



San Diego
International
Sister Cities
Association

Board of Directors

**Monday, November 18, 2020
AMN Healthcare: Large Conference Room
12400 High Bluff Drive
San Diego, CA 92130**

OPENING

Call to order. Board Chair McQuary called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm; declared a quorum existed; and, appointed Tim Stiven, Secretary

Attending Officers

**Chair Mike McQuary
Vice Chair Ryoko Daunoras
Secretary Timothy Stiven
Treasurer Joanne Nguyen**

Active Society Presidents/Representatives present and voting:

**SD-Alcala: Designated Representative Michael Wall
SD- Jalalabad: Represented by President Steven Brown
SD-Leon: Represented by President Connie Goertz
SD-Panama City: President Timothy Stiven
SD-Perth: Represented by President Jan Gontang
SD-Tijuana: Represented by President Shahrzad Kamyab
SD-Tema: Represented by President Marnyce McKell
SD-Warsaw & Mazovia Province Represented by Pres. Janusz Supernak
SD-Vladivostok: Designated Representative Deborah Flores
SD-Yokohama: President Steven Sigafus**

Active Societies unrepresented

**SD Campinas reactivation on the agenda
SD-Cavite
SD-Edinburgh
SD-Jeonju
SD-Taichung
SD-Warsaw & Mazovia Province
SD-Yantai**

Elected Directors present and voting:

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

Affiliated persons present:

Michael Wall-Alcala, Yolanda Burgess-Panama, Cynthia Villis-Jalalabad, Barbara Kruming- Perth, Doug Goertz-Leon

I. The Board accepted the agenda after adding “Action regarding under Unfinished Business to New Business)

- **Meeting was brought to order. The board accepted the agenda after moving the item to Unfinished Business)**
- Dr. Mike explained how the bank accounts will be owned by the President and the Treasurer will own the subsidiary accounts. There will always be at least two owners of the accounts. If any President resigns or retires, they must notify the Treasurer of your replacement. We should all ow have access to our accounts. Jan Gontang will no longer be the recipient of the bank statements. She kindly relinquished this burden.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Sept. 16, 2019)

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

• Motion to approve Minutes from Sept. Meeting.

- Motion made by Jan Gontang
- Seconded by Janusz Supernak;
- Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

III. Kathleen Roche-Tansey was absent. She was in Sante Fe working on the SCI Strategic Plan.

- Dr. Mike, who was able to attend reported on the results of the Southern California SCI meeting held in Santa Barbara
- Focus on Fund Raising for Non Profits
- Dr. Mike went on the breakout on School exchanges. All participants noted that all their exchanges took place in the summer.
- Looking for templates for teacher and student exchange. SDUSD is currently working on one.
- SanDISCA was praised by SoCal SCI for the work we are doing.
 - Request for all SanDISCA societies to use the SanDISCA site for global outreach.

IV. FRIENDSHIP CITIES Report given by Steve Sigafus

- Unfortunately, not able to meet since the last session.
- Goal to make Havana, Cuba our trial Friendship City.
- Don Gianquinto repeated the desire that this be expedited.
- Potentially make the Jan. Retreat making Friendship Cities and Havana be the focus of the retreat.
 - Motion was made to make Friendship Cities an agenda Item for the retreat was made by Marnyce McKell
 - Seconded by Yolanda Burgess
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.
 - Motion was made to move the Retreat from January 25 to Jan. 18, 2020 by Dr. Mike.
 - Seconded by Jan Gontang
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

V. TREASURER REPORT

- Joanne Nguyen submitted an Annual Report July 1, 2018-July 1, 2019
 - Account now reconciled.
 - Current Checking Account balance as of 7/31/18 \$6,076.92
 - Current Savings Account Balance \$2,449.00
- Insurance is our highest cost. \$213.
- Border X event paid in part by using profit from Balboa Cup to defray cost of the SD-TJ event at Border X.SD
- Deposits should be mailed directly to Dr. Mike. Invoices are emailed.
- Looking to verify whether Jalalabad. For all those who have not paid, they will receive an emailed invoice.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY Dennis Michael Broussard

- Final Definition of Chair, President and Executive Director
- Approve committee recommendations for ED.
- This ED/President will represent the Association on a day by day basis. As “The Face of SanDISCA” At any event The ED will represent SanDISCA.
- Request was made to change the wording from “manages to supervises or oversees those under the Ed. This is a volunteer organization and not a business.
- The Chair runs the Board meetings
- It was requested that all Exec. Officers responsibilities be added to the document.
- Then it was asked why we cannot just approve the document.
- Motion was made to finalize any additional revisions or amendments to the ED/Pres/Chair definition document was made by Marnyce McCall
 - Seconded by Jan Gontang
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions. And there was much rejoicing.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Balboa Cup
 - Discussion of adding Yokohama to Balboa Cup. Other cities want to join. **(All this is now up in the air due to Covid-19)**
- Tijuana reported on the “party of the year” on Oct. 28, 2019
 - Consul Generals from both US and Mexico were there.
 - Congratulations to all the hard work and dedication Shahrzad put into this event. Shahrzad then thanked Steve for his work on the invitation etc. , to Don and Joanne for all their help, and for all who attended.
 - Shahrzad discussed her plans for a day trip to Tijuana.

- Jalalabad
 - Received a grant for \$10,500
 - Female table tennis, volleyball and cricket teams
 - \$7,000 for a Pediatric medical service
 - Sending pediatric heart patients to India and sometimes Israel for treatment. State Dept. helps with transportation. Costs \$700 per child
- Tema
 - Working on taking a group of interested students from Black Resource Center at SDSU to Tema, Ghana hopefully for Sept. 2020.
- Warsaw
 - 3 Day Polish Festival was a huge success. Dr. Supernak performed on stage. Dancing and Beer!
 - Always the Second Week of October.
- Leon
 - New Mayor not interested in Sister Cities.
 - But an Artist from Leon wants to keep the relationship
 - Puerto Vallarta is difficult to visit but working on supporting a student there.
- Alcala
 - Gearing up for the Annual Cervantes Festival in February 29, 2020 at the House of Spain, Balboa Park.
 - Raised \$3,000 award for San Diego students wanting to visit Alcala. 6 Scholarships of \$500 a piece.
- Panama
 - Canyon Crest relationship with Homero Ayala, Panama expressed interest in sending Science teachers to San Diego to study Bio Lab best practices for Middle School and High School courses.
 - MET is sending a robotics team to Legoland
 - San Diego Panama Heritage night. 400 people came to Petco Padres are interested in having a SanDISCA Night. Don got us in to see San Diego Padres.
- Yokohama
 - Exchange student went to Mission Bay High School and another group went to Crown Point Elem. 12th teacher exchange
 - 12th teacher exchange from Yokohama sending teachers to SD Unified and Poway for Academic exchange.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Standing Committees and Special Committees established
- Election Committee will be taking nominations for Exec. Comm.
- Sign up sheet was handed out.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **Reactivation of SD Campinas by Don Gianquinto**
 - Since taking over as Executive Director in 2017, his goal was get all 16 Sister Cities. Dennis Michael working on this
 - The goal is to get Campinas fully functioning
 - Paolo Lima “Batuta” wants to be the President.
 - He runs the Brazilian Festival of San Diego
 - Long term goal would be to make the Brazilian Festival the big annual fundraiser for SanDISCA
- Bylaws require a bank account, Society officers and at least two meetings before it can be reactivated. Perth and TJ held reactivation meetings on phone
- There was some discussion about these stipulations were in fact in the by laws.
- Dr. Mike then corrected this record since the rules for reactivation should not be the same for adding a new Sister City. Waved by majority vote.
- Motion was made to allow a majority vote to allow Campinas to be reactivated without the Standing rules was made by Yolanda Burgess
 - Seconded by Dennis Michael Broussard
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions. And there was much rejoicing.
- Motion was made to nominate Paolo Lima as President of San Diego Campinas by Don Gianquinto
 - Seconded by Yolanda Burgess
 - Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.
- Yokohama supporting and adopted “Connect the World”
- Whether to consider making the SD Yokohama after school program Into a SanDISCA program.
 - Topic for retreat.
 - Oct. 21 M-F Yokohama was asked to take over a after school program. Most kids need after school care. Better than just babysitting.
 - 6 years with Crown Point Academy Title 1 Music Magnet with 19 K-5 students along with Barnard Elem.
 - Currently promoting Japanese language and culture, but Steven is open doors to all Sister Cities. A slot time to promote culture within the school setting all the cultures
 - Monthly overhead of \$700/month \$225 per student

X. Meeting was closed at 7:33pm

Signed

Timothy James Stiven, Secretary SanDISCA

Dr. Michael McQuary, Chair Board of Directors SanDISCA

