

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
SDPD Western Division Police Substation,
5215 Gaines Street, San Diego

Members Present:

President Alan Alvarez, First Vice-President Jerry Hara, Second Vice-President Marcy McLaughlin, Secretary Joe Howie, Treasurer Norma Valverde, Parliamentarian Trisha Amador, Historian Roberto Ruiz, Correspondent Secretary Linda Garcia, Immediate Past-President Carlos Medina, and Members Omar Carranza, Gary Lawrence, Jose Cuervo, Marcella Crowe and Guests Leonard Mata, president of the North San Diego County NLPOA Chapter, David Ardilla, president of the San Diego County NLPOA Chapter, and Bill Nemeč, president of the San Diego Police Officers Association.

Call to Order:

President Alan Alvarez called the membership meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

President Alvarez called roll (Refer to "Members Present"). Associate Manager David Bucsit, an Executive Board Member, was not present. President Alvarez asked that he be excused.

Introduction of Guests:

President Alvarez introduced Bill Nemeč, president of the San Diego Police Officers Association, and Leonard Mata, president of the North San Diego County NLPOA Chapter. Later during the proceedings, David Ardilla, president of the San Diego County NLPOA Chapter, arrived and President Alvarez introduced him.

Proceedings:

I. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Joe Howie presented the membership meeting minutes of December 11, 2007 and motioned that the minutes be accepted. Second Vice-President Marcy McLaughlin seconded the motion and the motion was ratified. Secretary Howie stated they would be forwarded to Historian Ruiz for posting on the Association's web page.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Norma Valverde presented the Treasurer's Report that covered the period of December 2007 to present. Discussion followed. First Vice-President Jerry Hara motioned that the report be accepted. Secretary Howie seconded the motion and the motion was ratified. Refer to the treasurer's report for details.

III. President's Report:

President Alvarez asked Bill Nemec to address the membership on the subject of re-certifying San Diego police bilingual officers. Nemec said the San Diego Police Officers Association shares the concern but they agreed in contract for the testing. Officers will be tested every three years. The testing, which involves all languages, will be done via taped telephone conversations with a professor that has a doctorate degree in language. The conversation will simulate actual police contacts. The officer will be graded and the results will be forwarded to the police department's human resource office. If the officer fails, there will be an appeal process. Correspondent Secretary Linda Garcia stated the police department had a similar re-qualification test for police dispatchers about 20-years ago. It was very difficult to receive a passing grade. Discussion followed.

President Alvarez briefed the membership on his and Secretary Howie's meeting with San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne on January 14th. (The Executive Board was notified of the pending meeting on January 11th). The focus of the meeting was to establish communication with the San Diego Police Department and our Association's newly elected Executive Board. But also discussed with the chief was our Association's continued commitment to promoting diversity within the San Diego Police Department, our concern that too many San Diego police recruits are failing field training and that our members are apprehensive of the plan to re-certify bilingual officers. President Alvarez offered our Association's assistance to the police department with the recruitment of officers and bilingual police dispatchers. He also mentioned to the chief that we are in the process of developing a mentoring program for police recruits.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Member Omar Carranza briefed members on a co-sponsored event by our association and Great Community. Great Community is a charitable organization that raises funds primarily for military families. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2007, at Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Company at Liberty Station. The event is designed to raise funds specifically for the Escamilla and Hathaway families. Eduardo Escamilla, a San Diego police officer, tragically lost his daughter to an automobile collision. The Hathaway's are a military family that is in need of assistance for travel and lodging related to a severe family illness. On December 15th, 15% of Oggi's sales will be donated to assist these families. In addition, sport and other memorabilia items will be raffled. Carranza encouraged participation by members. Discussion followed. Note: Additional information is available on the association's web page.

First Vice-President Alan Alvarez updated the membership on his works to form a new corporation for our association named, "NLPOA San Diego Metro Chapter". Currently, the name of our association is, "NLPOA Metro Chapter". He also updated the membership on our 501C3 endeavor. Discussion followed.

V. New Business:

VI. Announcements:

VII: Adjourn Meeting:

President Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
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Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.