

**UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter**  
**Minutes: Board Meeting Saturday, April 12, 2014**  
**11:00 AM Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place**

**Present:** Mel Boynton, Art Sutton, Sally Seven, Julie Steinbach, Marilyn Brunger, Rizek Abusharr, Adnan Aswad, Bob Wallace and Carolee Monroe

**Minutes of Febreuary 15, 2014 Meeting:** MSA (Carolee) unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Marjorie Bray, the report was read by Carolee. Budgeted Expenses for the year are \$1,900. A To the Current Balance of \$2,315.53, Mel added that the University Club has donated \$250 toward the Essay Contest awards. A letter of appreciation to Richard Kirkendall, Co-chair of the University Club's Grants and Scholarship Committee, has been written.

**Recent Programs and Events:** The presentations made by Dick Mann and Nangy Ghafarshad were considered thought provoking while the advocacy events with members of Congress arranged by Marjorie Bray excellent.

**Election of Candidates for Regional Representative:** After Mel reviewed the backgrounds of the candidates for the Southern California UNA-USA (Region 11) Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee, those present were given ballots. Voting will also occur at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carolee will tally the votes and send the top three names to Mel.

**Intern Applicants:** Julius Kellinghusen will work again in the fall. Another intern, with web skills, will be chosen from the applicants.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> SoCal UNA Board Meeting:** The Division 11 General Board Meeting will be at Angelo's & Vinci's Restorante, 550 N Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, from 11 AM until 3 PM. John Benyon will speak on "The UNA in Southern California: Charting Our Future". The cost of the program is \$25. The election of representatives to the CCR-SC will be determined.

**Future Chapter Meetings - Programs:** Bertil Lindblad, Adnan Aswad and Julie Steinbach will be members of the Program Committee.

**April 15:** The upcoming meeting arranged by interns Leyth Swidan and Julius Kellinghusen will be in Room 107 of the Carnegie Building, at Pomona College. The program includes the Essay Contest Awards, to Sharon Musa (who will read her essay), Lynus Vuong and Andrew Brown. Former Ambassador Cameron Munter and former Director of the UNAIDS New York Office, Bertil Lindblad will also speak. A report of the observance of the third year of the Syrian conflict will be given. Members attending will vote for CCR-SC representatives.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tentative</b>	<b>Back-up</b>	<b>Treats</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>climate scientist</b>	<b>MUN</b>	<b>Katie G</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Report</b>	<b>no backup</b>	<b>Adnan</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>Marilee Scaff</b>	<b>Bob Wallace</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>geologist</b>	<b>UNHCR</b>	<b>Sally Seven</b>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>David Mann</b>	<b>Palestine</b>	<b>Rizek</b>
<b>UN Day (10/23)</b>	<b>Ambassador Munter</b>	<b>at IP</b>	<b>Bertil?</b>
<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>Sally Seven - World Health</b>		<b>Carolee</b>

Other possible speakers and topics included: Lako Tongun (South Sudan), Bill Forte (China), Bill Waggoner, Angela Donnelly (China), Bruce Knotts, Zayn Kassan, IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), the state of the city (Claremont), and United Nations issues: Peace keeping, Climate, Human Rights of women and girls, Post 2015, Agencies and Advocacy (USA fully funding our share).

**UNA-USA Annual Meeting:** Washington, DC, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>; with arrangements at the Marriot Courtyard and George Washington University. All members are encouraged to attend. Costs have been minimized with a registration fee of around \$200 and hotel rooms also kept low.

**Pilgrim Place Contact:** Marilyn Brunger, with back-up by Rizek Abusharr, will make arrangements for the use of facilities for our events.

**Bulletin Board:** The handout that Katie Gerecke prepared for the country under discussion was considered very helpful.

**New Business for Next Meeting:** To include a venue; I Place luncheons cut as a result of budgeting; will still have UN Day and March Women's Day; cooperation with I Place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee Monroe, Secretary