.

CCR-SC YP Working Group will complete list of issues.

**Structure**



**(Regional Representative Report (Continued): Tuckman:**

The CCR-SC Young Professionals Working Group will work in tandem with the national office to generate content, activities, and initiatives for young professionals across the national network. The working group will identify roles including:

- Advocacy Chair
- Communications Chair
- Outreach Chair
- Events and Programs Chair

**Targeted Advocacy Agenda**

The CCR-SC young professionals working group should develop an advocacy agenda specific to international issues facing young people every two years.

**Engagement Strategy**

- Communications
  - Enhance the UNA-USA Young Professionals webpage
  - Create a monthly newsletter from the CCR-SC working group to young professionals across the nation
  - Establish a presence through social media and facilitate an active dialogue among young professionals online
  - Respond to newspaper articles, etc.
  - Provide links to resources
  - Conduct nationwide conference calls pertaining to young professionals
  - Create a job bank and hold professional development activities
- Advocacy
  - Create petitions
  - Sign-on letters
  - Write letters to the editor
  - Visit members on the Hill
  - Partner with likeminded groups to strengthen the movement

**(Regional Representative Report (Continued): Tuckman:**

**Implementation**

November - December 2012:

- CCR-SC Young Professionals Working Group develops a platform of issues within the UNA-USA advocacy agenda, with support from national office.
- National office develops web page with information and opportunities for young professionals.
- CCR-SC Young Professionals Working Group continues to conduct outreach to chapters to identify young leaders and members across the nation, including young professional chairs and/ or leads.

January – March 2012:

- Email to membership announcing UNA-USA Young Professionals
- National office coordinates an inaugural conference call for young professionals on opportunities in international careers.
- Working Group and national office work together to establish a communications and implementation strategy for activities, including participation in quarter one advocacy initiatives with UNA-USA chapters.

March – June 2012:

- CCR-SC working group gathers best practices from chapters across the nation in young professional activities.
- Mobilize YPs across the nation to implement at least one targeted initiative in tandem with the annual meeting.

Plan YP activities for the annual meeting

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## **DIVISION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS REPORT:**

**David Tuckman (Division YP Chair):** Throughout 2012 UNA-YP members in our Division have participated in National Conferences by call-in including Seeding Justice in West Africa: *A First Person Account with Victoria K. Holt*—Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, "Every Woman Every Child, with Anita Sharma, Director of Millennium Development Goals Initiatives at the United Nations Foundation; "The Future We Want: UNs Role in Sustainable Development, with keynote by: Lawrence J. Gumbiner Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science, U.S. Department of State. & Is Paris Burning: How US Defunding UNESCO is Affecting the Agency with Keynote by David Killion, U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO at the U.S. Department of State. Young Professionals attended the Red Dust Film Screening and served as Global Health Conference volunteers, one serving on the committee and participated in the Global Health Conf. in April at USC Med. Ctr. YPs participated in :-Seeding Justice in West Africa: A First Person Account with Victoria K. Holt—Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State and attended the SFV Chap.

Young Professionals hosted, Howl at the Moon Social/Fundraiser at, Universal Studios Citywalk and attended the June UNA National Mtg. in Arlington and Washington, D.C.

San Diego Chapter's Young Professionals group co-sponsored a film screening called *Misrepresentation* on the UCSC campus. They are planning a human rights day celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup> along with UNA-SD. I would like to welcome San Diego Chapter's new YP co-chairs Mario A. Zuniga and Jenny Casillas [to be confirmed as chairs at the January 2013 UNA-SD mtg.]

YPs also volunteered on staff for the August Evening In Kabul Fundraising Dinner in Chatsworth co sponsored by UNA-SFV & Rotary Intl. benefitting Afghan Dental Relief Project. And I served as a pageant judge for the Global Independence Day/Miss Globe Pageant/Beverly Hilton.

Several YP groups also hosted various speakers and supported environmental service projects, held YP socials and worked hands on at projects aiding the impoverished in 3<sup>rd</sup> world nations through organizations including Children's Hunger Fund preparing food paks and hygiene kits..

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO) REPORT:**

**Ginny Hatfield, SCRCO President**

*Hatfield:* In 1994 the SCRCO was founded as one of the first Regional Councils. There is one in Los Angeles, 2 in New York and the National Council of Organizations (COO) in Washington, D.C. We engage in many activities as NGOs and will co-partner with Chapters on programs to engage and inform communities.

We have started monthly conference calls of the Board of directors and 3-4 top programs each year in partnership with groups such as AAUW (American Association of University Women). We are an affiliate of the Division.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter hosted the March Division Mtg. with our Screening of Red Dust a movie about Cadmium poisoning of workers in Chinese battery factories that was co-sponsored with the SCRCO as a luncheon with a Q & A by the films Director.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

*Ike Khamesani (Chair):* We elect officers in even and odd years requiring 30-days-notice. The following candidates for office are:

- Treasurer-----Jim Stanbery
- VP-Program-----John Beynon
- VP-Resource Development-----Barry Simon
- Chapter Representative-----John Beynon
- Chapter Representative-----Ike Khamesani

Nominating Committee (5-seats)

- John Beynon
- Ike Khamisani
- Bettina Hausman

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued):**

**Boynton:** You can e-mail any nominees to Ike for exec board and nominating committee.

**Harris-Hicks:** The by-laws say that if we get to the election point and some chapters don't get people elected each chapter has a right to bring someone to be on the nominating committee.

**Boynton:** Formal balloting will be at the January meeting and electronically.

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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARSHA HUNT**

Marsha was a busy actress at Paramount and MGM before she was unfairly blacklisted. Her life's journey led her to being an activist to aid refugees worldwide and aid those in the plight of abject poverty.

In 1955, she made a trip around the world that opened her eyes to extreme poverty in countries like Egypt and India. It affected her such that when she came home, she joined her local San Fernando Valley United Nations Assn. Chapter and, also, founded the Los Angeles Chapter.

Marsha gave over 25 years of service to UNA, locally and nationally as a board member. As you can see from the beautiful pictures displayed in this article, she could have easily rested on her talent and glamour but this was not enough for her.

In 1960 Marsha's efforts to gather famous stars including Paul Newman, Bing Crosby, Joanne Woodward, Harry Belafonte, David Niven and Jean Simmons for the TV documentary "A Call From the Stars" raised awareness for the plight of refugees that numbered 15 million still, 15 years after World War II. It aired locally on KCOP to benefit the U.S. Committee for Refugees and to raise \$\$ for the Committee. Marsha made sure America and the World would listen. The film has NOT been seen in 50 years.

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**PRESENTATION OF KEYNOTES**

(Biographies were handed out at the ceremony and will be posted on the Division webpage shortly. Due to space limitations, the bios are not included in the minutes)

**Honorees:**

**Inland Empire:**

**June O'Connor**

**Harry Hood**

**Orange County**

**Gerri McNenny**

**Pasadena/Foothills**

**Phlunte' Riddle**

**Pomona Valley**

**Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur**

**San Fernando Valley**

**Marsha Hunt**

**Lyn Harris-Hicks**

**San Diego**

**Karen Longstreth**

**Primo Vanicelli**

**Santa Barbara/Tri-County**

**Catherine Dishion**

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

**NEXT MTG:** Executive Committee SoCal UNA-USA Meeting, Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Flower Drum Restaurant, 4843 W. Century Blvd., Inglewood, CA, 90304 LAX. From Noon to 3:00 P.M. (Executive Committee members expected, chapter leaders welcome)

**Adjourned: 3:08 PM**

**—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—**