

**Minutes – Pomona Valley Chapter, UNA-USA meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014 Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place 5:30 PM**

Katie Gerecke, Vice-President, welcomed 14 members and guests.

**BUSINESS**

No meeting will be held in August; the topic of the September meeting will be the Millennium Goals: the progress made towards each based on the most current reports.

Katie made membership brochures available to those not yet members.

**PROGRAM**

Judith Harris, UNA-USA Southern California Division President and Regional Representative to the National Steering Committee reported on this year's Annual Meeting. Held in Washington, D.C. during June 8 through June 10, the theme was "Mobilizing for the World We Want".

Highlights of the event included:

- \* Chris Whatley, Executive Director and staff, (reduced in number of personnel and in budget) – their accessibility and desire to help
- \* Samantha Power, U.S. Ambassador to the UN – because of a crisis she was unable to meet with the attendees in person but sent a video
- \* Expressed desires for UNA-USA:
  - At least one chapter in each of the 50 states by 2020. (Some chapters are isolated.)
  - Although membership has doubled, from 9,000 to 18,000, most of the new members are students. (30 chapters are on college campuses.) These student members need to maintain membership when schooling is completed.
- \* The budget needs to double, although the UNA is in sound financial shape.
- \* An evolution from MUN (club) to an activity in every classroom.
- \* An increase in membership: faced with competing organizations, UNA needs to reach out and provide incentives to attract members: UNA members are eligible to join the UN Federal Credit Union.
- \* Along with public/private partnerships and the UN, the UNA-USA is the fourth component in a Post 2015 program.

Other items:

The break-out sessions, with two speakers, offered practical, take-home ideas.

The Honorable Thomas Pickering, former Ambassador to the UN, spoke of the current troubled world and his excitement about the younger generation.

An Advocacy Training manual ("the Big Blue Book") is on-line with tips, simulations and one-page summaries of specific topics.

UN Peacekeepers are from 120 countries; the Blue Helmets are the second largest force after the U.S. military.

Annual Meeting attendees spent a day Advocating on Capital Hill.

Handouts:

List of Proposed Sustainable Development Goals to be attained by 2030.

UN Millennium Development Goals- update re. progress

Suggested Action:

Vote.myworld2015.org – a global survey is being conducted. Help decide which topics are to be addressed.

Adjourn: As the meeting ended at 6:55 PM, Katie encouraged attendees to enjoy the treats provided by Bob Wallace.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee Monroe, Secretary