

**Minutes**  
**UNA-USA PV Board Meeting September 10, 2016**  
**Brunger Room, Napier Commons, Pilgrim Place**

**Attending:** Mel Boynton, chair, Katie Gerecke, Charlene Martin, Sally Seven, Sylvia Whitlock, Adriana Gonzalez, Bob Zeng and Carolee Monroe.

**Agenda:** Katie Gerecke added "Project" to new business.

**Officer Reports**

**MSA (Sally Seven)** The Minutes of the last Board meeting were accepted with appreciation. While Marjorie Bray, Treasurer, was not able to attend, Mel said that the chapter's account balance was greater than at the beginning of 2016. Katie Gerecke, Vice-President, said that the July meeting, comprised of a panel discussion on UN peacekeeping, was informative to all who attended. She distributed copies of the still-current "Advocacy Agenda" (includes UN Funding, Human Rights, International Treaties/Conventions and (Sustainable) Millennium Development Goals) with the proviso that "Refugees" has been added. Another handout, forwarded from Rizek Abusharr, was a copy of a bulletin that focused on the Israeli-Palestinian dispute of Israeli occupation of land. Katie expressed concern over the UNA renewal "card". Mel thanked Katie and Charlene for maintaining the chapter through the summer. He recalled that Bob Zeng, Art Sutton and he had attended the national meeting. He has been appointed the national Advocacy Chair and Judith Harris and he have been elected to the National Council (formerly Steering Committee). Mel announced that he will not run for reelection as Chapter President. He also said that five candidates from Eastern Europe remain in the running for Secretary General. Mel asked Sylvia Whitlock to arrange a social event for the PV Board to foster cohesiveness and group actions.

**Interns:** Adriana Gonzalez and Bob Zeng, Pomona College students, shared their backgrounds, college coursework, focus of studies and possible further actions.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**September 20** 7 PM at Hahn Hall (Room 101), Pomona College **Chapter Meeting**  
Pierre Englebert "Lessons about Peace and Justice from the Democratic Republic of Congo"  
Charlene Martin to provide refreshments.

**September 28** Noon at The California Endowment 1000 N Alameda Street, Los Angeles  
**9th Annual West Coast Global Forum** "Combating Climate Change: A Necessity for Global Sustainability"

**October 1** 8 AM at Bonita Performing Arts Center, 822 Covina Blvd., San Dimas  
**Rotary 27th Annual Peace Conference** "Religion in World Affairs: Its Role in Conflict and in Peace"  
Contact Adnan Aswad for more information.

**October 20 - UN Day Dinner:** The Board approved the plans as suggested by Program Chair Charlene Martin to observe United Nations Day. Charlene will work with Katie Gerecke and Bertil Lindblad to decide the location for a dinner, a program featuring a panel discussion on refugees and a demonstration of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (our PV Chapter interns to moderate), cost per person and deadline for finalizing decisions.

*(NO Chapter Meeting in October)*

**November 15 5:30 PM** at Napier Common Room, Pilgrim Place **Chapter Meeting**  
Alison Stendahl “Current Developments in Turkey” Sally Seven to provide treats.

**November 19 3 PM Chapter Board meeting** in the Brunger Room, Napier Common, Pilgrim Place.

December - a possible program featuring the summer tour of the Holy Land led by Rizek and Alice Abusharr.

**New Business:** Project: The Board agreed that Katie should follow-up on her suggestion to join the “Adopt a Future” campaign that the UNA-USA is initiating to raise funds for refugee serving schools.

**Handouts:**

Contact information - Board of Directors and Interns  
Advocacy Agenda (update to add “Refugees”)  
9th Annual West Coast Global Forum event flyer  
UNA PV Chapter September meeting flyer  
Rotary International 27th Annual Peace Conference flyer  
CMEP Bulletin: “U.N. Special Coordinator Sounds the Alarm”

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee Monroe