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
  2018-2020 Term: Don Gianquinto

Guest Speaker Attending:
  Adrienne Tongate, Executive Director, Chicago Sister Cities Program

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  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
      o Including Special Social Serve exchange and Humanitarian groups
      o Special 501c3 Health Care group
      o Importance of changes in City Administration’s support of SCI
   • Finances: 2013 Dissolved Non profit status
      o Incorporated into World Business Chicago similar to San Diego’s Economic Development Board
      o 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.
      o 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.
      o Challenges is Economic Crisis we all face, planning for worse case scenario. Plus Election
      o Organized with an ED, (her) and four program managers
      o Each committee has a Chair and Co chair and they form a Council of Chairs with Quarterly meetings
      o 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
      o Annual Galas are big fundraiser Chicago Consular Corps Gala o CSC has a scholarship Univ. of Illinois
      o Dealing with non-active Committees or Chairs
      o Chicago-Warsaw Celebrating 60th Anniversary
   • Questions from our Board
      o Dealing with lack of Mayoral support
      o 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
      o Importance of reporting impact tourism has on the city
      o 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.
    - Friendship Cities Committee will give direction at the next meeting
    - Steven is the Chair
    - Dennis Michael asked to join this sub-committee
    - 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 online in San Diego
  - Steven has online programs already in place.
  - Connect the World Program went virtual since March

XII. Meeting adjourned exactly at 7:30pm