

**Minutes Pomona Valley Chapter UNA –USA Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 15, 2014 2:00 PM Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place**

**Present:** Mel Boynton, chair; Marjorie Bray, Katie Gerecke, Rizek Abusharr, Adnan Aswad, Jack Kahn, Bertil Lindblad, John Moore, Joe Salas, Art Sutton, Leyth Swidan, Bob Wallace and Carolee Monroe.

**Minutes of December 14, 2013 board meeting: MSA (Bob)** were unanimously accepted.

**Roster of Board Members:** Each member made corrections and chose what information about him/herself would be displayed on the chapter website.

**Proposed 2014 Budget: MSA (Rizek)** The revised budget of how money will be allocated, and to be distributed by Mel, was approved unanimously by the members in attendance. Items within the Income and Expense categories were discussed and modified. These included the Chapter's sponsorship of a college organization, funding of MUN groups at local colleges and universities, promoting a MUN at Claremont High School, participation in the colleges' International Festival and community Earth Day event and the annual UNA-USA display in the Claremont Library.

**Intern Responsibilities:** Our three interns have assumed responsibility for several activities. Among them are: 1. Women's Day luncheon on March 8 with Marilyn Scaff Hempel as possible speaker; 2. March 18 Vigil for Syria in observance of the third anniversary of the conflict; 3. the Chapter's Essay Contest with the topic, "as a global youth citizen, what issue concerns you most?", along with a rubric, other criteria and the awards presentation; (Charlene Martin and Marjorie Bray will be additional readers.) 4. possible participation in the International Place Festival; 5. securing speakers; 6. Webmaster for our website and its calendar; 7. preparing spreadsheets and data bases; and 8. addressing membership concerns.

**Membership Strategies:** Katie will assume the Membership Chair for 3 months. Each board member has been asked to recruit a new member. Outreach via Facebook, college campuses and community will be used.

**Advocacy Plans:** While local congresspersons are here in their districts, from February 17 through March 7, plans are to visit them to discuss UN funding, treaties, peacekeeping, current world conditions and the post-15 agenda items. Board members who will visit are Mel, Bertil, John, Art, Katie, Marjorie, Joe and Charlene, along with Doug Thomas, Teresia Santee and Leith. Marjorie will continue as Chair of the committee and Art is Co-Chair.

**Chapter Events and Planning:**

***February 18 Chapter Meeting*** Dick Mann "Can the Opium Poppy be Replaced?"

***February 22 Division Meeting*** at Claremont Consortium 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

***March 18 Chapter Meeting*** \*

***April 15 Chapter Meeting (at Carnegie Building, Pomona College)*** \*

\* Cameron Munter will be asked to speak, given the choice of either of the two above dates.

\* The three chapter interns will speak on the alternate date.

***May 20 Chapter Meeting*** Nangy Ghafarshad will be asked to speak about Afghanistan.

**Change of time of meetings:** to be considered at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee Monroe, Secretary