

San Diego International Sister Cities

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11,
2022, 5-6pm

ATTENDEES		
FIRST	LAST	STATUS
Penelope	BLEDSOE	Alcalá
Dennis-Michael	BROUSSARD	Director
Steve	BROWN	Jalalabad
Yolanda	BURGESS	Vice Chair/Panama
Aaron	COMBS	Intern Extraordinaire
Deborah	FLORES	Vladivostok
Don	GIAQUINTO	Executive Director
Connie	GOERTZ	León
Jan 'Kip'	GONTANG	Perth
Carlton	JONES	Somalia applicant
Shahrzad	KAMYAB	Tijuana
Marnyce	MCKELL	Tema
Michael	MCQUARY	SCI Board Member
Cody	PETTERSON	Secretary
Kathleen	ROCHE-TANSEY	SCI State Representative
Steven	SIGAFUS	Yokohama
Tim	STIVEN	Chair
Ren-Yu	TSENG	Taichung
Cynthia	VILLIS	Jalalabad
Rahmo	ABDI	Somalia applicant
Shukriya	OSMAN	Somalia applicant

ITEM	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
ITEM 1	Welcome	STIVEN
ITEM 2	SoCal Updates	
ITEM 2a		ROCHE TANSEY

ITEM 2b		MCQUARY
ITEM 3	Action Items	
ITEM 3a	Review of Retreat	
ITEM 3b	Approval of February Minutes	PETTERSON
ITEM 3c	Treasurer's Report	BURGESS
ITEM 4	Discussion Items	
ITEM 4a	Balboa Cup Updates	STIVEN

ITEM 4b	Young Artists and Authors Showcase Updates	BLED SOE
ITEM 4c	Website/social media updates and submittals	SIGAFUS
ITEM 4d	Board meetings- virtual or in-person	STIVEN
ITEM 5	Committee updates	

ITEM 5a	Friendship Cities	BURGESS
ITEM 5b	U.S. Mexico SCI Mayor's Summit	MCQUARY
ITEM 5c	Updated list of committees	GIAQUINTO

ITEM 6	Non-Agenda comment/Society Updates	
ITEM 7	Adjournment	STIVEN

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REMARKS
ROCHE TANSEY thanked participants in the SoCal conference. SANDISCA needs to be applying for annual awards program, for example Jalalabad Humanitarian Program. VILLIS noted SANDISCA received an award last year. Deadline Annual Award application is 1st of June. Next SCI meeting will be in Santa Fe, hybrid, July 6-8, hybrid

MCQUARY reported excellent SoCal meeting. Shared best practices, combined presentation with Carlsbad. Global Conversation, April 27th, US-Canada-Mexico, What's Next for North America?. May 6th, annual awards deadline. YAAS submissions are in. We received three submissions. Leadership Youth Summit going through major changes. Once a month for three months, fireside chat, led by youth, culminating in August. Roundtable with Warsaw, Poland and Chicago about Ukraine Crisis.

GIAQUINTO discussed outstanding work. Planning for next year for annual report. Ideas for strategic plan. Will email. STIVEN do we need a deadline. GIAQUINTO end of April.

PETTERSON introduced minutes. Several amendments proposed and reflected in final. Motion as amended: STIVEN. Second: KAMYAB. Vote: Unanimous approval.

BURGESS described financial transactions for February and March. Including apportionment dues of several cities and donation from MCQUARY. Negotiations with attorney general ongoing. BLEDSOE inquired about transfer of \$200 from Vladivostok for YAAS. GIAQUINTO reported that it was a check. BURGESS reported seeing the email, but it is not reflected in the account. GIAQUINTO reported depositing the money last week and will discuss offline with BURGESS. Motion with amendment to reflect pending \$200 check: STIVEN. Second: BLEDSOE. Vote: Unanimous approval.

STIVEN noted GIAQUINTO's emphasis on redundancy of roles. STIVEN reported family trouble and potential difficulty organizing cup. STIVEN will step back from Cup organizing and will hand responsibility to Coach Lockhart and others, who have expressed willingness to take responsibility for it.

BLEDSOE reported that a teacher at a private art class in Del Mar, Julia Lunetta, recruited three artists. Because the applicants were three in number, they were all accepted and advanced to SCI. The submissions were ranked by SANDISCA board members. BLEDSOE assisted in application and confirmed sponsorship of artists by SANDISCA. BLEDSOE was disappointed by the lack of school participation. ROCHE TANSEY thanked BLEDSOE and noted that the three artists represented three different schools in San Diego. GIAQUINTO congratulated Lunetta on her initiative in identifying and pursuing the prize. ROCHE TANSEY heard from colleagues that the application process itself was challenging. BLEDSOE confirmed the difficulty and noted the work she had done to assist in the process.

SIGUFUS anticipating working with Aaron on the website. GIAQUINTO prompted SIGAFUS and COMBS to discuss what data and content they need from Board members to populate website.

STIVEN introduced the question. GONTANG noted ease of virtual but loss of synergies from in-person. Sharzad expressed strong approval for virtual. Numerous members expressed various preference for virtual, hybrid, in-person, and every other in-person. Motion ("Move to note consensus for four in-person meetings annually, to potentially correspond with intervening meetings virtual, with possible), Cynthia. Placement on May agenda. Cynthia is retiring July 21st, 2022, she may be able to continue to provide annual meeting room, but will not have a budget to provide food and other amenities.

BURGESS introduced Somalia Sister City representatives JONES and RAHMO, founder of Somali Youth United. RAHMO introduced OSMAN, 17-year-old student who would like Garowe City to become a Sister City. Garowe is the capital of Puntland. There is already an exchange program between San Diego college students and Garowe grade school students. STIVEN asked if they had a U-13 soccer team. ROCHE TANSEY asked if other students can participate. RAHMO said yes. BURGESS noted participation of San Dieguito students. STIVEN confirmed. MCQUARY inquired about community partners in Garowe. RAHMO has already discussed becoming a Sister City with the Mayor of Garowe, who is excited to participate. Motion to move forward with the application process for Garowe, Somalia as a Sister City: BURGESS. Second: KAMYAB. Vote: Unanimous approval. GIAQUINTO clarified that the vote was to move forward with application process rather than outright approval.

MCQUARY reported September 28-October 1, 2022. Noted inclusion of "Community" in the title of the Summit. It will start with an evening introductory ceremony. Breakfast and programs the following day in Tijuana. San Diego Breakfast and programming Sep. 30 . San Diego SCI Annual Business Meeting final day. MCQUARY described subcommittee participants. Next steps April 13, 2pm PST, Panels and Content Subcommittee, April 14 or 15, Logistics and Advance Team Preparation Meeting, April 18-19, Advance Team Trip to San Diego and Tijuana, April 27, Planning Team Update and Subcommittee Reports. MCQUARY shared the new logo for the Summit. Contact MCQUARY if interested in participating or with suggestions for speakers or panels. ROCHE TANSEY SANDISCA and Tijuana Sister City need to express strong support for the Summit. KAMYAB reported her participation in organizing committee. ROCHE TANSEY emphasized the participation of León, Mexico, a Chula Vista Sister City.

GONTANG announced ANZAC Day celebration, Monday, April 25th. Consul General of Australia will attend on the USS Midway. ANZAC Day commemorates the troops who fought at Gallipoli and elsewhere in the WWI. There will be a ceremony and breakfast, including 'gunbattle' coffee, which is laced with rum. GIAQUINTO affirmed that it is a great event. GONTANG also noted that a brunch will follow at Ballast Point Brewery. GIAQUINTO will send out invites to board members. GONTANG will acquire tickets if anyone has difficulty. BLEDSOE announced 8th year of Cervantes Festival, April 23rd, 10am-3pm. Music, dance, and readings from 'Don Quixote.' Soliciting readers in any language. BURGESS reported that a couple of students, including Panama House Princess, are prepared to read. VILLIS presented Jalalabad report. Taliban has shut down all public schools. Minister of Education has approved continuation of computer lab instruction for girls. Nangarhar University has continued uninterrupted. SIGAFUS gave a Yokohama update. There will be an international fair at Doyle Elementary, June 3rd. SIGAFUS played video of dancing at prior fair. VILLIS announced pending placement of a Peace Pole, 9am, Wednesday, April 27th. KUSI will be reporting. KAMYAB met with a woman who is planning on opening a

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm