

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007
SDPD Western Division Police Substation,
5215 Gaines Street, San Diego

Members Present:

President Carlos Medina, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Second Vice-President Jerry Hara, Secretary Joe Howie, Treasurer Norma Valverde, Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, Correspondence Secretary Nina Medina and Members Linda Garcia, Lawanda Fisher and guest Omar Carranza.

Call to Order:

President Carlos Medina called the membership meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proceedings:

I. President's Report:

President Medina informed the membership that he and 22 other law enforcement association representatives attended a luncheon on October 9th hosted by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis. The primary topic was the "Brady Index", a centralized file that contains discoverable information on law enforcement officials that have been deemed not ethical. There are 14 law enforcement officials in San Diego County in the file. President Medina made note that our association was the only non-bargaining association invited by Dumanis.

President Medina said he and First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Associate Manager Jose Cuervo and Correspondence Secretary Nina Medina attended the State NLPOA meeting that was held on October 6th in Visalia, California. Medina announced and publicly congratulated Alan Alvarez whom was elected Executive Vice-Precedent of the state chapter. Medina also announced that David Ardilla, the president of the San Diego County NLPOA chapter, was elected as the Southern California Vice-Precedent.

The State chapter has three meetings a year, one in the fall, the winter and the largest meeting that is in the spring. This next spring meeting our association and the San Diego County NLPOA chapter will be hosting the meeting in San Diego. Discussion followed.

President Medina announced that Historian Roberto Ruiz would be attending the National NLPOA conference later this month in Puerto Rico.

President Medina asked that we create panels for mock SDPD sergeant promotion interviews. First Vice-President Alvarez said Northern Division is creating a panel and Secretary Joe Howie said Southeastern Division was also creating a panel. All interested could participate.

President Medina asked the membership if we were going to once again participate with the SDPD Central Division's thanksgiving turkey drive. There was a general consensus of those present that we would donate the same funds as previously allotted.

Second Vice-President Jerry Hara presented his After-Action report of the Comedy Night event to President Medina.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Norma Valverde presented the treasurers report that had previously been given on October 3, 2007 at the Executive Board meeting. Valverde said she would reconcile the report to date and email it to the Board members.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Joe Howie presented the General Membership Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2007 to those that attended and asked that they be approved. After review, the motion to approve the Minutes was made, seconded and ratified. Howie then presented the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2007 to those that attended and motioned that these Minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and ratified. He told the membership that although there was no membership meeting in September, he would create a Minute report for September stating the meeting was cancelled. The Minutes will be forwarded to Historian Roberto Ruiz for posting on the association's web page.

IV. Unfinished Business:

First Vice-President Alvarez informed the membership that no one from our association attended the Christmas Train Invitational Golf Tournament as was planned. The tournament was on September 21, 2007 at East Lake Country Club. Alvarez announced that our association did donate \$325.00 towards the event.

Alvarez updated the membership on the health of Charlie Coval, the chairman of Christmas Train. Coval told Alvarez that Christmas Train did well in their Invitational

Golf Tournament fund raising affair and this year's annual Tecate, Mexico toy distribution event is on schedule. He asked that due to his illness, our association prepare to take on a larger role in the event. There was a general consensus of those present at the meeting that we would.

Alvarez went on to inform the membership that the Tecate, Mexico toy distribution event is scheduled for January 6, 2008. Prior to this date, Christmas Train will need assistance with packaging the gifts that will be distributed. During the event, Christmas Train will need logistical assistance while in Tecate.

Correspondent Secretary Nina Medina updated the membership on a meeting scheduled for October 22nd with the SDPD administration to discuss the implementation of a policy governing "Whistle Blower" laws. President Medina, E.E.O. Liaison Felipe Arroyo and a representative of the SDPOA will be attending the meeting. Nina presented copies of reports that will be discussed. Discussion followed.

V. New Business:

First Vice-President Alvarez presented information of a NLPOA credit card offer that will raise funds for the National chapter. The SF Police Credit Union is offering the credit card. President Medina encouraged members to apply. Discussion followed.

Alvarez motioned that we support Edgar Takeda, an NLPOA County Chapter member, son's appointment to the Naval Academy. The motioned was seconded and then ratified.

Alvarez motioned that we donate \$1000.00 to the Escamilla family by means of a donation to the SDPOA charitable fund. SDPD Officer Escamilla's family was recently involved in a serious traffic collision. His son and daughter were critically injured. His 2-year old daughter later died as a result of her injuries. The family is in need of funds to support their hotel stay near Children's Hospital. The motion to donate \$1000.00 was passed and ratified.

Associate Manager Jose Cuervo presented information regarding a charitable group named, Christmas in Tijuana. In early December, this organization distributes school supplies to some of the poorest schools in Tijuana. Cuervo told the membership he may ask for a donation to this group at our next membership meeting. Members would be invited to assist with the distribution.

Alvarez motioned that we donate \$150.00 to Shop with a Cop. Discussion followed and it was tabled for next meeting with a consensus that it would be approved.

VI. Announcements:

Guest Omar Carranza, the executive director of Great Community, presented information on his organization. Great Community is a chartable organization that primarily raises funds to assist military families in need of transportation and lodging in respect to

hospitalized family members. The Great Community has a fund raising event planned on November 30th. The event, a golf tournament and dinner show, will be hosted at Rancho Bernardo Country Club. Tickets to the dinner show are \$80.00. Carranza asked that our association assist in selling tickets to the dinner. Members present stated they would assist. Discussion followed.

First Vice-President Alvarez announced Omar Carranza as an Association candidate and motioned that his membership be confirmed. The motion was seconded and ratified.

President Medina announced that he would not be seeking reelection as president in the upcoming elections scheduled for December.

VII: Adjourn Meeting:

President Medina adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2007 at 1730 HOURS
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Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.