

MINUTES – POMONA VALLEY CHAPTER UNA-USA BOARD MEETING April 2, 2016
– 3 pm, Brunger Room, Napier Center, Pilgrim Place

Attendance: Mel Boynton, Chair; Adnan Aswad, Marjorie Bray, Clint Lorimore, John Moore, Art Sutton, Bob Wallace, and Carolee Monroe.

Officers Reports:

MSA (John Moore) The Minutes of the January 9, 2016 board meeting, after being summarized by Carolee Monroe, Secretary, were unanimously approved.

Marjorie Bray, Treasurer, submitted a report and talked about changes in income and expenses. The current balance is \$2,882.39.

MSA (Mel Boynton) the board approved the donation of \$100 to Pilgrim Place (Mel distributed copies of a letter to the University Club of Claremont for its donation of \$200. The money will be used to support the Chapter's annual essay contest.

Vice-President's Report: With Katie Gerecke unable to attend, Mel shared that Katie has assumed the role of Membership Director. A letter asking former members to renew is to be written. John Moore has volunteered to contribute to its contents. (There are currently 80 active members, some of them students.)

President's Report: Mel gave an update of his current offices in UNA-USA on National, Division and Chapter levels. He encouraged all to attend the LA World Affairs Council dinner featuring UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon on Tuesday, April 5 at the Beverley Wilshire. Upcoming meetings and their topics were discussed. (SEE BELOW) Mel encouraged everyone to attend the UNA National Meeting, a "Leadership Summit" on June 12 – 14. Lastly, after he shared that some members will be part of Rizek and Alice Abusharr's tour of Israel and Palestine, it was suggested that the tour be a topic at a forthcoming meeting.

Program Update: (At least one SDG will be reviewed at each meeting)

Bertil Lindblad, head of the International Initiatives Office, Pomona College, shares in arranging meetings on the college campus.

April 19, Hahn Hall 7 PM – Associate Dean Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo

"When We Play Our Own Drums"

Carolee to bring refreshments

May 17, Napier Common Room 5:30 PM – Cal Poly MUN presentation

Awards to Essay Contest Winners

Katie to bring refreshments

June 21, Napier Common Room 5:30 PM - Presentation by Members who

Attended the UNA National Meeting

Volunteer for refreshments needed

July 19, Napier Common Room 5:30 PM

Volunteer for refreshments needed

September 20 Hahn Hall 7 PM

Volunteer for refreshments needed

October 18, Napier Common Room 5:30 PM - Adnan to bring refreshments

November 15, Hahn Hall 7 PM

Volunteer for refreshments needed

Chapter Advocacy priorities: Mel led the discussion on determining the importance of each of the items on the “UNA-USA Survey of Advocacy Priorities”. He will submit the ranking of each as determined by those in attendance to National. The results, besides reflecting members’ priorities to be shared by the organization and its members with members of the US Congress and Senate, also provide the basis for updating information and advocacy materials. Added to the list: Abolition of the Death Penalty.

Regional Representatives Vote: After biographies of the candidate were distributed, a secret ballot vote was taken. Votes were tallied and given to Mel who will submit all votes to the Region. Other members of the board can contact Mel with their choices.

Intern Report: Mel said the interns would conduct the essay contest with awards to be given at the May Chapter meeting.

MSA (Marjorie Bray) The amounts of the awards are to be reconsidered as the Chapter’s balance is improved.

New Business:

Mel said that he will not be a candidate for Chapter President next year and encouraged others to consider running for office.

Visits with local Congresspersons/Advocacy: possible visits were discussed with Marjorie, Art, Mel, Adnan (and Barbara) and Carolee volunteering.

On April 28, at 6:45 pm, Mel will be part of a history class presentation, “The Makers of Modern India and Pakistan: A Dramatic Enactment” at the Athenaeum, 385 E 8th St.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe,
Secretary