

**UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter
Minutes May 20, 2014 5:30 PM**

Mel Boynton, President, welcomed 30 people along with six Cal Poly NMUN students and their advisor, Dr. Daniel Lewis. Mel then encouraged all in attendance to join UNA-USA while distributing application forms. The members of our chapter's board were recognized.

Announcements

UNA-USA Events:

June 7 – 10 – National UNA-USA meeting in Washington, D.C. Activities will include a visit to the Australian Embassy and advocacy meetings with congressional and senate representatives. Mel encouraged members to attend and said that approximately two-thirds of the reservations have been filled.

Regional Representative election results – elected are Mel Boynton; Judith Harris, Division President; and Rebecca Snyder, Young Professional, Secretary of the Orange County Chapter.

June 17 Chapter meeting – Dr. Joshua Fisher, NASA/JPL, will discuss "Climate Change".

July 15 Chapter meeting- Speaker not yet determined.

There will be no August Chapter meeting.

Katie Gerecke was thanked for providing the treats.

Program

The six representatives of the Cal Poly NMUN team were introduced and the team's honor of "outstanding delegation" was recognized. The team had been assigned to act as delegates from the Philippines at the conference. Each of the team members spoke of her/his individual role in participating, including position papers, committee assignments, resolutions and report writing. Topics and assignments included human rights, peace-keeping, bio-fuels, human security, gender equity, chemical weapons, arms in outer space and General Assembly. The Q/A that followed resulted in in-depth knowledge about women in the Philippines having, because of the country's Magna Charta, extensive participation in professional careers and politics. The women also have been exploited, becoming victims of human trafficking. The team members acknowledged that, because the Philippines is a "third-world" country, it was a challenge to think from that background. Team members thought that some topics presented during the conference should be discussed by geographic area rather than through a global approach. Another question referred to consideration of restructuring the UN, the World Bank and the Security Council. It was noted that the team's paper was also awarded honors. The students shared their individual career plans.

Chapter Interns

Next semester's interns will be Julius Kellinghusen, Sana Khan and Sharon Musa.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Carolee Monroe, Secretary