

**UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 9**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Western Justice Center**  
**75 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, California**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2008**

**Last Revised: 12/07/08**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present: (Partial List. Additional names are forthcoming)**

Carl Mariz-----Division President  
Richard Harris-----Division VP Membership  
Barry Simon-----Division VP Resource Development  
Mel Boynton-----Division VP Communications  
Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer  
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary/YPIC Chair (& SFV Chap. President)  
Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur-----Pomona Valley Chap. Rep. to Div. Executive Committee  
Judith Harris-----Pasadena/Foothills Chap. Rep. to Div. Executive Committee  
Rene Wilson-----UNA-USA National Board Representative  
Renee Noelle Day-----Citrus Belt Chapter President  
Barbara Tye-----Orange County Chapter Co-President  
Ken Tye-----Orange County Chapter Co-President  
Norma Foster-----Pacific-Los Angeles Chap. Co-Pres./Human Rights Co-Chair  
Bill McCarthy-----Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter Co-President  
Carol Chenoweth-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President  
Ether Gillies-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Co-President  
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations Advocacy Mentor  
Dr. Mary McKenzie-----Division Education Chair  
Amjad H. Khan-----Division Human Rights Co-Chair  
Suzanne Burger-----SCRCO Chair  
Ginny Hatfield-----SCRCO member (& SFV Chapter officer)  
Dr. Margaret Soderberg-----Division Global Health Chair  
Sherry Simpson-Dean-----Division Africa Taskforce Chair  
Shirley Williams-----Division Website Manager  
Judith Harris-----Division Nomination Chair  
Sondra Zeigler-----WESTMUN (Western Collegiate Model United Nations)  
Dr. Glen Stassen-----Keynote Speaker  
Liubov (Liuba) Grechen-----UNA-USA Manager of Membership Programs  
Paolo Rodriguez-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter officer  
Mohammad “Ike” Khamisani-----Citrus Belt Chapter  
Harry Hood-----Citrus Belt Chapter officer  
Cecilia Brothers-----Long Beach Chapter YPIC member  
Juliet Flores-----Pacific-LA Chapter member  
Kimiyo Anceney-----Pacific-LA Chapter officer  
Fahriye Mahrenholz-----Pacific-LA Chapter member  
Ted Leutzinger-----Pacific-LA Chapter officer  
Helen Cheung-----San Fernando Valley Chapter YPIC member  
Dorothy Boberg-----San Fernando Valley Chapter officer  
Elaine Trogman-----San Fernando Valley Chapter officer  
Thomas Wilson-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter member

**WELCOME:** By Carl Mariz, Division President

*Mariz*-Any success in the Division is 2008 is due to the excellent work of the board and our past president Ardi Rashidi-Kalhur. Welcome Liuba from UNA-USA National. She has been with YPIC for 4-years and in 3/07 in national membership becoming National Membership Manager on 2/08.

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*Liubov (Liuba) Grechen*-The United States has an enormous opportunity with [President-Elect] Obama. He wrote a letter to [UNA-USA President] Ambassador Bill Luers on his desire to support the United Nations. There has been a disconnect between National and the chapters; and chapters between chapters. I am working on this and I am learning from the field itself. We now have 36 best practices submitted by chapters. I plan to expand skills building workshops. We are also redesigning our national website which will be launched January 2009. We are, also, redesigning Student Alliance. We just had the YPIC National Leadership Retreat in Colorado.

### **Q&A:**

*Q- Simon*-How many UNA-USA members are there now?

*A- Grechen*- We have 10,000-12,000 registered. We used to send out renewals once a year and now we do renewal notices 4 times each year as we get memberships at different times. 50 years ago civic participation was different than it is today. Now we are engaging more young people and need to engage more young people.

*Mariz*-There will be a change of leadership at National in March or May 2009 with Luers retirement.

*Foster*-We heard it would be in 6 weeks.

*Mariz*-There is a gradual reduction in membership. We need to get young people into the UNA-USA. It's good to see Liuba involved at National and David Tuckman in Division YPIC.

*Grechen*-We have 710 who just signed up on the YPIC Facebook and 52 Topic Discussion Boards. Everyone is excited to join YPIC and local chapters. In January 2009 joining Student Alliance is FREE up to undergrad level.

### **SECRETARYS REPORT**

*Tuckman*- (passed out copies of the April 19 General Board Minutes and September 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Minutes.) The minutes approved as amended on 6/28 had corrections added on 7/5 and need to be reviewed and approved. On page 6, Committee Reports—Advocacy, under resolutions, in Boberg's comments, after California Public Utilities Commission, (**CPUC**) was added. Under SCRCO Report, before the report, the following sentence was added in bold: **Jackson: distributed the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations Annual Report 2007 written by Suzanne Berger, Chair**

And, on page 8 under Chapter Reports-Long Beach in “Speakers Bureaus is doing well” the “s” in bureaus has been removed so the word is bureau.

**MOTION:** by *Foster* to approve General Meeting Minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by *R. Wilson*. **PASSED** unanimously.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

[Passed out financial statement and reporting for Jim Stanbery from notes provided] *Simon-* Due to circumstances beyond Jim’s control, he was unable to attend, and I am distributing the report which I will briefly review for you. If you’ll look in the upper right-hand corner of the front side of the sheet, you’ll see our current checking balance is \$6141, but that \$4194 of that is in funds deposited this year on behalf of division affiliates, leaving \$1948 for division use. Likewise, if you’ll look to the left, at line 8, column ‘d’, you’ll see an increase of \$4986 in our checking balance for the year, so keep in mind that the bulk of that is the \$4194 just referred to. The income/expenses totals on lines 15-17 are more useful in that they omit funds transfers, showing the net gain from the division’s actual activities YTD in line 17, column ‘d’, which is \$792.

The statement is organized to show how much was budgeted for each authorized activity (column ‘b’), how much was earned and/or spent (column ‘d’), and the difference between the two (column ‘c’). Positive entries in column ‘c’ show activities for which we earned more or spent less than was budgeted; negative entries in column ‘c’ show activities for which we earned less or spent more than was budgeted.

Concern should naturally be felt over the state of our investment funds, which have suffered as a result of the general decline in stock values this year. If you’ll look at line 4, column ‘d’, on the front side of the sheet, you’ll see our own funds have dropped \$2364 in value, though there are two silver linings on that cloud: the percentage decline here is a good deal less than the stock market as a whole has experienced, and these are funds we had no intention of using in the foreseeable future, so we can simply hold onto them until the market recovers and values resume normal rates of growth.

Looking at the breakdown of our income and expenses beginning with line 20 on the front side of the sheet, you can see that our income and expenses are divided into two basic categories, “general” internal transactions, shown in the grid on lines 21-28, and “action” transactions (things we do which impact on the external world), shown on lines 32-34. The “action” items are detailed on the back side of the sheet, categorized for each area of responsibility of our four division vice presidents. Income and expenses for each category are paired, so you can easily compare them, with the income in a given category shown as a positive entry in bold face type and the expenses shown as a negative entry in regular type. For instance, if you’ll look at lines 48 and 49 on the back of the sheet, column ‘d’, you’ll see we took in \$4836 on special events this year (principally the Global Health Conference) and spent \$2322.

Finally, this is not the closing statement for the year, as some transactions, including the bulk of the income and expenses involved in Saturday's annual meeting, are not yet on file.

*Rashidi-Kalhur*-stated that the profit of the Global Health Conference will be earmarked for the next conference.

*Foster*-We appreciate Jim as treasurer for keeping us so focused and his excellent financial statements.

*Grechen*- we –at National] are now doing wire transfer check to chapters.

*Rashidi-Kalhur*-I ask for breakdowns of other evident income and costs to be broken down by committee.

**MOTION:** by *Rene*. to approve the financial statement for filing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by *Foster*. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

## **YPIC REPORT**

### **By David Tuckman, YPIC Chair**

Nationally, there was a strong showing of YPIC participation at the UNA-USA Council of Chapter's and Division's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. with a special YPIC Day. In September, YPIC held a national leadership retreat in Colorado with representation from more than 24 major cities, with sessions on Strategic Planning, Governance, Use of Official Documents, an intergenerational dialogue, among others. Earlier this year we held a YPIC Southern California Service Day with Children's Hunger Fund, joined by 6 other non-profit organizations. We packaged more than \$100,000 in toys and a quarter million dollars of food for Children in impoverished areas worldwide. Among local YPIC activities: San Diego's YPIC created a Landmine Awareness Campaign hosting a night of 1000 Dinners with 50-60 guests. Pacific-LA's YPIC and Participant Media screened the movie "Darfur Now" at Creative Artists Agency with a Q & A panel. Pasadena Chapter, while YPIC has not been officially established, has 14 young professionals including several on their Chapter Board. San Fernando Valley Chapter's YPIC held a service day preparing meals for citizens with HIV/AIDS. Since September, as a YPIC Natl. Leadership Council member and Division YPIC Chair, I have created an e-mail campaign where I contacted the YPIC Chairs across the USA to urge support nationally for Malaria-No-More to raise funds for bed nets to save at least 1-million women and children. I have expanded this campaign beyond YPIC through e-mails to Chapter Presidents across the Division. I encourage those of you interested in YPIC to join us for our So. Cal. YPIC Meeting directly following today's closing session.

**SPECIAL EVENTS WITH UNA-USA President William H. LUERS and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**

*Simon*-On Thursday Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will be at the Museum of Tolerance (MOT) for a private medial roundtable. He will address ethnic media. The Secretary General will arrive at 10:30 AM for a private exhibit tour at 10:45-11:30 AM. From 11:45-Noon some UNA-USA members will join him on a side and others will be in an aside room for live video conference. Let us know ASAP on the sign-up list provided because we have 7 spots left for UNA-USA members and we need to get your names sent in ASAP due to the strict security protocols.

*Foster*- the mayor's office was not aware of the Great American Shakeout at 10 AM. We checked with them. It will be at 10 AM and it may complicate things. Everyone is required to stop and drop and cover and this will include us and the Secretary-General. We should have been aware of this. It is important that you all go to [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org)

*Tuckman*-This is all part of Golden Guardian where there will be earthquake drills in schools cross the state, 15 shelter's set-up by Red Cross by LA Chapter Red Cross in a massive training exercise, the LA Mayor, even Governor Schwarzenegger playing role in Los Angeles. I called and e-mailed Barry Simon weeks ago as he heads the Global Forum Committee so he would be aware of the Golden Guardian and shakeout and suggested an alternate date if it was at all possible.

*Simon*-We need to arrive early for security purposed.

**GLOBAL FORUM**

*Simon*-The first annual West Coast Global Forum Luncheon will be held 12:30-2PM on November 13 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 1150 S. Beverly Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Self Parking is \$12 or Valet at \$22. We will be recognizing Ambassador William H. Luers. Carl (Mariz) will introduce Luers and there will be a Q & A as well as a conversation with Luers on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). From 1:45-2pm Norma Foster will present a plaque to Luers on behalf of the Division for his years of service to the UNA-USA and Humanity. Several distinguished guests will be present including the Consul Generals of South Africa, Australia and Hungary. The cost is \$50 for non-members and \$35 for members.

*Foster*-Sign-up for the Global Forum during lunch.

**Q&A:** Will Ban Ki-moon meet with the Korean Community?

*Simon*-He sees himself as a man of the world so he will not meet with the Korean community. Thanks Norma, David, LA Chamber members, Carl for your hard work on the Global Forum Committee.

### UNA-USA NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

**Grechen**-Several chapters will participate and this is the first year we are changing the way we do it. Students can now submit their essays all online. We have a list of participating chapters. Were gathering names of the students now and all will get an e-mail about Global **Classrooms**. The login for access is LarryLevine08.

**Boynton**-The UN Essay Contest is on Environmental Sustainability and you can use quotes of Barak Obama. The topic is Millennium Development Goals #7 Environmental Sustainability.

**Foster**-We're confused. Do chapters judge or do others?

**Liuba**-It is the same as always. Each chapter contact puts their own group of judges together and you e-mail your 1<sup>st</sup> choice in.

### SCD STRATEGIC PLAN

**Boynton**-Rene (Wilson) is the genius of what's between your hands [the Division Action Plan/Strategic Plan] our master plan for action within the Division. The April 2006 Brain Trust—Special Needs Committee compiled the best practices and submitted them to National. For 2008 our material was misplaced and thus not added to the National document, so our material will make it into the next one.

Some highlights: by the goals of the Division as adopted by all Division chapters in November 2006: Goal-1: Expand Communication. We all use web sites to correspond and use e-mail and newsletter under Program VP. #2: Undertaking Programs-some chapters get information on 30 events at any one time. There's a big focus on the MDGs. President-Elect Barak Obama said he would make the MDGs an official policy of the United States. Instead of each chapter struggling, we find common purpose under the 4 goals. #3: Building Membership-by good events and newsletters/websites. Richard Harris our VP Chapter Services has 28 years experience. #4: Developing Financial Resources-VP Resource Development Barry Simon. So, there are many great programs ahead.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**J. Harris**-The following officers are up for election:

- Carl Mariz—President (1 more year)**
- Mel Boynton—VP Communication**
- David Tuckman—Secretary (1 more year)**
- Richard Harris—VP Membership (1 more year)**
- Barry Simon—VP Resource Development**
- Jim Stanbery—Treasurer (1 more year)**

Need to elect 2 Chapter Representatives

-Paolo Rodriguez—Chapter Representative

Diane Gonzalez will not be running for VP Program for another term (2009)

## **VOTES**

*[Mariz-some officers are elected on odd or even years. We are on the even years now.]*

**VP-Program—Judith Harris**

**Nomination: 1<sup>st</sup>: Boynton. 2<sup>nd</sup> Foster.**

**Elected by unanimous vote.**

**VP-Resource Development—Barry Simon**

**Re-elected by unanimous vote**

### **Chapter Representatives:**

**Chapter Representative—Paul Rodriguez, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter**

**Nomination by: Leutzinger. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster.**

**Elected by unanimous vote.**

*J. Harris*-He is Pasadena Chapter's co-Chair Education Committee. Who sets up model UN Clubs).

**Chapter Representative—Sondra Zeigler**

**Nomination by: Tuckman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster**

**Not-elected, but offered alternate position**

*Zeigler*-I am a past SFV Chapter President, co-Founder WESTMUN, Paramedic.

**Chapter Representative—Mohammad “Ike” Khamisani, Citrus Belt**

**Nomination by: Renee Noelle Day 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster**

**Elected by unanimous vote.**

*Khamisani*-I was born in Calcutta, India. I moved to Pakistan, England and then the U.S. I have been 35 years in aviation and many social service organizations. I am the Co-founder of UNA Pakistan & led the delegation to UNDPI after 9-11).

*Rashidi-Kalhur*- Sondra and Ike will bring much experience to their positions.

**FLOOR CONSENSUS:** is to have 3 Chapter Representatives. Membership question whether the bylaws will allow 3. Decision to vote on two chapter representatives & for Zeigler to be appointed as co-education chair.

**MOTION:** to close nominations and vote for Paul Rodriguez & Mohammad “Ike” Khamisani: by *Leutinger*. 2<sup>nd</sup> by *Rashidi Kalhur*  
**PASSED** unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT**

Mariz: Appointed Sondra Zeigler and Renee Noell Day as Co-Education Chairs

**TRIBUTE AWARDEES**

**Ginny Hatfield, SCRCO/SFV Chapter**

**Pacific-LA Chapter**

**David Tuckman, SFV Chapter**

**Esther Gillies, Pasadena/Foothills Chapter**

**Reverend Richard Harris, Pomona Valley Chapter**

**Harry Hood, Citrus Belt Chapter**

**Dr. Mary McKenzie, San Diego Chapter**

**Sylvia Oelker, Orange County Chapter**

**Volunteers of the Global Gift Shop, Coastal Alliance UNA-USA**

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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Rene Wilson, UNA-USA Board of Directors**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Guest Speaker Glenn Stassen, author of *Living the Sermon on the Mount and Just Peacemaking: Transforming Initiatives for Justice & Peace*. A Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary talks on the life of his father Harold Stassen, a former Governor of Minnesota at age 31 who delivered the keynote address at the 1940 Republican Convention, served as chief of staff to Admiral Halsey and was on the US delegation to the First United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

### **Orange County Chapter—By Co-Presidents Barbara & Ken Tye**

- 1) We have a priority of outreach.
- 2) Successful Coffee Talks series.
- 3) Participated in the World Food Day Teleconference
- 4) 12/10 is our Human Rights Day event with UNIFAM
- 5) 2 performances by Ellen Snortland
- 6) Intern program to attract young members
- 7) Upcoming January Advocacy Campaign with the Library of Congress
- 8) The UNA-USA National Office gave us a national plan for chapter operations and we'll recognize it so 40 people can be involved in governance over the next two years.

### **Pasadena/Foothills Chapter—By Carol Chenoweth, Co-President**

- 1) MUN Program—Professor Brice Harris heads it at Pasadena city Colege (PCC) with Paul Rodriguez.
- 2) UN Day at College of Design. The mayor spoke.
- 3) Co-Chairing Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day 12/10 with JPL Designing memorial. Public library is doing the art displays from Paris with short film “30 Faces 30 Rights”

### **Pomona Valley Chapter—by Ardi Rashidi Kalhur, Chap. Rep to Div. Exec. Comm.**

- 1) Monthly Speaking programs
- 2) Habitat 4 Humanity program
- 3) What America Needs To Know About Islam program
- 4) 2 Faces of Congo
- 5) Model United Nations Experiences
- 6) UN Experiences
- 7) Seeds of Ethnic Conflict
- 8) Hiroshima & Ngasaki Memorial program
- 9) Trip to the Holy Land led by Richard Harris
- 10) Host/Tour for Liuba Grechen, UNA-USA Natl. Membership Manager

**Pacific-Los Angeles-by Norma Foster, Co-President**

“I ask the 9 chapter members attendance, who total 89 years of service among them, to stand. Thank you for your service.

We object to the 2 minutes for Chapter Reports.

1). Pacific-LA Chapter since 1972, after we got the City of Los Angeles to endorse the United Nations Charter, have celebrated every established United Nations events with the City of Los Angeles and the LA schools.

2) The Chapter participated in SCDUNA meetings and the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in June 2008, with two Board Members attending and our two YPIC Co-Chair participating in the YPIC Program and the Conference.

3) Chapter Youth Chair and others attended the Global Classroom Conference at USC and also provided the UN/USA and other Flags for Decorations.

4) Chapter donated to UNHCR from special events: \$3,500 for Darfur refugee relief; \$3,000 for Congo relief and over \$2,000 for Myanmar relief.

5) Sponsored the 2,500 mile Atlantic boat race for 2 paraplegics who completed the trip flying under our UN Flag. Great press events from LAX & LA City.

6) International Day of Peace, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Week was again celebrated in the City of LA with a special ceremony at the World Peace Day at Maguire Gardens with NGO and interfaith participation with proclamations from the Mayor and City Council and the County of Los Angeles. Also co-sponsored the 2008 Global Peace Festival with international Ambassadors for Peace.

7) United Nations Day, October 24 officially recognized in the City of Los Angeles by the Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the City Council and invited NGOs.

8) Human Rights Day, December 10<sup>th</sup> will be recognized by the City and Pac-LA in City Council and will host 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival in conjunction with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is also the formal press announcement for the February 24, 2009 presentation of the one man play on the life of Japanese diplomat/humanitarian Chuine Sugihara who rescued thousands of Jewish people in WWII. The Consulate Generals of Japan and Israel will be participating with the City of Los Angeles.

9) Chapter sent an undergraduate team of four to the Asian Pacific Model United Nations Conference in Korea (June 2008) and our USA Delegation was recognized with two winning Most Competent Delegate Awards and great praise from the APMUN Secretariat for the wonderful USA Team delegates.

10) Chapter participated in events with the UN World Food Program in 2008

11) For other achievements 2008 contact [nfoster@earthlink.net](mailto:nfoster@earthlink.net)

### **San Fernando Valley Chapter—by President David Tuckman**

Our chapter has held many engaging projects and programs in 2008. Our most recent was the September Global Marshall Plan Luncheon with Keynote speaker Rebecca Tobias, who is the Program Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Ethics. We spearheaded recognition of the CSUN Model United Nations Team that placed First in the Nation in New York at the UN for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year-in-a-row. After Traveling to the remote province of Warduk to aid orphans, Dr. Jim Rolfe, a Santa Barbara Dentist, set up the first modern dental lab in Kabul, Afghanistan, in-part through the joint efforts of the Chapter and Rotary International. Through the leadership of Lyn Harris Hicks, we have shown strong advocacy, namely with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Appeal in 2007 & 2008 efforts and promotion of the resolution on Nuclear Non-Proliferation, and Mutual Security Single-Standard Ban on Weapons of Mass Destruction that was adopted at a prior UNA-USA National Convention. We are currently engaged in a Citizen Awareness Campaign on Non-Proliferation. We are proud of benefiting such worthwhile programs and hosting innovative speakers on salient issues to our members and the public.

### **SCRCO: REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT By Suzanne Burger—Chair**

Rene [Wilson] is Amazing with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Council joins in praise. We are part of the [National] Council of Organizations UNA-USA NY & DC and I've been in contact with the interim executive committee to resolve to:

- 1) Educate—on the UN to Council members and to stakeholders
- 2) Build Community and network between organization
- 3) Mobilize—To affect policies and US Compliance, DC/NY and local level
- 4) Engage and participate in UN activities

We include numerous organizations including NAACP, Natl. Assoc. of *Social* Workers, UN Development Program, Zonta Intl., UNICEF, etc.

**Additional Comments**—Liuba Grechen

- National received annual reports
- Issued supplemental questions including for 990s and 990N's for IRS.
- We are missing documents. At least 1 per chapter or 990 & Supplemental Questionnaire
- Send photos/Articles under 600 words to our national website on your chapter activities.

**Mohammad “Ike” Khamisani**, former Secretary General, UNA Pakistan

How do we define nuclear war on the Indian Sub-Continent forces on Indian/Pakistan border ready to launch nuclear weapons? I was acting Secretary General of UNA Pakistan. We came up with a Peace Festival to spread to the people of civil society. We were invited by the ruler of Dubai to hold the Peace Festival for India/Pakistan and the first Festival in Karachi with [former UN Secretary General] Koffi Annan's blessing.

**ADVOCACY** –Lyn Haris Hicks, Advocacy Mentor

Our time has come on the brink of a precipice by the Military Industrial Complex (MIC). We are facing a political/financial coup and the MIC has advocates in both parties. A goal for the UN as Glen Stassen told us, is to save future generations from the scourge of war. We must return to the Peace Process. Caldecott said, 'We must simply stop creating plutonium.' When we started this campaign, non-proliferation, we're walking on egg shells because people are brainwashed to think we need more. [Dorothy] Boberg wrote a key resolution in the 70's.

**Mariz**—Lyn is a mentor to advocacy and we will help you on letters to Congress.

**Mariz**—Thank you all in the Division for an exceptional year & for all the work you do. YPIC Annual Meeting will immediately follow group pictures and award honoree pictures

**ADJOURNED—3:25 P.M.**

**Minutes By: David Tuckman, Division Secretary**