

UNA/USA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION
BOARD MEETING
1/30/10

PRESENT: John Beynon, Brian Bise, Mel Boynton, Esther Gillies, Diane Gonzales, Judith Harris
Lyn Harris Hicks, Richard Harris, Ginny Hatfield, Ike Khamisani, Fahriye Mahrenholz, Carl
Mariz, Lavon Mariz, Gerri McNenny, Ardi Rashidi, Barry Simon, Margaret Soderberg M.D., Jim
Stanbery, Shirley Williams

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President, Mel Boynton at 12:30 p.m.

AGENDA AND INTRODUCTIONS

AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Carl Mariz, immediate past President, presented awards to David
Tuckman, Barry Simon and Diane Gonzales

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

PRESIDENT- MEL BOYNTON

Mel Boynton available by phone 7 am - 10 pm

- National Membership Campaign - from 1/30 to 7/10 life membership \$1,000. July 1, 2010 will increase to \$2,000. \$444.00 given to chapter. All encouraged to participate now.
- Will Davis speaker at UCLA event attended by several members on 1/29
- Rick Steves event successful
- So. Cal. UNA Division co-sponsor with Easter Seals event on April 10, 2010. Asst. UN Secretary General will honor Stevie Wonder. Donation \$500. Mel Boynton will attend. Others encouraged to.
- National CCD Conference at Carnegie Foundation for Peace, Washington, D.C., June 13-15
- Members Day at UN, 2/19
- Mel Boynton and Ardi Rashidi have visited several chapters
- Contact Mel Boynton to schedule visit to chapter meeting and events
- All chapters are encouraged to support each other

VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS - JUDITH HARRIS

- Annual Meeting will be held November 6, 2010
- Location to be determined, possibly Orange County

VICE PRESIDENT FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT - BARRY SIMON

- Global Forum event plans discussed
- Location and date to be determined
- Sponsorship needed
- Committee members: Barry Simon, Mel Boynton, Margaret Soderberg, M.D., Carl Mariz, Gerri McNenny, Shirley Williams, Diane Gonzales

VICE PRESIDENT CHAPTER SERVICES - RICHARD HARRIS

- Richard will support chapter visits when able
- Encouraged all chapters to contact Liuba Grechen at National office to plan chapter website

VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS - DIANE GONZALES

- Will meet with all chapter Presidents to discuss use of e-mail for Division newsletters
- Links need to be provided on all communications
- Discussed use of Facebook and Twitter

- Mel will provide membership list from National with e-mail address information
- Chapters responsible for updating their own websites

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER - ARDI RASHIDI

- Attended National Board Meeting 12/14/09. Next National Board Meeting March 22, 2010.
- UNA financial concerns have necessitated closing of New York and Washington DC offices, 5 employees let go
- UNA President Tom Miller Financial Plan
 1. Secure grants
 2. Appeal to high-end donors
 3. Membership Drive - educational outreach to public, high visibility, increase lifetime members

CCD REPRESENTATIVES - ARDI RASHIDI, ESTHER GILLIES, MEL BOYTON

- Ardi Rashidi - Current focus - Financial Development
 1. Look for “hidden treasures” in own communities
 2. Form committee to visit all chapters to support Division Action Plan - Ardi Rashidi, Carl Mariz, Richard Harris (possible)
 3. Support Global Health Conference, Margaret Soderberg, M.D., Chair
 4. Committee to meet 30 minutes prior to Division Board Meetings
- Esther Gillies - No additions to above report
- Mel Boynton - Focus of CCD
 1. Action Plan focus of support
 2. Chapters are autonomous
 3. CCD Representatives will take chapter messages to Division and National

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE - MARGARET SODERBERG, M.D.

- Date: April 2, 2010
- Location: California Endowment Center, 1000 Alameda, Los Angeles
- All speakers topics relate to 8 MDG's
- Committee members:
 - Esther Gillies, Susan Jones, Barry Simon, Diane Gonzales, Shirley Williams, Ardi Rashidi
 - Esther Gillies will explore CEU's, Margaret Soderberg, M.D. will explore MEU's
 - Committee will meet via conference calls
 - Discussion included cost and distribution of brochures to doctor's offices
 - Gerri McNenny will contact fundraiser she knows

SENIOR ADVOCATE - NEW BOARD POSITION

- Carl Mariz elected to position unanimously by motion by Lyn Harris Hicks, seconded by Ike Khamasani

ADVOCACY - LYN HARRIS HICKS

- Use information on Division website
- Use resolutions passed at last National Convention

YPIC - DAVID TUCKMAN (contact, unable to attend)

- David Tuckman new election committee chair for upcoming National Election for new YPIC position on National Board
- Contact David for YPIC information
- YPIC will have presence at Washington DC meeting, June 13-15

CHAPTER UPDATES

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Ginny Hatfield

- Essay contest discussion held on web and face book

LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY - DIANE GONZALES

- Global Giftshop now open - Information on Division website
- 11 new members, 7 of which are YPIC
- Link on Division website
- Will celebrate UN Day in 2010

POMONA VALLEY- RICHARD HARRIS

- Attendance has grown
- Good speakers

WHITTIER - JOHN BEYNON

- Chapter President has resigned

PACIFIC/LA - FAHRIYE MARENHOLZ

- No longer have office
- Co-Presidents - Barbara Tebyan and Fahriye Marenholz
- Financially challenged
- Optimistic - 6 new members from UCLA

INLAND - IKE KAMASHANI

- Ike Khamasani new chapter President
- Time of transition
- Many old members left, new joining

PASADENA/FOOTHILLS - ESTHER GILLIES

- Universal Human Rights Day event Dec. 10, 2009, 200 in attendance
- Global Friends Project - cargo container filled with books & educational supplies sent to 15 Nigerian schools
- Shoes being sent to Haiti in collaborative project
- Annual Meeting 2/23/10
- Women of World Awards event March 13,2010 in Pasadena
- Contact chapter for help with partnering with cities, proclamations, events, multi-media

ORANGE COUNTY - GERRI McNENNY

- Gerri McNenny new President
- Thanks given to Barbara and Ken Tye
- Annual Meeting event held
- 350.org event had chapter participation
- Earth Week will be held at Chapman College
- Will participate in Copenhagen Climate Conference, April 21-24

SAN DIEGO - MARY McKENZIE (unable to attend)

- Roosevelt Center discussed
- Store discussed
- Many life members
- Distance a challenge, outreach by other chapters encouraged

SANTA BARBARA - CATHERINE DISHION (unable to attend)

- Annual Meeting Feb. 6, 2010 1-4
- As above, distance challenge, outreach encouraged
- Mel and Ardi will attend Annual Meeting

OTHER

- SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR POWER PLAN - DISCUSSION OF GRAVE CURRENT CONCERNS
LED BY LYN HARRIS HICKS
 1. Information will be posted on Division website

▪ HAITI RELIEF DISCUSSION

1. UN agencies are accepting donations are listed on Division and National websites
2. Haiti Committee formed - Ardi Rashidi, Chair, John Beynon, Ike Khamasani, Lyn Harris Hicks, Fahriye Mahrenholz

MEETING ADJOURNED 3 PM. (Motion by Richard Harris, seconded by John Beynon)

NEXT DIVISION BOARD MEETING APRIL 3, 2010 HOSTED BY ORANGE COUNTY
Location will be announced.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2010 - SHILO INN, DIAMOND BAR

ALL MEETING INFORMATION IS ON DIVISION WEBSITE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Harris