

United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)
Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11 (So. California/Las Vegas)
Division General Meeting
il Fornaio Restaurant, 24 W. Union St., Pasadena 91103.
Saturday, June 23, 2012

MINUTES

APPROVED TO POST: (on 11/3/12 at Division Annual Mtg.)

Members Present:

Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV-ChapterCo-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor/SFV Chap. Board Officer
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter Co-President
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Chris Fennessy-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Barbara Tebyani-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President
Alison Marcus-----San Fernando Valley Chapter Young Professionals member
Rene Wilson-----So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations
Karen Longstreth-----San Diego Chapter Treasurer
Dorothy Boberg-----SFV Chapter Board Member
Julia Long-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Secretary
Joan Collins-----Pacific-LA Chapter Past-President/Board Member
Sonia Amin-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Board Member
Judith Harris-----Division Vice-President
Toby Osos-----SCRCO/YWCA Representative Hawaii/Nevada/CA
Amberly Middleton-----San Diego Chapter Board Member
Alyssa Nunez-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Tommy Hatfield-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President Resource Development

Members w/Excused Absence:

Diane Gonzales-----Division VP—Comm./Pres. Long Beach/South Bay Chapter
Mel Boynton-----Division President/Region-11 Representative/CCR Steering Committee VP
Dr. Margaret Soderberg-----Division Global Health Chair
Sondra Zeigler-----WESTMUN Executive Board Officer
Ginny Hatfield-----President—So. Calif. Regional Council of Organizations/SFV Chap. Co-Pres.

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: Noon AM

LUNCH: Noon AM

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Judith Harris*—as Chair (in Mel Boynton’s absence): conveyed welcome and greetings to all and gave brief welcoming report.

SECRETARYS REPORT: *Tuckman* – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our June general meeting in beautiful Pasadena. Right now we are passing around copies of the Regional Minutes from the Region-11 Mtg. held in Washington, D.C.

MOTION: 1st: Chris Fennessy. 2nd Jon Charles: to approve Regional Board Minutes.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

SECRETARYS REPORT (Continued):

Division Executive Board Minutes of 5/19/12 passed around and reviewed. Division Contact Sheet passed around for opportunity to make corrections and updates. Tuckman reminded everyone to please be careful to return the contact sheet and sign-in sheet because in the past the sheets were taken home by members/guests by accident.

MOTION: 1st: Jim Stanbery. 2nd Rene Wilson: to approve the Southern California Division Executive Board Minutes of 5/19/12.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

Division Executive Board Minutes passed out for review and approval.

MOTION: 1st: John Beynon. 2nd Jim Stanbery: to approve the Southern California Division General Meeting Minutes of 3/24/12.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery – [Presented Treasurer’s Ledger from 1-28-12 through 6-23-12]: If you look at page-1 you will see the balances as 1-28-12 including principal checking account; Wedbush cash account; Wedbush mutual funds account and the effective total, all accounts of \$14, 304.22. Page-2 shows the various expenses and previously authorized transfer of funds we held for the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations who now have opened their own bank account. We handed the check to Ginny [Hatfield], the Regional Council President, in the amount of \$3,236.64. Please see page-2 for all checks written though the year. Please refer to page-4 for Chapter Per Capitas Assessments. Whittier and Pasadena paid so for Pacific-Los Angeles has concerns how per capita and handled under the new by-laws agreement. Lyn Hicks will hold a mtg. at her house on it.

MOTION: 1st: Rene Wilson. 2nd Barry Simon: that the Division Finance Committee hold a formal meeting at the home of Lyn Harris Hicks in San Clemente, CA.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

Page-2 is the balance on the health conference [Global Health Initiative] additional income items pending on it. Diane [Gonzales] will see to the rectification on them. Once complete the health conference will break even.

TREASUERS REPORT (Continued)

Wilson: the finance committee mtg. will be in July to discuss general finance concerns 1) Concerns about new per capitas structure. 2) Structure of our financial relationship with National. 3) How to secure a free audit. A complete audit of the Division books was done by Coastline at no cost by the CPA. We have not had an audit in 10 years and need to do it. The Finance Committee = Division President, VP-Resource Development, Treasurer.

Harris-Hicks: Jim [Stanbery] asked each Chapter President to designator a member to the Division Finance Committee.

Stanbery: two exec board mugs ago we had a motion about the 20 yrs ago malfeasance by then Division treasurer. A complete a

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS:

Diane Gonzales: **REPORT** by **Alternate:**

Harris-Hicks: for the last 4 months were struggling for advocacy action or uranium armaments. Dorothy Boberg—a past Division Vice-President drafted a letter of the SFV Chapter Board on the issue. We have to make this in our democratic process for action by individual members, chapters and Division. **Boberg:** Boberg passed out sample text for a proposed letter to Secretary of State Clinton & President Obama. “You can send it as is or change it.” Boberg reads the letter. The web-site listed shows deformed babies by US uranium tipped bombs.

J. Harris: Diane could not be here today and this would have been her report.

VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAM:

J. Harris: **NO REPORT**

VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mary McKenzie: **NO REPORT**

VICE-PRESIDENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Simon: REPORT Barry Simon invited feedback on upcoming Global Forum.”I’m fine with the UNAS-UNF Presents Global forum 5th Annual on Thur. 9/27 Noon-2:30pm. Titled “7-Billion and Counting—Creating a World That Works.” UNA-USA National Director Patrick Madden will be there as keynote. The Global Citizen Award will be presented to:

1). Dr. Hanika who builds clinics and schools in Africa and is a life member of the Pasadena Chapter. 2). Soraya Fellah of SFV Chapter a former Iran prisoner for her human rights work. 3) Calvert Investment for responsible investments helping humanity.

VP RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Continued):

Chapter presidents will get invitations in the next week. All chapter ad sales of \$1,000 or more will get 20% of it back as a commission. \$100 sponsor level = ad in program book and one admission to the event. The post-reception is at the California Endowment w/Chapter Leaders.

REGIONAL REPS REPORTS:

Tuckman: Discussed the changes in the YPIC Documents as the Young Professionals program became UNA-YP and described the document changes. Announced he will be the Young Professionals Taskforce Chairs on the Council of Chapters & Regions Steering Committee and is looking forward to working with Chris and other YP Region Reps on Young Professional issues and other issues on the CCR.

Fennessy: urged members to create Facebook pages for better communication. Wants to strengthen communication between chapters.

Boynnton: He is on vacation with his family and traveling across the country by our highway system but will be communicating by phone as needed.

CHAPTER/SCRCO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Rene Wilson: The national UNA newsletter no longer comes in the mail. But through our UNA-USA website so your connection to the UN is through the Interdependent Magazine. Each chapter should have available the ID for its members. The local council of organizations—if you don’t have one then start one up now. [Wilson hands out the list of SCRCO members and a pamphlet on how to start one.]

Toby Osos: I am the representative of the YWCA and I represent Hawaii, Nevada, and California. You will hear more from me in the days to come.

PACIFIC-LA: *Tebyani:* We are having a network event on 7/22/12 with the Women's Club of Hollywood to work together in alliance. 9/21/12 is the International Day of Peace. We will ring the peace bell in downtown LA and get the city council and the mayor to come. 12/8/12 is Human Rights Day. We are giving out the Human Rights Awards. We are showing a film called Education Under Fire.

WHITTIER: *Beynon:* 8/26 is Annual Garden Party Roundtable on the UN & Human Rights. 7/28 is a speaker on Chapters who went to the Rio+20 Conference on the Environment. We are going to mobilize action in Whittier on the MDGs.

INLAND EMPIRE: *Ike Khmesani-*We're starting a social Media Campaign promoting World Refugee Day, which is today. 9/21 is Intl. Day of Peace. We're collaborating with the City of Riverside to ring the Peace Bell. For UN Day we're holding a large conference in collaboration with UC Riverside and inviting world leaders.

SAN DIEGO: *Amber Milter:* We had 8 members attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women at the UN. We had an event for World Health Day. We offer a scholarship for young people in Model United Nations (MUN). We co-hosted World Refugee Day with the City of San Diego.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: *Harris-Hicks:* several of us learned that the UN General Assembly passed a resolution on 2012 as the year for Sustainable Energy for All. So we're for making the advocacy effort pushing for transition on our US funding to sustainability. We discussed it at our Division meeting when held at Northridge. The action of business pro-nuclear power is not sustainable and we're going to make it clear.

PASADENA: *Fennessy:* We held a Model UN event at PCC with 9 schools, 300 students. 7/17 at Cal Tech there will be a discussion w/Dr. Gray & Hayley who are leaders on sustainability. In August our Coffee Talk will be with Jane Roberts of 34 Million Friends & a concert for charity.

REPORTS FROM WASHIGTON, D.C.

Fennessy: In the role as CCR Representative & as a Chapter Co-President this is my first National Mtg. I had the ability to meet a lot of people with the same goals. So. Cal. Is really the leaders others look up to on how to be a good chapter and region. We have a lot of new national resources including the new national web page and Interdependent [Magazine] webpage which are amazing. There's a section w/logos and chapter bylaws templates. We met 1-on-1 with DC staff on Congress. National staff are really stepping it up.. I took the lead with the Boxer/Feinstein meetings.

Tebyani: We're already using the links on the national web page for chapters i.e. securing grants. On Monday we went to the US Department of State and covered countering UN myths. Had lunch at State Department and toured the State Dept. Museum. Iowa Division gave a presentation on the Shot at Life Campaign. We met Senator Diane Feinstein for morning breakfast. She's working hard for all were focusing on, peacekeeping efforts which are less expensive than fighting a war.

Tuckman: Passed out the National Network Participation Trends & Metrics to the chapter presidents or Chapter representatives. From February to April 2012 93 Chapters submitted annual reports to UNA-USA National. The responses illuminate important trends in national ability band participation. Please take a moment to compare your chapter's answers to national norms, in addition to considering the important of these indicators for the future sustainability of all UNA-USA Chapters. David pointed out some important facts that were brought up in Washington, D.C. such as that New York is the 4th largest employer where for every dollar NY puts into the UN they get back \$1.60, a stat he pointed out a policy adviser for Congressman Howard Berman among other stats for the benefit of the US support of the UN including how UN Peacekeeping operations are a huge cost benefit versus a US operation.

Beynon: For every US dollar to the UN the UN spends \$1.60 in the U.S/ It's 8 times cheaper to do peacekeeping that the U.S. Military. Tim Wirth spoke on our Strategic Alliance and Rio+20. The government is dragging its' feet on Agenda 21 said Tim. I'd like Tim worth to come out to Los Angeles & speak said Beynon.

Khamesani: I was sick on the flight to the hotel in Washington and went from hospital to the hotel. Day 1 I had food poisoning. The convention looked very impressive, more like a UN session. There was more emphasis on chapter building and advocacy.

WESTMUN REPORT: MODEL UN: [Sondra Zeigler could not be present. Tuckman reports for Zeigler.]: **Tuckman:** Westmun XX income is \$16,905. Our costs were \$13, 487.40. Several colleges/universities attended and we had an amazing conference. The day after our conference ended we began planning for the next year. We need Division financial support for the 2013 conference.

J. Harris: Thank you to all for contributing at [Washington,] D.C. Each of you had a totally different experience, even Ike, who had a short time. Your descriptions show that it looks more like a UNA[-USA] meeting than a UNF meeting and it's very reassuring because of all the anxiety that we're being swallowed up.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary