

United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)
Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11 (So. California/Las Vegas)
Division General Meeting
Mediterranean Grill, Valley Village, CA
Saturday, January 26, 2013

MINUTES **APPROVED TO POST: (on xx/xx/13)** **DRAFT** **LAST REVISION: 02/22/13**

Members Present:

Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV-ChapterCo-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Carl Mariz-----Division Advocacy Chair, Orange County Chapter
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor/SFV Chap. Board Officer
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter Co-President
Diana Percival-----Pasadena Chapter, Young Professional
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Virginia Bernal-----Orange County Chapter
Mel Boynton-----Division President, UNA CCR National Steering Committee Vice-Chair
Chris Fennessy-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Barbara Tebyani (?)-----Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter Co-President
Marsha Marcus-----SFV Chapter, Chapter Secretary-elect
Dorothy Boberg-----SFV Chapter Board Member, Chapter Corresponding Secretary-elect
Soraya Fellah-----SFV Chapter VP-Program, Chapter Co-President-elect
Elaine Trogman-----SFV Chapter Director—Communications
Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President Resource Development
Art Sutton-----Pomona Valley Chapter President
Margaret L. Soderberg, M.D.---Division Global Health Chair, Pasadena Chapter
John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President
Valerie Beynon-----Whittier Chapter
Jim Mills-----Whittier Chapter
Ginny Hatfield-----SFV Chapter Co-Pres., So-Cal Regional Council of Org. President
Tom Stout-----SFV Chapter Treasurer
Diane Gonzales-----Division VP Communications/ Long Beach South Bay Chap. President
Laura Giroux-----National Director of Membership & Keynote Speaker

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:30 AM

LUNCH: Noon AM

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Mel Boynton:* “Greetings to everyone. We have had an extraordinary year with your amazing leadership and advocacy... We are excited to have our National Membership Director, Laura Giroux as our speaker today...”

SECRETARYS REPORT: *Tuckman* – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our January general meeting in beautiful Valley Village sponsored by my home chapter SFV. We are now going to approve the division annual meeting minutes for the meeting held at the Women’s City Club of Pasadena, of Saturday November 3, 2012.

MOTION: 1st: Dorothy Boberg. 2nd Jon Beynon: to approve Division Annual Mtg Minutes.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

SECRETARYS REPORT (Continued):

Division Annual Meeting Minutes were passed around and reviewed and approved. Division Executive Board Minutes of 12/01/12 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 Mel Boynton: to approve the Southern California Division Executive Board Minutes of 12/01/12.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery – [Presented year-end financial statement for 2012] Covered page 1 detailing investment accounts, Wedbush, Regional Council, and checking account year-end balance of \$3,445. Page 3-4, discussed all income items and transactions covered annual meeting registration fees, the Global Health Conference and West Coast Global Health Forum. Page 4 breaks down the expenses for each officer in the division. Page 5&6 shows the proposed budget of 2013. Line 13, Pg. 5 shows (A) a complete picture (B) 2012 Budget (C) 2012 Actuals, i.e. what we actually spent (D) Proposed Budget for 2013.

Pg. 6 shows action categories by 4 vice-presidents. L. 16-18 Pg. 5 (D) shows an income of 10,100 expenditures of 11,400 and a goal to lose \$1,300 (the audience laughs). Page 5, 3,445 in checking. Pg. 7 shows the chapter per capita payments data. For further information on per capita, please see the year - end financial statement.

MOTION: 1st.Diane Gonzales. 2nd Barry Simon: to approve the budget for 2013

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

Boynton: there is more money to chapters because chapters now get a larger dues share after the merger even with chapter per capita to the Division.

Boberg: What is the policy to send people to the national meetings?

Stanbery: Line-35 pg. 5 of the proposed budget shows national travel funds of \$1,000 for national ravel expenses.

Boynton: \$500 of the \$1,000 is earmarked to young professionals.

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.

Boberg: What is the policy to send people to national meetings.

Stanbery: If you look at Line-23 of Page-5 you will see “National Travel” of \$1,000 for national travel expenses.

Boynton: \$500 of the \$1,000 is earmarked to Young Professionals by line-30 page-5.

MOTION—to approve the budget.

PASSED—Unanimously.

Boynton: We are getting transparency on the budget. If you have any questions please ask your regional reps.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: *Khamesani:*

The following have been nominated for Division office:

Treasurer—Jim Stanbery
VP-Program—Judith Harris
VP-Resource Development—Barry Simon
Chapter Rep.-1—Ike Khamsani
Chapter Rep.2—John Beynon

For nominating committee we need to elect 3:

Ike Khamisani
John Beynon
Judith Harris
Bettina Hausmann (nominted from the floor)

Simon: can we allow for 4 spots?

Fennessy [Parliamiterian] 3 are by election, 2 are from the board so we can only elect 3.

Harris-Hicks: Is there a provision if a chapter has o rep to the nominating committee that they can have one appointed.

Boynton: That is right.

VOICE VOTE: for uncontested offices for chapter reps and officers nominated.

PASSES—unanimously

Boynon: We can elect 3 candidates per bylaws so I can see whose not elected today will be appointed by the board later.

Fennessy: I move as parliamentarian that we do a ballot vote.

MOTION: for a paper ballot vote: 1st Fennessy; 2nd Charles.

Gonzales: I recommend to withdraw.

Khmesani: I withdraw.

Fennessy: I rescind my motion.

Boynon: I call for a voice vote.

Tebyani: I prefer a secret ballot.

Boynon: Unless there is no opposition to the officers unless a member calls for a secret ballot.

Tebyani: I do call for a secret ballot.

(Secret Ballots are passed out): candidates are: Boynon; J. Harris; Hausmann.

MOTION: (to approve the 12/1/12 meeting minutes): 1st Tuckman 2nd Simon.

APPROVED: unanimously.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Tuckman: [Recapped the Structure of the UNA-USA Young Professionals under the Affinity Group Network and offered to answer any additional questions on Mission, Structure and Purpose of UNA-USA-YP and 2013 implementation strategy of UNA-USA-YP including plans to do at least 1 targeted initiative in tandem with the annual meeting in Washington, D.C., to plan YP sessions for the National Mtg. in Washington, D.C. and excitement at attending the New York mtg. of the CCR-SC with fellow YP Regional Reps. Attending.]

Tuckman: I requested that \$150 be allocated from the YP Travel Grants for both So. Cal. YP Regional Reps to help defray the costs of attending the National CCR-Steering Committee Mtg. in New York.

Fennessy: This is my first trip to New York for the UNA [-USA] and I'm very excited for GenUN [pGeneration UN Program of UNA-USA].

Boynton: The funds have already been approved for YP Travel so a motion to approve is not necessary. Jim [Stanbery, Division Treasurer] will write the checks out today. I am extremely proud of our Region and Southern California has a majority of Yong Professionals.

NOMINATING RESULTS

20 Votes were cast.

19 for Beynon, J. Harris, Hausmann.

1 vote for Khamesani [Khamesani withdrew prior to voting.]

Boynton: Chris [Fennessy], you are an excellent parliamentarian and on the National SC with Roberts Rules of Order/By-laws as a great resource to help with our bylaws. Chris' telephone number is [for privacy, Fennessy's personal cell number is being withheld from the minutes as they will be posted publically on-line.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Beynon [chair]: we amend the bylaws to reflect old UNA to new UNA and after 1-year to look at it to see what needs amending. April 30 is the deadline for reception of the first suggestions. May 30 is the deadline for receipt of the 2nd suggestions.

Simon: Is there a uniform bylaws template from National. **Boynton:** Yes, but there is room for different sizes. **Giroux:** There needs to be a call for term limits and for quorum to be defined.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE: Mariz [chair]: The Division will have no separate advocacy than the input from chapters in the Division and keep it in concert with what National is doing. **Giroux:** I'll compile the chapter advocacy survey results of So. Cal. So you'll have all the results. **Boynton:** Carl will send advocacy info to your chapter advocacy leads and chapter presidents can request a CC to them as well.

GLOBAL HEALTH COMMITTEE: M. Soderberg, M.D. [chair]: We have had 3 Global Health Initiative Conferences, covering the Global Burden of Disease. I've looked at the medical Journals worldwide, *LANCET 2010* by Britain, *UNN Tokyo*, Johns Hopkins University on the Global Burden of Disease. The Johns Hopkins Study published 12/2012 began in 2010 and took this long to be published. It shows 52 million deaths in 2010 as great progress in population health, burdens of HIV/Malaria are falling as substantial progress through program on heart disease and cancer. On the Universal Health Coverage Predictions we set our GHI [Global Health Initiative] Conference on the Millennium development goals (MDGs).

Boynton: Outstanding! A First Class conference. Thank you Margaret Soderberg, M.D. and her entire Global Health [Initiative] Committee—an excellent conference.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
[NON-PROFIT] ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO)/[NATIONAL]
COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (COO):**

Hatfield [SCRCO Chair]: I have been asked to join the COO subcommittee to form local councils of organization with local UNA-USA Chapters. The COO is a coalition of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) with interest in health, women's issues, human rights and strengthening the US/UN relationship. We have a goal to educate our respective members. For ex., I'm a representative of the AAUW (American Association of University women), and others are religious organizations, service societies such as Rotary Foundation (active in combatting Polio thru Polio Plus) to collaborate and mobilize advocating for UN policies. The United Nations has not signed on to CEDAW (Convention to End Discrimination Against Women) so we in the COO have pushed the UN toward it. Orange County is in formation to develop their area council. San Diego is working on it. I have a letter to organizations to join us. The SCRCO was established in the 1990s.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Laura Giroux [Giroux is UNA-USAs National Membership Director in Washington, D.C.] [Giroux spoke on advocacy, the importance of the US paying their UN dues commitments and negotiations in Congress to pay US arrear. The UNA-USA is fighting for UN funding. The Better World Campaign (BWC) and UNA-USA are partners. UNA provides the boots on the ground. Giroux urged the attendees to speak to their elected representatives **Q & A: Ross:**

acknowledged the Pasadena is strong on Advocacy and we get to know our mayor and Rep. Adam Schiff. Harris-Hicks: pointed out the UNA-USAs excellent archive of policies that went through National Conventions. **Boynton:** I'm very excited about GenUN. **Giroux:** We established Campus Advocates and need a strong YP program to transition them into. **Marsha Marcus:** David Tuckman said 'if the US is not a member of the UN what would happen? If the US does not pay their dues to the UN they might not listen to the US/ignore us.' These are the consequences and we got to join. We need to tell young people about the consequences if we don't join. **Ross:** Social media is key as students can click a mouse to 100 friends easy.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

INLAND EMPIRE: *Khamisani:* Human Rights—Education Under Fire was welltended. We elected a new board of directors. 3/2 is International Day of Women and Gillian Sorensen, former Assistant Secretary General of the UN will be our speaker. The 18th granddaughter of King Edward of England is a sponsor and will be a life member of UNA-USA. International convention on Human Rights—we are sponsoring the event with global participation.

LONG BEACH: *Gonzales:* Our Global Gift Shop for UNICEF (UN International Children's Emergency Fund) is moving to the Port of Los Angeles and will craft fair trade goods to benefit UNA-USA and UNICEF.

DIVISION: *Boynton:* announced upcoming Division meetings:

3/9 Exec. Committee Mtg., loc. TBA

5/11 Division Board Mtg.—Whittier to host.

6/27 Exec. Committee Mtg., loc. TBA

9/22 West Coast Global Forum, in Los Angeles, California Endowment

10/12 Exec. Committee Mtg.

11/16 Division annual Mtg.—Pasadena (tentatively)

12/7 Exec. Committee Mtg., loc. TBA

ORANGE COUNTY: *Mariz:* our 12/1 meeting included Women's Rights speakers including Sloan of UN Women. 12/27 was our annual Brunch & fundraiser. Our speaker was from UC Irving School of Law, Law Professor David Kay.

LOS ANGELES: *Tebyani:* 12/6 was our Human Rights Day event with Tad Daly of Washington, D.C. speaking on 'Earth is But One City and We Are Its' Citizens.' Ted Leutzinger was honored with the Human Rights Award and 2/10 will be our Annual Meeting.

PASADENA: *Fennesy:* December 5th was Human Rights Day and we partnered with Women of The World (WOW). It was held at La Canada Country Club. April will be our model United Nations event. 10/20 will be our 3rd annual United Nations Day Film Festival. Our Coffee Talk Series will be on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) . Our Annual Mtg. will be in February. Pasadena City College (PCC) Model United Nations will be hosting students from China for a Model UN Debate.

POMONA VALLEY: *Sutton:* On Jan. 27 we will have an Arab spring speaker at our annual Mtg. In Feb. Ardi Rashidi will speak on Kurdistan in Claremont at Pilgrim Place.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: *Fellah:* in December on Human rights at the event at Woodly Park with Mourning Mothers. We participated in the West Coast Global Forum and I was selected as one of the Human rights award winners. We celebrated United Nations day and invited Jordie Hanum, Director of the Better World Campaign (BWC)/Better World Fund (BWF). We also collaborated with Amnesty International. We supported the Afghan Dental Relief Project (ARDP) of Dr. Jim Rolfe co-sponsoring a Fundraising dinner and show at the Estate of Board member Dr. Barbara Pampalone. The funds raised are to help ARDP buy the land the ARDP Dental Clinic is located on in Kabu Afghanistan. It's the first modern dental clinic in Afghanistan. David Tuckman and I were part of the Global Independence Day Celebration at the Beverly Hilton where David was a Pageant Judge for the Miss Globe [Ambassador] Pageant. We continue to promote our events in the media and encourage others to do the same. We have also issued a press release on Human Rights Violations in Iran & Kurdistan—rights violations of prisoners. We joined with Amnesty International and 48 other organizations event on Human Rights. Our Chapter now has a new Facebook Page that includes photos and events.

WHITTIER: *Beynon:* We celebrated UN Day with Dr. Glen Stassen who talked about watching the UN being created as his dad was ambassador in San Francisco at its' creation. Stassen is a faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary in Fullerton. We have an excellent Great Decision group and [Ginny] Hatfield has on too in the San Fernando Valley. For Earth Day 2013 we have a goal to get Whittier and the surrounding area to be greener.

Boynton: John [Beynon] worked 30 years for UNESCO. Gillian Sorensen, former Undersecretary General of the United Nations will be coming to Southern California and will be the keynote 3/2 for the Global Classroom event at UCLA. I will provide greetings at opening ceremonies for So. Cal. And be representing the Region. As Regional leaders if you want to attend please tell me and I'll arrange it. The next Board Mtg. will be 5/11 in Whittier.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Boynton:* There are a number of events across the chapters. Most of the Chapter Advocacy Surveys are in. Southern California did well with a majority of Chapters in the Region reporting. I [Mel Boynton], Chris [Fennessy] and David [Tuckman] will be representing you in New York. Chapter Annual Reports are due to National and it will all be done online. The Division Annual Report is already submitted..

Giroux: The Division & Chapter Annual Reports are due by March 15 and will be online soon. We will give you notice.

Boynton: Post you events for chapters, division, Regional and National. We have a So. Calif. UNA-[USA] Facebook page so please promote your chapter events with us. The Annual Meeting will be in Washington, D.C. at the Westin Hotel, June 1-4. Let me, David [Tuckman] of Chris [Fennessy] know your questions for the UNA-USA Annual meeting. There may be a reception at an embassy and Capitol tours. We will cover issues on the advocacy agenda and CEO of UN Foundation, Cathy Calvin will be speaking. We will lobby Congress and there will be a reception at the home of our National CCR Chair Karen Mulhauser.

VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP: McKenzie: (reporting by Boynton): Mary [McKenzie] is in San Diego for their Chapter's annual Meeting. She proposed a survey of members across So. Calif. On the next steps and interest areas to make us more effective.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAM: J. Harris: (reporting by Boynton): 11/16 is the Division Annual Mtg. We are looking for locations now.

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS: Gonzales: We are working on better communications and we are getting all chapters into social media and workshops.

VICE-PRESIDENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: Simon: It's time to start thinking of who to nominate for the Global Citizen Award to be presented at the 6th Annual West Coast Global Forum on 9/16/2013 at the California Endowment.

NEW BUSINESS

Tuckman: I've received a resolution on Mutual Decision Making from the San Fernando Valley Chapter which I've been asked to read today as follows: Resolved that the UNA-USA San Fernando Valley Chapter Board asks the UNA-USA Council of Chapters & Regions Steering Committee to set up a structure and process committee to develop mutual decision making between the membership part of our alliance and the Better World Fund/Better World Campaign (BWC). The motion was 1st by: Lyn Harris Hicks, SFV Chapter Advocacy Chair, 2nd by: Dorothy Kurth Bolberg, Chapter Board Member at-large and APPROVED: unanimously. Requested by the Chapter Board that a Region-11 Rep. deliver this resolution to the CCR-SC at their February 2013 meeting in New York.

Boberg: I would like to read the following list of candidates for office of the san Fernando Valley Chapter:

Chapter President—Soraya Fella & David Tuckman

Vice-President Program—Soraya Fella & David Tuckman

Secretary—Marsha Marcus

Corresponding Secretary—Dorothy Boberg & Dr. Barbara Pampalone

Vice-President Membership—Ginny Hatfield

Treasurer—Tom Stout

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:50 PM

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary
(with typing assistance by Alison Marcus, UNA-USA Young Professional member)