

**UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter Minutes Annual Meeting
Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:30 PM**

Approximately 80 people were welcomed and enjoyed dinner, the honoring of outgoing chapter president Mel Boynton, the business meeting during which officers were elected, and the presentation by Mel Boynton and Bertil Lindblad about the United Nations and its new Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

Business Meeting

Mel Boynton, out-going Chapter President, welcomed members and guests and urged membership in UNA-USA. He thanked all members of the board for their service and acknowledged those out-going members.

Charlene Martin, Chair of the Nominating Committee submitted the slate of Officers, Directors and Advisory Committee members for approval by acclamation, which was unanimously approved. She thanked the members of the committee, Rizek Abusharr, Adnan Aswad, Katie Gerecke, Carolee Monroe and Julie Steinbach for their work.

Chapter members who contributed to the event were Charlene Martin, Adnan and Barbara Aswad, Rizek and Alice Abusharr, Betty Hagelbarger, Julie Steinbach, Sally Seven, Art Sutton, Mel and Beth Boynton, Sylvia Whitlock, Marilee Scaff, Dean McHenry, Marjory Bray, Kiki Komura, Diann Ring and Manuela Rojas.

Marilee Scaff and Charlene Martin presented Mel a certificate honoring his service to our chapter and to the national organization.

Marjorie Bray, Treasurer, summarized income and expenses for 2016 and presented the proposed budget for 2017. The 2016 ending balance was \$3,868.39. MSA (Rizek Abusharr) The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Mel Boynton, National Advocacy Chair, shared statistics regarding the approval of a majority of Americans have for the organization, the US commitment of full-funding and the UN's peace keeping responsibilities.

Program

Charlene Martin, Program Chair, introduced Mel Boynton and Bertil Lindblad, UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter President, who presented a program about the United Nations, its place in the world and its new Secretary General, Antonio Guterres. Comprised of six separate parts, the UN's Secretariat employs 44,000 civil servants with Secretary General Guterres as its administrative head. Guterres is Portugese, Catholic and a Socialist. The UN Deputy Secretary General is Amina Mohammed, from Nigeria, who is the day-to-day administrator. The need for the organization was stressed as today's conflicts are complex and inter-connected, with partnerships necessary. Local actions in support of the UN are ongoing. Nikki Haley is now the US Ambassador to the UN. Lindblad said that at least 30 students from the Claremont Colleges have interned at the UN.

Officers

President: Bertil Lindblad (2017-2018)

Vice-President: Katie Gerecke, Administration (2016-2017)

Vice President: Charlene Martin, Program, (2017-2018)

Secretary and Program Contact: Carolee Monroe (2016-2017)

Treasurer: Marjorie Bray (2017-2018)

Directors, Class of 2016-17

Adnan Aswad, Program

Rizek Abusharr

Mel Boynton, Advocacy & Communications

Sally Seven, Program

Art Sutton, Advocacy

Bob Wallace, Arrangements

Directors, Class of 2017-18

Sylvia Whitlock, Program

Leena Khan, Communications

Sheryn Scott

Opoku Acheampong

Betsy Creighton

Claudia Lennear

Rich Schieber

Advisory Committee

Barbara Aswad

John Moore

DanPeterson

Marilee Scaff
Lako Tongun

Forms distributed: 1. Treasurer's Report 2. Nominees 3. 2016 Program Summary

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe, Secretary