

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

China Camp Restaurant, San Diego

Members Present:

President Carlos Medina, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Treasurer Norma Valverde, Secretary Joe Howie and Parliamentarian Marcella McLaughlin, Historian Roberto Ruiz, Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, Correspondence Secretary Nina Medina and E.E.O. Liaison Felipe Arroyo.

Call to Order:

President Carlos Medina called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Proceedings:

President Medina informed the board that Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, association member Miguel Rosario and himself recently met with Mayor Jerry Sanders. The purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on a meeting that he and Manny Rodriguez had with the mayor two years ago, shortly after Sanders was elected mayor of San Diego. The member representatives thanked the mayor for his support of recently promoted San Diego police officials that are members of our association, notably Captain Miguel Rosario and Lieutenant Sean Murphy.

Discussion followed the disclosure that President Medina and others met privately with the mayor. It was reiterated that our association allows its president or a designee of the president to meet with officials on behalf of the association provided that they have at least one other association member with them. After further discussion, a motion was made by Parliamentarian Marcella McLaughlin that the president of our association commencing must notify board members of his or her plan to meet officially with heads of government or departments. Secretary Joe Howie opposed the motion, stating the president should not have to make such notifications. McLaughlin's motion was ratified.

President Medina informed the board that Mayor Sanders was interested in meeting with our association members. Medina will contact the mayor's office to arrange his appearance at a general membership meeting, most likely in early 2008.

President Medina informed the board that he would be attending a luncheon on October 9th, hosted by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis. Medina believed Dumanis had invited all county law enforcement association type presidents to the luncheon.

Treasurer Norma Valverde provided the board with the latest Treasures Report dated August 21, 2007, and a copy of the associations WaMu bank statement covering the period of April 19, 2007 – September 11, 2007. Secretary Howie stated in the future he would like to see more details in writing summarizing each transaction. Treasurer Valverde agreed to do this.

Correspondence Secretary Nina Medina updated the board on her research regarding "Whistleblower Laws" and stated a subcommittee that consisted of herself and Parliamentarian McLaughlin and E.E.O. Liaison Felipe Arroyo was formed. Discussion followed.

E.E.O. Liaison Arroyo updated the board on his workings. This subject matter created discussion regarding confidentiality of member issues. After discussion, President Medina restated past practice that only the president and one other board member selected by the president would engage in matters regarding individual member assistance. The president would inform the board when a matter was being explored but detail information would not be provided. Further discussion followed.

Associate Manager Cuervo provided information on a charitable organization named "Regala Una Sonrisa," which in English translates to, "The Gift of Smile". The organization's aim is to assist students at elementary schools in the poorest neighborhoods of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico by providing school supplies. Cuervo suggested that our association partnership with Regala Una Sonrisa by providing logistical assistance and/or monetary assistance. The board accepted the partnership but deferred commitment pending discussion at a general membership meeting.

Discussion took place regarding those attending the National and/or State NLPOA conferences scheduled in October. Historian Roberto Ruiz planned on attending the National conference that is to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. President Medina, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Associate Manager Cuervo and Correspondence Secretary Medina plan on attending the State conference that is to be held in Visalia, California.

Also discussed was reimbursement of costs to the conferences by board members. In past practice, the association paid for the president's travel and accommodation expenses. Board members were given a flat \$150.00 for expenses. First Vice-President Alvarez motioned that we continue this practice with exception to Correspondence Secretary Medina's expense since she will share her husbands, President Medina's, accommodations. He motioned that the association pay for her meals only.

Correspondence Secretary Medina said she was fine with Alvarez' motion. Alvarez' motion was ratified.

Previously, the regularly scheduled general membership meeting for October 2007 was changed from the third Tuesday to the second Tuesday to accommodate those attending the National conference. But because only one person was affected, President Medina decided to have it on the regularly scheduled date, the third Tuesday. Medina also announced that he had reservations about holding the meeting at the San Diego Police Officers Association. Correspondence Secretary Medina relayed that she would locate an alternative site for the meeting and make the proper notification to the membership.

First Vice-President Alvarez announced that Charlie Coval, the chairman of Christmas Train, successfully solicited "The Hunsberser Foundation" a donation of \$2,500.00 for our association with the understanding that it will be split with the San Diego County NLPOA chapter for our past support of the annual Christmas Train event. The Christmas Train is a charitable organization that delivers Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico. The \$2,500.00 donation will be deposited into our association's general fund and we will distribute half of this sum to the County chapter.

Adjourn Meeting:

President Medina adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD
OCTOBER 16, 2007 at 1730 HOURS,
SDPD WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
5215 Gaines Street, San Diego**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.