

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11
Division Executive Committee Meeting – Village Grill, 148 Yale, Claremont, CA
Saturday, October 15, 2011

MINUTES

APPROVED TO POST 11/05/11

Members Present:

Mel Boynton-----Division President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Diane Gonzales-----Division VP—Comm./Pres. Long Beach/South Bay Chapter
Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV Chapter Co-President
Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President—Resource Development
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor
Shirley Williams-----Division Webmaster
Joy Adams-----Orange County Chapter, member
Kathie Murley-----guest
Katie Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Chapter VP
John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President
Mwende May -----Treasurer—So. Calif. Regional Council of Organizations
Ginny Hatfield-----President—So. Cal. Reg. Council of Orgs/SFV Chapter Co-Pres.

LUNCH: 12:30 PM

CONDOLENCES for Reverend Richard Harris: 12:35 PM

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 1:30

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Boynton:* welcomed all. Our special executive committee meeting is being combined with Richard Harris’ Memorial. Carol [Harris] will be delighted to see so many of his friends here today.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: CLARA BARTON AWARD: *Boynton:* Clara Barton is the founder of the American Red Cross and the Clara Barton Honor Award is the highest national honor Red Cross can bestow on a volunteer leader for meritorious service. I am pleased to share that our own David Tuckman is the 2011 award winner. He has served as a Captain of a Disaster Action Team aiding families immediately after home and apartment fires and runs emergency shelters for families after Earthquakes, Wildfires and Floods. We are very proud of David [Passes copy of Clara Barton Award for board to peruse.]

SECRETARYS REPORT

Tuckman - presented a copy of the minutes from the June 26, 2011 Southern California Division (Region—11) General Meeting held at University of San Diego, Joan Croc Center for International Peace & Justice. Handed out latest updated Contact List for review, corrections and updates.

MOTION: 1st: Harris-Hicks. 2nd Adams: to approve the 6/26/11 Region—11 Board minutes, with minor typographical error corrections: **MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery - presented the Treasurer's Ledger of 1-29 to 10-15-2011. Page-1 Line-8 Principal Checking Account starting balance is \$777.37. Held funds are \$500.00 Column G. Page-1-2 show all deposits. Page-3 shows all checks written. P.4 shows all figures for the West Coast Global Forum. Page-5 shows our per capitas. Davanzo Funds earmark is \$2,234.27. Line-10 Wedbush mutual funds account is at \$8,238.46. Note funds held for Regional Council at \$3,365.73 from column G.

Boynton: Pasadena has communicated that they will to pay some of their arrears. We are working with San Diego, too. *Stanbery*: Whittier's treasurer has been instructed to give a check.

SCRCO SEEKS SEPARATE ACCOUNT

Stanbery: There's awkwardness on acting on Regional Council funds. SCRCO would open their own account and it would not jeopardize their 501(c)3 because we operate on the same National Clearance. If the [Division] Board has no objection they'll get a check from SCD [So. Cal. Division] for \$3,549.18, page-3 and the SCRCO will put in their own checking account so the regional council may report to national office in Washington, D.C. or New York from now on.

Boynton: I see no reason why they can't proceed now. *Hatfield*: SCRCO had their Board of Directors meeting and voted last week to do this. But, on 1/23 we will put this to our membership of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) and then set up an account

POTENTIAL FOR AN AUDIT

Boynton: when we operated on a bigger budget we called for audits in our budget. Our transparency is well monitored. But, if anyone wants to call for an audit before the SCRCO funds transfer please speak now and we are happy to do an audit and spend money for an auditor to work with Jim on the audit and we'll need to find someone to do an audit for a reasonable cost because the minimum is \$1,000 to hire an auditor. When you apply for grants, for example, we need a professional auditor.

Gonzalez: your [Stanbery's] ledgers are so straight forward it's all clear, wow!
Hatfield: Contact the Center for Non-Profit Status to suggest guidance. National expects audits each year of each Chapter and we just revised our bylaws on it.

Boynton: If National says audit and you have 100's in the account it means audit. But, if a chapter has \$5,000 it means a clean review—that is you're not going to spend \$1,000 to audit an account of \$5,000.

Hatfield: Page-2 of the San Fernando Valley Chapter By-laws says we do an audit and it is fee based.

Boynton: We'll table this and can ask Roger Nokes at [UNA-USA] National in New York.

Regarding the Global Forum Numbers we show \$3,270.47 but there is an additional

Simon: \$50 of the SCRCO. But we should be at \$3,494.30.

Stanbery: you see what I deposited.

Simon: then we'll look again and see what did not come in yet.

Mel: so it looks like we have \$250 still due in. We commend Barry (Simon) on a great Global Forum

YPIC REPORT: UNA-USA Young Professionals

Tuckman: We have done a lot of great projects throughout the year ranging from community service through Children's Hunger Fund, Emergency Food Wraps for impoverished families worldwide and have engaged young professionals along Southern California to attend national conferences on poverty, human rights, peace and security, and many other core UN topics through national conference call-ins so that Southern California can be well represented nationwide.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Boynton- We are warming up to the November 5th meeting. The meeting of the CCR is where Ardi and I will sit. Esther Gillis has resigned as regional rep and hopefully we will fill her seat really soon. Under the chapter handbook and the SOP's the 3rd representative is to be a young professional. David Tuckman sat in for YPIC and attended the May national meeting and David accepted nomination and in open process other young professionals will be open to run for office for the regional seat.

Liuba (Gretchen's) last day as a national UNA-USA employee was the end of September. Now she will study at NYU. Roger Nokes holds institutional history and Tanisha Dyll will move to national headquarters in Washington D.C. As a program of the UN foundation we will be ½ mile from the US Capital and the International Monetary Fund and the United States Institute for Peace is down the street.

Many of you felt some frustration with communication with Patrick Madden (UNA-USA National Director). You need to know that there are 120+ chapters and only one Patrick Madden going all over the country with one laptop computer and a lot on his plate. So, I apologize on his behalf for a less timely response and will work to improve that. The point being, if you are trying to communicate with the national office please CC Roger Nokes and Tanisha Dyll so that way if it needs to be delegated you will get a more timely response and Roger can help get it going i.e membership brochures or social media. Patrick is our senior officer of UNA-USA and a very busy guy. His first priority is staffing, advocacy, and getting a stable organizational function, then membership and smooth sailing transversing the UNF and financial stability.

I encourage you all as responsible leaders personal calls are really hard with time zones and his complicated travel schedule, so go to email. Roger is the Council of Chapters and Regions staff support doing Council of (non-profit) Organizations (COO) stuff. Mwende May (former president of the SCRCO—Southern California Regional Council of Organizations) forwarded me any message not responded to from SCRCO.

Membership brochures can now be customized for each chapter and printed with 150 words for you at no cost.

National CCR meeting November 9-10 Steering Committee Meeting. We will elect on November 5th, to replace Esther Gillies. If no other nominees come forward we will vote by acclamation to elect David Tuckman.

J. Adams— When we try to get UNA brochures I was directed to Sharvina who did not get back to me and then I called Tanisha who helped our chapter several times but could not get the Girl Up brochures for our UNA-USA film festival.

Boynton— We are Region 11, Southern California and Las Vegas and the Southern California Division.

VICE-PRESIDENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Simon— Thank you all who attended the West Coast Global Forum. It was excellent. We passed out the book titled California Women Making A Difference. The LA Sparks was a sponsor. The Global Citizen Award went to the foundation for women- Deborah Lindholm and Kay Buck Executive Director of Cast (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking). Among many other outstanding award winners. At the Global Forum, a Los Angeles City Resolution/certificate of appreciation honors the UNA-USA in our recognition of women's organizations making a difference of health, education, and human rights, women and children both locally and globally. It was signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and President Pro Tem Jan Perry and Eric Garcetti, President of the LA City Council. *Nothing but Nets* can attract a whole new generation of members.

Boynton at the November 5th annual meeting Gill Garcetti will be the guest speaker.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATION

Gonzalez— In our transition to UNF, chapters don't know what UNF will give us and how we will get to know them. Members need to know. We don't have email addresses for everyone, so we will work on it. Bravo Shirley Williams for an excellent website.

Boynton— Judith Harris had hand surgery and can't be here today. We wish her well. Nominations are in process.

Beynon – Bylaws suggested changes are:

President— Mel Boynton

Secretary— David Tuckman

Vice President Communications— Diane Gonzalez

VP Membership— Mary McKenzie

VP Chapter Development—

2 Chapter Representatives— Ike K./Brian Bise or John Baynon

3 Nominating Committee Members— Regional Representatives David Tuckman

BYLAWS

Beynon— We rewrote the mission per the Chapter Handbook. The mission is flexible and we chose the handbook version.

Mwende May— The Chair position of the SCRCO will be changed to President because of our status of our chapter by UNA-USA.

Boynton— We will reflect this on our website.

Stanbery— To avoid other complications, we will call them an affiliate and not Chapter. Because the SCRCO Council Members are a few but they represent thousands in each of the NGO's and their members of each NGO are not also members of UNA-USA. It's their NGO's representative who is on the Regional Council.

Beynon— Discussions of quorum changed to 25% of the Executive Board and 3 members of the board for quorum. In terms of fees for membership, Mel (Boynton) suggested \$1.50. Jim (Stanbery) says \$2.50 as we won't get funds from National anymore.

Boynton— Given the larger dues share, it's actually a lower fee by the division to each chapter. No one loses with this equation.

Boynton— We commend Jim on an amazing job. He and his committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary

NEXT MTG: Annual Meeting, November 5th, Women's City Club, Pasadena, CA

—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—