

**Board of Directors
Remote Zoom Meeting
SARS-CoV-19
Shelter in Place**

Monday, July 13, 2020

OPENING

Call to order. Board Chair McQuary called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm; declared a quorum existed;

Attending Officers

**Executive Director Don Gianquinto
Chair Mike McQuary
Vice Chair Ryoko Daunoras
Secretary Timothy Stiven
Treasurer Joanne Nguyen
Parliamentarian Doug Rider**

Attending Ex-Officio Members

Kathleen Roche-Tansey

Active Society Presidents/Representatives present and voting:

**SD-Alcala: Represented by President Penelope Blesoe
SD-Jalalabad: Designated Representative by Cynthia Villis
SD-Jeonju: Represented by President Byong Racek
SD-Panama City: Represented by President Timothy Stiven
SD-Perth: Represented by President Jan Gontang
SD-Taichung: Represented by President John Wang
SD-Tema: Represented by President Marnyce McKell
SD-Vladivostok: Represented by President Deborah Flores
SD-Yokohama: Represented by President Steven Sigafus**

Active Societies unrepresented

**SD-Campinas
SD-Cavite
SD-Edinburgh
SD-Leon
SD-Tijuana
SD-Yantai
SD-Warsaw & Mazovia Province**

Elected Directors present and voting:

**2018-2021 Term: Ryoko Daunoras,
2019-2021 Term: Mike McQuary,
2019-2020 Term: Giancarlo Taylor
2017-2020 Term: Dennis Michael Broussard
2018-2020Term: Don Gianquinto**

Guest Speaker Attending:

Adrienne Tongate, Executive Director, Chicago Sister Cities Program

Guest Attending:

Thelma Press, Yolanda Burgess- Panama

- I. The Board accepted the agenda
 - Meeting was brought to order.

- II. Don introduced Adrienne Tongate from Chicago Sister Cities
 - 29 Sister Cities in 28 Countries, Volunteer run
 - 37 Volunteer Committees
 - Including Special Social Serve exchange and Humanitarian groups
 - Special 501c3 Health Care group
 - Importance of changes in City Administration's support of SCI
 - Finances: 2013 Dissolved Non profit status
 - Incorporated into World Business Chicago similar to San Diego's Economic Development Board
 - Considers it a success since they are closer to the CEO of Chicago and can give greater clout to CSC while still working closely with the Mayor's office.
 - Received a grant from the City of Chicago that covers the cost of their staff, overhead. WBC has a staff of 40, CSC has a staff of six.
 - Challenges is Economic Crisis we all face, planning for worse case scenario. Plus Election
 - Organized with an ED, (her) and four program managers
 - Each committee has a Chair and Co chair and they form a Council of Chairs with Quarterly meetings
 - They have a Corporate Advisory Board (Members: Motorola, United, JP Morgan, Chase) They are REQUIRED to pay an annual amount and will be charged if not remitted
 - Annual Galas are big fundraiser Chicago Consular Corps Gala
 - CSC has a scholarship Univ. of Illinois
 - Dealing with non-active Committees or Chairs
 - Chicago-Warsaw Celebrating 60th Anniversary
 - Questions from our Board
 - Dealing with lack of Mayoral support
 - Needing Corporate support
 - She mentioned making sure Mayor is always well informed on what CSC is doing.
 - Importance of youth education programs
 - Women leadership development programs
 - Importance of reporting impact tourism has on the city
 - Cultural exchanges and potential economic benefits

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III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (May 11, 2020)

Minutes are made available on email, print and website.
No changes or amendments made.

- **Motion to approve Minutes from May Meeting.**
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

IV. Report from the Chair

- **Proud to say Dr. Mike was elected to the Board of Sister Cities International working on Human Resources**

V. Vice Chair Report

- **Insurance rebate**
- **Working on making sure all Societies have paid dues.**

VI. Treasurer Report

- **Paying Campinas' \$150**

VII. Executive Director Report

- **There was a discussion on finalizing and passing the Annual Report while waiting for Kathleen**
- **Really important that Don is able to send the report to the appropriate offices so they can be brought up to speed on what we are doing at SanDISCA.**
 - **Motion to approve the Annual Report.**
 - ❖ **Don submitted for approval, Cynthia Seconded the motion**
 - ❖ **Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.**

VIII. SOCAL Report

- **Kathleen had the official honor to congratulate Dr. Mike in his election to the SCI Board.**
- **Important virtual events in August**
 - **Peace Bell Ringing event with Hiroshima on August 7th**
 - **United Nations World Youth Day on August 12th**
- **Suggestion that we reach out to the US Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt since he is a strong supporter of Sister Cities and is from San Diego.**
 - ❖ **He was interested in looking into a potential Friendship City relationship with a Greek city.**
 - ❖ **Suggestion that we form a committee to look into this**
 - ❖ **Potential for Basketball Sport Diplomacy and connect with the San Diego Greek Community**
 - ❖ **Marnyce was supportive.**
 - a. **Friendship Cities Committee will give direction at the next meeting**
 - b. **Steven is the Chair**
 - c. **Dennis Michael asked to join this sub-committee**
 - d. **Don will be the point of contact.**

❖ **SCI Youth Conference in February on a Saturday morning.**

a. **For College students involved in Sister Cities to serve as moderators. High School students for participants for a half day.**

- **Guest Thelma Press was introduced.**

IX. Motion made by Penelope to have all Societies send our reports in written form. DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING 9/8/20

❖ **Seconded by Cynthia seconded.** Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

X. Announcements

- San Diego Comic-Con@Home San Diego and Panama Spirit Skies comic book panel
- Executive Director and Steven spoke about need that societies are inactive
 - Some of Don's 20 points of interest
 - Same as those that Chicago SC face.
 - ❖ What happened when a President leaves with no one to take up the position.
 - ❖ A single membership forms
 - ❖ Membership contact list to add or delete if inactive
 - ❖ Committee to make sure EDC knows what partnerships we are making.
 - ❖ Avoid the fate of Houses of Pacific Relations with small societies and a big board
 - ❖ Need of a focused communication through website.
- High School mentorship from Program Committee is open to all societies to develop with John Bardwill

XI. Non Agenda Item

- **Opportunities to help students and teachers as we education goes on line in San Diego**
 - **Steven has online programs already in place.**
 - **Connect the World Program went virtual since March**

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XII. Meeting adjourned exactly at 7:30pm

