

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2008
China Camp
2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego

Members Present:

President Alan Alvarez, First Vice-President Jerry Hara, Secretary Joe Howie, Treasurer Norma Valverde, Historian Roberto Ruiz, Correspondent Secretary Linda Garcia and Associate Manager David Bucsit. Member Myke Santos was also present.

Call to Order:

President Alan Alvarez called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Proceedings:

President Alvarez informed the Board that he and First Vice-President Jerry Hara, Treasurer Norma Valverde and Historian Roberto Ruiz attended the California State NLPOA meeting that was hosted by the East Los Angeles Chapter on March 1, 2008. Also present from our Chapter but representing the State Chapter was member Jose Cuervo. The keynote speaker was Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

Topics of discussion at the state meeting included the following:

- San Francisco Credit Union VISA credit card.

In order to apply for the credit card, the applicant must have an open checking or savings account with the San Francisco Credit Union. The credit union will contribute \$25.00 to all NLPOA members whom opens an account. A portion of the credit unions proceeds from VISA charges will be contributed to the National NLPOA. The National NLPOA will trickle down proceeds to the local chapters. First Vice-President Hara encouraged participation.

- Alcohol impairment awareness at NLPOA functions:

Discussion occurred regarding the potential for alcohol-impaired individuals at NLPOA functions. The proposal made was that host chapters of functions where alcohol is served should provide awareness of the consequences of alcohol related offenses. The chapters should also have available transportation options for individuals. After discussion, the consensus of those present was that our Association would adopt the proposal.

President Alvarez opened the topic concerning new members and members behind in their dues. After discussion, an accord was reached that a mailer that includes the Association's accomplishments in 2007 created by Secretary Joe Howie will be mailed to all members. To those members that are behind in their dues, a letter from Treasurer Valverde will be included allowing them 60-days to pay or they shall forfeit their membership. To those members that are new to the Association, a welcome letter from the Board will be included.

First Vice-President Hara opened for discussion the idea of the Association creating a budget for the Director of Marketing and Special Events, presently Omar Carranza. For Director Carranza to effectively do his job, he has had to dine potential donors using his own funds. He has been very successful and has acquired more than a thousand dollars from benefactors. First Vice-President Hara motioned that we allow Director Carranza the following budget governed by the set rules:

- \$250.00 monthly budget that cannot be rolled over to the next month.
- A written declaration stating the type and purpose for the expenditure, to include all those present and the benefit our Association hopes to gain.
- The original expense receipts must be provided.

Secretary Howie seconded Hara's motion and the Board voted unanimously to adopt it.

President Alvarez opened for discussing the prospects of the Association purchasing an executive table for ten at the 10th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Breakfast, Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the San Diego Convention Center. The cost to sponsor a table is \$500.00 and the benefits include name recognition in the souvenir program, the NLPOA name on the table tent, and the sponsorship of five children to attend the breakfast. After lengthy discussion, First Vice-President Hara motioned that we sponsor a table for \$500.00. Historian Roberto Ruiz seconded the motion and the Board unanimously ratified it.

First Vice-President Hara opened for discussion the idea that our Association not charge a fee for the upcoming Detective Candidate Preparation Workshop. The workshop, sponsored by our Association, is opened to all officers and is scheduled for March 8th and 15th. It is a 16-hour course designed to prepare officers for the interview process for investigations. A fee of \$25.00 has been charged to each of the approximate 100 participants. Hara motioned that we refund the fee to the members of our Association and only charge the fee to those that are not members, approximately half of the participants. Secretary Howie modified the motion to add that for those participants that join our Association on the day of the workshop that they also be refunded the \$25.00 fee. First Vice-President Hara made the motion, seconded by Howie, and the Board unanimously approved it.

President Alvarez informed the Board that Pfizer Bio-Tech Company has offered to send one of our members to San Francisco to attend a 2-day Bio-tech Terrorism Course, all expenses paid. Historian Roberto Ruiz motioned that we accept this offer and allow the Association's director of training and development, Director Dana Hoover, the right to first refusal to attend the course. First Vice-President Hara seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Adjourn Meeting:

President Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.