



**SAN DIEGO**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
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## **Meeting minutes** **October 11, 2021**

Attendees – Penelope Bledsoe, Alcalá, Jan Gontang, Perth, Steven Sigafus, Yokohama, Steve Brown and Cynthia Willis, Jalalabad, Marnyce McKell, Tema, Don and Connie Goertz, Leon, Yolanda Burgess with Panama, Ren Yu with Taichung, Deborah Flores with Vladivostok.

Others present included Tim Stiven, Chair, Jessica Censotti, Director, Dennis Michael Broussard, Director, Don Giaquinto, Executive Director. Kathleen Roche Tansey, SCI Representative and Dr. Mike McQuary, SCI Board member. Excused members included: Kiley Sanders, Director, Shahrzad Kamyab, Tijuana, and Janusz Supernak, Warsaw. Not present Edinburgh, Scotland and Yantai, China, Cavite, Philippines. Guests included Martin Kruming.

- Minutes were unanimously approved with changes
- Yolanda Burgess Vice Chair provided a financial overview. Met with Olga a possible new treasurer for the board. Joanne Nguyen turned over all financial records that she had to Yolanda. Olga will create a quick books account for the nonprofit once everything is organized with Yolanda.
- Jan G discussed options for the December Holiday meeting – In person or Virtual. Details to come in November
- Yolanda B. discussed a Wine Fundraiser for SanDISCA. There will be a committee to discuss. Jan G. Marnyce, DM, Penelope, Deborah, Yolanda.
- Jessica discussed the Maasai Tribe Shoe Donation event as well as the art exhibit at the United Nations
- Partner up with Long Beach Cities for a Mombasa project supporting orphans- a school for orphans
- Board discussed updating the DONATE page to make it more visible / accessible
- DG / YB/ TS discussed creation of the profit and loss report with total balance of each account how much raised in 2019 2020 2021. We need to create a list with total amount of money raised collectively in order to apply for various grants.
- KRT thought that there may be records reports or past documents from CONVIS with information into the impact of SANDSICA tourists' / visitors
- Don continued the EIR report items by Kiley Sanders to the November meeting
- Ghana is celebrating their anniversary this year and there is a new Ghana Ambassador to the US
- Possible new locations for board meetings - AMN is no longer hosting nonprofit organizations