

**Board of Directors  
Remote Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

**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**

**Absent**

**Treasurer Joanne Nguyen**

**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-Leon: Represented by President Connie Goertz  
SD-Panama: Represented by President Timothy Stiven  
SD-Perth: Represented by President Jan Gontang  
SD-Tema: Represented by President Marnyce McKell  
SD-Yokohama: Represented by President Steven Sigafus**

**Active Societies unrepresented**

**SD-Campinas  
SD-Cavite  
SD-Edinburgh  
SD-Jeonju  
SD-Taijung  
SD-Tijuana  
SD-Vladivostok  
SD-Yantai  
SD-Warsaw & Mazovia Province**

**Elected Directors present and voting:**

**2018-2021 Term: Ryoko Daunoras,  
2019-2021 Term: Mike McQuary,  
2020-2022 Term: Dennis Michael Broussard  
2020-2022 Term: Don Gianquinto**

**Guest Speaker Attending:**

**Laura Araujo, Director of Binational Affairs, Tijuana  
Jessica Censotti**

**Guest Attending: Yolanda Burgess- Panama**

**I. The Board accepted the agenda**

- Meeting was brought to order.
- **NOTE**

*Due to a misunderstanding, there were two Zoom meeting links and some had trouble making the meeting and there were other minor technical difficulties that meant the agenda was adjusted and the order of the meeting was improvised. There was not official recording of the meeting either, so minutes are from the Secretary and members notes.*

**II. Special Reports**

- SD-Tema President Dr. Marnyce McKell presented the planned invitation of a delegation to San Diego to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the San Diego-Tema Sister City Society
- Laura Araujo from Tijuana Innovadora introduced potential opportunities to collaborate with Tijuana not just between SD-Tijuana but SanDISCA as a whole.
- Jessica Censotti introduced the Maasi KENYA “Shoes for Schools” Program

**II. Report from the Chair**

- Delegates for Sister City International were accepted and voted on
- The delegates are Ryoko Daunoras, Jan Gontang, Tim Stiven and Kathleen Roche-Tansey
- Motion was seconded by Yolanda Burgess vote was unanimous.

**III. Vice Chair Report**

- Discussion involving insurance, grant application from the County Board of Supervisors

**IV. Treasurer Report**

- Will be forwarded by Dr. Mike and Joanne when she returns.

**V. Executive Director Report**

- Asked to delay his report until the following meeting or in September.

**VI. SOCAL Report**

- Kathleen remedy everyone that the SCI Conference was about to open on July 23-24, 2021
- San Diego will be well represented, leading three breakout groups during the conference

**VII. Action Items**

- **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.
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Will be forwarded by Dr. Mike and Joanne when she returns.

#### **VIII. Committee Reports**

- Balboa Cup is looking to restart in August of 2022 with the addition of Tema, Ghana and Yokohama Japan.
- Friendship City Sub Committee
  - Yolanda led a short discussion of the process that SanDISCA will use in the future and established a formal and proactive procedure. (See attached)
  - Dennis-Michael Broussard brought us up to date on Marseilles Friendship City Application
  - Tim updated on San Diego- Derry

#### **IX. Society Updates**

- **SD-Vladivostok**
  - 1) Efforts to press the US Department of State to reopen and staff the Russian Far East-sited, US Consulate, Vladivostok continued during June, July, and August 2021.
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  - 2) Zoom remains the primary means to sustain the San Diego and Russian-side relationship.
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  - 3) On August 15, San Diego-side participants joined their Russian counterparts (the Vladivostok Public Organization of Sister Cities of Vladivostok City) who hosted via Zoom, the grand opening of an art-historical exhibit “Peaceful Pacific” that will show in Vladivostok until September 20.
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  - 4) The San Diego and Vladivostok sides will commemorate the 30th anniversary of their relationship (September 10) by means of Zoom. Sister cities leaders, partnering with Pacific Rim Park leaders will engage Vladivostok sister cities leaders during an early evening event Zoomed from San Diego’s Pacific Rim Park, the “Pearl,” located on Shelter Island’s western shore. Parking spaces are limited. As event specifics emerge, SanDISCA directors will receive timely notification by the SanDISCA network.
- **SD-Jalalabad**
  - The primary activity taking place involving the San Diego~Jalalabad sister Cities Foundation has been our food purchase and distribution program. As previously reported, \$71 is enough to purchase a two month’s supply of food for the average size family in Jalalabad. To date we have raised \$40,000 and purchased and

**distributed food for the months of May, June, July and August providing basic food supplies for over 1,000 people. The IT trainers in our Afghan Youth Connect program under the supervision of our Director Almas have organized and implemented this program. We are hopeful schools will be back in Session in September and the economy will start to open up by then. If not, then in my opinion, more Afghans will be dying of starvation than COVID 19. Attached are some pictures of our food distribution program.**

**Meeting adjourned exactly at 7:50pm**