

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 20, 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, Parliamentarian Marcy McLaughlin, Historian Roberto Ruiz, and Members Linda Garcia, Omar Carranza, Bob Amador, Trisha Amador and David Bucsit, and guests William Gentry and Danielle Hickman.

Call to Order:

President Carlos Medina called the membership meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proceedings:

I. President's Report:

President Medina informed the membership that our association donated \$250.00 to Central Division's charity drive. The funds are used to assist disadvantaged families with holiday supplies.

President Medina and Second Vice-President Jerry Hara informed the membership that associate member Robert Waldon's home was destroyed in the 2007 Firestorm. His home was in Rancho Bernardo. Hara said a letter of condolences was sent to him. No other known members lost their homes.

President Medina announced that in October, Historian Roberto Ruiz attended the NLPOA National Conference in Puerto Rico. Ruiz briefed the membership on the conference. Of particular importance is that in 6-months, the National NLPOA chapter will not allow local chapters to use their 501C3 endorsement. Chapters will have just four months to obtain their own endorsement.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Norma Valverde was not present for the meeting but had emailed the report to Second Vice-President Hara who presented it. President Medina motioned that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and then ratified. A copy of the report will accompany the minute report.

Second Vice-President Hara announced that we would be able to afford four, one thousand dollar scholarships in 2008. Hara had previously stated the chief source of these funds was derived from the 2007 Lobster Run. This year, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez organized the Lobster Run, closely assisted by Jerry Hara.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Joe Howie read the General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2007 to the members present. He then motioned that the Minutes be accepted. His motion was seconded and then ratified. Howie asked Historian Ruiz to post the minutes on the association's web page.

IV. Unfinished Business:

First Vice-President Alvarez updated the membership on the health of Charlie Coval, the chairman of Christmas Train. Alvarez also sadly announced to the membership that the annual Christmas Train Tecate, Mexico, toy distribution event that had been scheduled for January 6, 2008 had to be cancelled due to the following obstacles: A new local government is due to take power in Tecate, Mexico in December. Efforts to communicate with them by Christmas Train have been unsuccessful. Due to the lead contaminated toys exported by China, The Mexican government in Mexico City must inspect all toys imported from China before they will allow distribution of them. And lastly, Charlie Coval's health is of the utmost importance and the obstacles are too much for him to bear. Christmas Train will regroup and attempt to resume the event in 2009. Discussion followed.

First Vice-President Alvarez motioned that we donate \$150.00 to Shop with a Cop. This motion was tabled last meeting. Discussion followed and the motion was seconded and then ratified.

First Vice-President Alvarez said he spoke with Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, who was not able to attend the meeting, and Cuervo told him he would be seeking a monetary donation via email to the Christmas in Tijuana organization that has a planned event scheduled in early December. This organization distributes school supplies to the poorest schools in Tijuana. Jose Cuervo has previously given details of the event.

Member Omar Carranza also the chairman of Great Community, announced that the golf tournament and dinner show fund raising event planned for November 30th at Rancho

Bernardo Country Club had to be cancelled due to the recent firestorm that swept through Rancho Bernardo. He will notify our association when it is rescheduled.

President Medina said also due to the firestorm, the scheduled meeting of October 22nd with the SDPD administration to discuss the implementation of a policy governing “Whistle Blower” laws had to be cancelled. President Medina will notify our association when the meeting is rescheduled. Secretary Howie asked that the communications be done on secured emails. Discussion followed.

V. New Business:

Parliamentarian Marcy McLaughlin announced a proposed association bi-law change that was approved by the Executive Board via emails. For approval, 50-percent of the board members plus one additional had to approve the motion. It changes the current bi-law that states “elected board members shall hold office for one year”, to “elected board members shall hold office for two years”. This bi-law is in line with the National and State chapters. The proposal will be announced at the next membership meeting for ratification by the membership. If ratified, it will be implemented with the next elected executive board.

First Vice-President Alvarez stated our corporation permit, “NLPOA Metro Chapter”, was suspended for nonpayment of a \$20.00 state fee. He said a new corporation named “NLPOA San Diego Metro Chapter” will be formed and a request for a 501C3 permit will be made. We have already forwarded in the form two checks \$1,075.00 to Attorney J. Eric Levine to cover fees associated with the implementation of these measures. Alvarez said the current Treasurer’s report did not reflect this disbursement.

First Vice-President Alvarez read our Association’s bi-laws that govern board elections. Discussion followed. He also announced new elections scheduled December 11, 2007. An announcement will be placed on the association’s web page and emails will be sent to those members whose email addresses are known. Second Vice-President Jerry Hara will accept candidates for board positions. A panel of three, all of which must be non-candidates, will carry out the December 11th election proceedings. President Medina and First Vice-President Alvarez will seek the panel.

Member Omar Carranza briefed members on a planned event by Great Community, a charitable organization that raises funds primarily to assist military families in need of transportation and lodging in respect to hospitalized family members. 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 for the Escamilla and Hathaway families. The Hathaway’s are a military family that is in need of assistance. On this day, 15% of Oggi’s sales will be donated to assist the families. In addition, sport memorabilia items will be raffled. Carranza motioned that our Association donate \$200.00 that will be used for planning purposes, all of which will be refunded by the proceeds received. The motion was seconded and ratified. Carranza encouraged participation by members. Discussion followed.

Historian Ruiz stated that while he was attending the National conference in Puerto Rico, he spoke with members of the North Los Angeles NLPOA chapter and learned that about 50% of their membership regularly attends their monthly membership meetings. Ruiz encouraged our association to seek out what they are doing so that we might be able to encourage more membership participation. Discussion followed and First Vice-President Alvarez said he would speak with their chapter's president.

VI. Announcements:

Secretary Howie announced that he would be seeking reelection in the upcoming elections scheduled for December.

First Vice-President Alvarez announced William Gentry and Danielle Hickman as Association candidates and motioned that their memberships be confirmed. The motion was seconded and ratified.

VII: Adjourn Meeting:

President Medina adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THAT WILL INCLUDE BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2007 at 1730 HOURS
ANDRE'S RESTAURANT**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.