

**UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter  
Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
Hahn Hall, Room 101 Pomona College**

Mel Boynton welcomed approximately 80 UNA members, students and community members. He thanked Charlene Martin for providing the refreshments and acknowledged her as the founder of I Place, Pomona College. Also recognized were the two chapter interns, Bob Zeng and Adriana Gonzalez. Mel promoted membership in UNA-USA, stating the organization is 20,000 members strong in 75 local chapters across America. Mel called attention to the General Assembly Week at the United Nations, with both President Obama and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon speaking. He stressed the advocacy component of the UNA-USA as its members meet with their elected representatives.

The 9th Annual West Coast Global Forum on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 is a luncheon event from Noon until 3 PM at The California Endowment, 1000 N Alameda Street, Los Angeles. Honorees will be recognized for their efforts to address climate change.

United Nations Day will be observed October 20 at 6:00 PM, with a dinner, music, student presentation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and a panel discussion on refugees. The dinner will be in Frank Dining Hall, 260 E. Bonita Avenue, Claremont on the Pomona College campus. Contact Charlene Martin for more information and reservations.

The program, "Lessons about Peace and Justice from the Democratic Republic of Congo" was jointly sponsored by the Office of International Initiatives, Pomona College and UNA, Pomona Valley Chapter. Bertie Lindblad, Senior Advisor to the Office, introduced Pierre Englebert, Professor of International Relations, Pomona College and consultant on Congo for the World Bank.

Professor Englebert's presentation focused on the evolution of the troubled current reality for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Using facts, photos and maps, Englebert made the presentation an excellent learning experience for those in attendance. Stability in the country is questionable, with scheduled elections recently cancelled by the government.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee Monroe, Secretary