

San Diego International Sister Cities Association

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2022

5-6pm

ATTENDEES:

Ikyoung	BACK	Intern
Penelope	BLEDSON	Alcalá
Steve	BROWN	Jalalabad
Yolanda	BURGESS	Vice Chair/Panama
Jessica	CENSOTTI	Director
Aaron	COMBS	Intern Extraordinaire
Ed	DANICO	Cavite
Deborah	FLORES	Vladivostok
Don	GIAQUINTO	Executive Director
Jan 'Kip'	GONTANG	Perth
Shahzad	KAMYAB	Tijuana
Michael	MCQUARY	SCI Board Member
Cody	PETTERSON	Secretary
Kathleen	ROCHE-TANSEY	SCI State Representative
Tim	STIVEN	Chair
Cynthia	VILLIS	Jalalabad
Inki	WELCH	Jeonju/House of USA

AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
ITEM 1	Welcome	STIVEN	
ITEM 2	SoCal Updates	MCQUARY	MCQUARY reviewed SCI activity, including successful conversation earlier this year with US-Mexico-Canada economic trade issues. New Haven SCI is having its 45th anniversary celebration. Youth Leadership Summit held their first fireside chat. June 29th second. July 20th third. August 12th public forum.

			Leadership Conference coming up in Santa Fe. US-Mexico Mayors Community Summer September 28th-October 1st. 4 subcommittees. Kathleen, Martin, Don, and Yvette taking lead on logistics. Dennis-Michael and Jessica Censotti participating in Marketing and Promotions. Panels and Content led by Mario Porras (El Paso, Board of Directors, SCI) with Gil Garcia (Mexico). Sponsorship and fundraising led by San Jose Councilmember Sergio Jimenez. KAMYAB and GIAQUINTO both expressed concerned about lack of contact from Mario Porras. MCQUARY committed to contacting him and ensuring outreach. Reinforced need for coordinating task force. ROCHE-TANSEY had connectivity difficulty.
Item 3	Action Items		
ITEM 3a	Minutes	PETTERSON	PETTERSON presented May Meeting Minutes. WELCH pointed out month labelling error. GIAQUINTO committed to correcting. PETTERSON entertained motion to approve. WELCH so moved. GONTANG second. Unanimous approval.
ITEM 3b	Treasurer's Report	BURGESS	BURGESS noted need to secure a CPA. WELCH asked about the cost and coverage of insurance. BURGESS clarified that the SANDISCA insurance covers the societies. BLEDSOE noted she had responded to query about society activities. BURGESS entertained motion to approve. WELCH so moved. BLEDSOE second. Unanimous approval.
ITEM 4	Discussion Items		
ITEM 4a	June 3rd Cultural Festival debrief	GIAQUINTO	GIAQUINTO presented in SIGAFUS's absence. 5 represented societies. SANDISCA booth as well. 5-600 people. Cody was emcee. Steven organized an excellent program. Six performing groups. Students and families stayed until the end. DANICO made a quorum call. Roll call reflected in list above.
ITEM 4b	BYLAW updates	GIAQUINTO	GIAQUINTO reported on updates to bylaws. Will send out updated bylaws tomorrow. Solicited feedback on proposed edits.
ITEM 4c	Apportionment update	BURGESS	BURGESS will discuss apportionments directly with society representatives.

ITEM 5	Committee updates: Friendship Cities	BURGESS	BURGESS reported on friendship cities. All fees of \$50 have been paid.
ITEM 6	Non-agenda Public Comment		GIAQUINTO reported briefly on Highland Games. GONTANG reported on SD Perth visit from Minister of Science and Tech. Business leaders and the minister of Industry and Science coming in for Biocom Convention. Frustrated with trying to organize meeting between Mayor Gloria and Minister. DANICO announced June 12th 3pm event at the House of Philippines. BLEDSOE reported on uploading report on Cervantes Festival and information on the Young Artist Showcase (YAS) to the website. Recognized the assistance of Steven Sigafus. BURGESS reported that World Rangers are recognizing the work of the Guarda Bosque in Panama. BLEDSOE reported that 58 pieces of art from YAS is on display at the Mission Valley Library. BURGESS reported on progress of work to deliver computers to Baja school. MCQUARY reported on the developing Cabo San Lucas/Longfellow relationship. STIVEN reported on MeshBox internet extender with which he is working in Afghanistan collaboration. MeshBoxes in DRC and Ukraine already. WELCH asked for list of members and their contact information. GIAQUINTO suggested discussion insurance and bylaws next month. BURGESS noted that there are 2 societies that are not covered by the umbrella by SANDISCA insurance.
ITEM 7	Adjournment	STIVEN	Meeting adjourned at 6pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, July 11, 2022

5pm