

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11  
Division General Meeting – Mandarin King Restaurant—Northridge, CA  
Saturday, March 24, 2012

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**MINUTES**

**APPROVED TO POST: 06-23-2012**

**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  
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor  
Carl Mariz-----Division Past President/Senior Policy Advisor  
John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President  
Valerie Beynon-----Whittier Chapter  
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President  
Chris Fennessy-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President/Regional Rep.-CCR  
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter President  
Ardishir Rashidi-----National Council of Chapters & Regions, (CCR), Representative  
Barbara Tebyani-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President  
Fahriye Mahrenholz-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President  
Rene Wilson-----So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations/former National Board Member  
Joy Adams-----Orange County Chapter officer  
Ginny Hatfield-----SCRCO officer/SFV Chapter Co-President  
Soraya Fallah-----SFV Chapter Program Vice-President  
Karin Mak-----Keynote Speaker/director of “Red Dust”  
Kyoka McKehney-----guest  
Dr. Margaret Soderberg-----Chair—Global Health Initiative/Division Global Health Committee Chair  
Dr. Barbara Pampalone-----SFV Chapter Secretary  
Dorothy Boberg-----SFV Chapter Board Member  
Joan Sweetwood-----guest  
Irving Sherman-----SFV Chapter member  
Katie Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Chapter President  
Elaine Trogman-----SFV Chapter Director of Communications  
Marilyn Stout-----SFV Chapter Co-Treasurer  
Tom Stout-----SFV Chapter Co-Treasurer  
Rashmi Dhura-----guest

**Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:00 AM**

**LUNCH: 11:30 AM**

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:** *Boynton*: conveyed welcome and greetings to all.

**SECRETARYS REPORT:** *Tuckman* – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our March general meeting in my chapter hometown of beautiful Northridge, California. Right now we are passing around copies of the minutes from the last Executive Board mtg. of the Southern California Division (Region—11) and the General Board meeting minutes approved on 1/28Annual.The next sheet to be passed around is the revised division/region contact list. Please take a look and verify that your contact info and that of your fellow officers in the division/region and chapter president information is accurate and return the sheets to me at the end of the meeting.

## SECRETARYS REPORT (Continued):

**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Stanbury. 2<sup>nd</sup> Boynton:** to approve the Southern California Division/Region—11 Board Minutes.

**MOTION PASSES—unanimously**

*Stanbury:* David is a thorough job on the Division Contact list better than ever before. *Boynton:* David Tuckman did a stellar job as Secretary & I commend him.

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## TREASURERS REPORT

*Stanbery* – [Presented Treasurer’s Ledger from 1-28-12 through 3-24-12]: If you look at page1 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 are handing the check to Ginny [Hatfield], the Regional Council President, in the amount of \$3,236.64. Please refer to page-3 for Chapter Per Capitas Assesements. No entries yet for 2012 until National sends the membership accounting as membership units because National lists husbands and wives seperatly.

*Boynton*—We have a question on standard numbers because the units differ from member units for couples. We are trying to get member numbers because it’s a matter of numbers more consistent to your membership.

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## PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

*Boynton:* Chapters please add events to the Division Calendar and go to events of sister chapters. We had a wonderful Women of The World Awards event in Pasadena. 4/21 is the Global Health Initiative 9am-3pm at LA County-USC Medical Center with a terrific lineup of speakers and online registration. Pacific-LA is doing a great job co-chairing it with Margaret Soderberg, M.D. \$25 special student rate. \$50 general admission and \$40 for members. June 10-12, 2012 is the UNA-USA National Mtg. in Washington, D.C. It’s key for networking , advocacy and we will meet our Congressional representatives/staff on our Day on Capitol Hill. There are discount hotel rates thru May 15 so get your travel plans in place now. 11/25 is the Division Annual Mtg. We nee a host chapter and flexibility to RSVP. I believe Pacific LA will host. June 23 is our Gen. Mtg. Debrief from the National Mtg. and it will be 10am-2pm. Host: TBA. Sept. 15 San Diego will host our Mtg.at Joan Croc Ctr. We have an election today. Santa Barbara Chapter has 200 Facebook Friends—great social Media. We’re in a good place. Pasadena, LA, SFV have web pages.

**VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Gonzales:* NO REPORT

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**VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAM:**

*J. Harris:* NO REPORT

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**VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

*Boynnton:* Mary McKenzie is undergoing knee surgery and cannot be with out today but sends her regards. I will read her written report to you: “I’d like to propose a member survey e-mail on member interests, skills and professions to better reach out to them and find member strengths and desire to volunteer with the chapter.

**HAND VOTE:** to support the survey. **Majority: Yes. VOTE PASSES:**

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**VICE-PRESIDENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

*Simon:* NO REPORT [at a mandatory work event but he sends his regards.]

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

**Hatfield:** We are a conglomerate of many national non-profit organizations to support the humanitarian work of the United Nations. The board uses teleconference each month for council business and will sponsor four programic meetings per year co-sponsored by our 2-dozen NGO member organizations as co-sponsors. I spent an hour to explain Better World Fund (BWF), United Nations Foundation (UNF) and United Nations association of the USA (UNA-USA) and So. California Regional Council of Organizations (SCRCO) to get our separate account and U.S. Bank needed all these documents. Now we have 3 co-signers on our account and now we have a bank account with money in it. We will archive the records of SCRCO that go back to 1994 with our founding by Rene Wilson. We need to get the Calls To Action and Chapter Updates and to join in National Conference Calls.

**R. Wilson:** There’s a national UNA-USA committee directed to establish local Councils of Organizations at the chapter and division level. SCRCO is at the Division level. The Orange County Chapter is working on creating one at the chapter level. There is a manual developed for the purpose and it’s beneficial. [Wilson passes out a flyer on the process.]

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## GLOBAL HEALTH CHAIR'S REPORT:

**Soderberg:** on 4/21 is the Global Health Initiative Forum. We are all working diligently on it and it will be held at LAC-USC Medical Ctr. 10am-3pm. . The title is *Preventing the March of the Global Burden of Disease*. Experts on AIDS/HIV, Asthma, Obesity and Maternal Health will lecture. Lyn Scott Chief of LAC-USC is a key speaker.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS: WESTMUN REPORT

**Sondra Zeigler:** [Ziegler could not attend as she is in preparation for the upcoming WESTMUN conference. Representing WESTMUN :] **David Tuckman:** the twentieth annual Western Collegiate Model United Nations will be held March 29-31, 2011 at Santa Barbara City College. We are excited about celebrating our twentieth anniversary this year and we invite you to celebrate with us. For the last twenty years WestMUN has been dedicated to preparing students to be delegates and providing them with a forum to debate current international issues. This year our conference will feature six committees, two of which are unique to this year. We are pleased to announce that for the first time in WestMUN's history, we will be featuring the Historic Security Council set in 1991 and the UN Human Rights Council to celebrate both the twentieth anniversary of WestMUN and of the change in the World Order that came with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Additionally, we will be hosting four of the key committees typical to the Model: the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council, the World Health Organization and the International Criminal Court. But, WestMUN this year is also about career opportunities. We will be holding a career fair that will host representatives from various NGO's and governmental agencies to introduce our delegates to possible careers in international relations and public policy and we are asking that all UNA-USA YPIC groups (UNA-Young Professionals) attend with a YPIC booth and UNA-USA Booth. We are also asking for the Division officers to attend. We request Division financial support for future conferences. As you know each year our conferences barely break even and with increasing costs each year Division support is critical for our success.

**Boynton:** We will address WESTMUN at the next meeting.

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## CHAPTER REPORTS

**PASADENA CHAPTER: Fennessy:** We are continuing our Coffee Talks. Our Model UN 300 local high school students of 10 schools. We will hold a Caltech event on Energy in June.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER: CONGRESSIONAL VISITS: Tuckman:** I recently met with Congressman Brad Sherman and she reaffirmed his support of the UN and US providing full support in paying our dues to the UN/UN System. **Hatfield:** Recently met Congressman Howard Berman in Town Hall. Berman is Pro UNESCO with some compromise with Republicans. **CHAPTER PROGRAMS: Tuckman:** Our Chapter is also holding a Seminar for longtime activist on the UN Erwin Safron. We are participating in an event with Amnesty International in June regarding "Mourning Mothers.

**POMONA VALLEY CHAPTER:** April, Model UN will speak before the Chapter. Very active in letter writing to local newspapers which get published. May, speaker on UN Women's Issues.

**WHITTIER CHAPTER: J. Beynon:** we are participating in the LA County Science Fair for high schools. We are looking for hands on science materials and we have documents, banners and flags to bring. 4/21 event: The Rights of Planet Earth event 9am-12:30 pm. Two members are going to the Rio Conference on the environment, Judith and George Prather—as NGO Representatives of Rotary International and UNA-USA.

**PACIFIC LOS ANGELES CHAPTER: Tebyani:** 4/21 Global Health Initiative, we are co-sponsors with Division. We have a table and pamphlets and will talk on the MDGs. We are showing a film on Iran Bhai Youth cant go to university so they are learning curriculum in the homes of their teachers. Our Annual Human Rights day is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

ELECTION PACKETS HANDED OUTR TO DIVISION VOTING MEMBERS.

**Boynton:** our current Regional Reps are myself, Ardi [Rashidi-Kalhur] and Chris Fennessy. Per page 3 of the memo of the UNA-UAA National Nominating Committee our region gets 3 representatives and 1 is age 20-40 will be a young professional. It's an allocated seat.

There are 8 candidates for common election:

1. Mel Boynton
2. Mary McKenzie
3. Barry Simon
4. Ike Khemesani
5. David Tuckman
6. Chris Fennessy
7. Barbara Tebyani
8. Ardi Rashidi-Kalhur

**Boynton:** Today the Division gets a vote. Director Madden says the Division gets 3 votes. We'll poll the voting members of the board. The Division members not here will be tabulated electronically. We have 21 Division voting members. You can't vote for the same person more than once. Circle 3 names. **Fennessy:** Should each chapter vote for one Young Professional? **Stanbury:** The highest vote for a young professional is elected. **Boynton:** Yes, we expect each chapter to vote for at least one young professional but they can vote for two.

**Harris-Hicks:** There are still several problems not resolved. I've been in touch with National, with Monica Johnson. There is supposed to be 30-days to know who the candidates are. The ones here today only have an opportunity to hear from a few. Mel [Boynton], you told me there would be a poll vote, not a vote.

**Stanbery:** Mel [Boynton] said if you are here today and did not hear enough of the candidates you can be polled electronically and have until April.

**Boynton:** There is no 30-day campaign period. Voting begins April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CANDIDATES PRESENT THEIR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS.** (For absent candidates a presenter presents their statement for them.)

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: “RED DUST”** film presentation by Director/Producer Karin Mak. Mak’s documentary is on Cadmium Poisoning. It’s as poisonous as lead. While manufacturing batteries workers were exposed. Red Dust is a documentary on China’s current social problems. Ginny Hatfield introduced Mak. *Hatfield:* Domestically we got cadmium banned. Karen did it internationally.

**SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Tribute to Dorothy Kurth Boberg in honor of International Women’s day. Presentation Tribute by David Tuckman/Ginny Hatfield:** We are proud to recognize Dorothy Boberg for her longstanding work for Peace, Justice and humanitarian service and advocacy through UNA-USA. As a leader she had held practically every chapter office including service as Division Vice-President. In a 2010 anniversary celebration of the Southern California Physicians for Social Responsibility Dorothy was acknowledged as the original California nuclear researcher. Her 1975 study, “Nuclear Facilities and Radiation Monitoring in California,” was a pioneering document that warned of the hazards to environment, health and safety---since---globally experienced. She discovered recorded facts about the partial meltdown of the Santa Susanna nuclear reactor, and the plutonium in the soil outside the nuclear fuel fabrication building. Boberg’s fascination with interdisciplinary science began in the curriculum she was allowed to design for her studies that led her to Phi Beta Kappa graduation from the University of Nebraska in three and a half years. Boberg’s concerns with social, economic governance evoked a lifetime of advocacy for humanitarian and sustainable community environments. Her first service was as official librarian for the Nebraska Legislative Council. Vocations of teacher, county social worker, wife, quickly took Boberg into community organizations. As president, she conducted the 700 member San Fernando Valley Branch of American Association of University Women, 1966-1967, was president of Northridge Civic Association and of the United Nations Association of the San Fernando Valley, then served as the Executive Vice President of the Southern California United Nations Association’s 15 Chapters. Responding to birth of solar photovoltaics, Boberg produced for UNA, the world’s first *International Sun Day*, in the Los Angeles Trade Center. Diplomats from many countries, and sun energy technology industrialists presented their achievements and Dorothy publicized the United Nations Environment Program. She directed the Great Decisions Program of the Foreign Policy Association through UNA for several years (5000 participants). Through these achievements Boberg was in demand as speaker on her broad areas of expertise. In support of the UN, she talked in schools and organization meetings, promoting democratic government in a secure peaceful world through international cooperation and respect for international law. A longstanding member of Alliance for Democracy, Boberg participated in campaign finance reform, was named to the national Alliance Board in 2004, and has promoted clean money campaign and election voting reform initiatives. Boberg’s manuscript on community planning is yet unpublished, but her visionary perceptions about evolution are making history in science philosophy.

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