

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Andre's Restaurant
1235 Morena Boulevard, San Diego

Members Present:

President Carlos Medina, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Second Vice-President Jerry Hara, Secretary Joe Howie, Treasurer Norma Valverde, Parliamentarian Marcy McLaughlin, Historian Roberto Ruiz, Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, and Members Linda Garcia, Omar Carranza, Bob Amador, Trisha Amador, Lizanne Howie, Gary Lawrence, David Bucsit, William Gentry, and Danielle Hickman, Dana Hoover, Joy Brugman, Myke Santos and Manuel Unanua; and also members Carlos Ronquillo, George Cesena, Alejandro Santos, Danielle Hickman, Richard Ensign, Paul Hubka, Gordie Clausen, David Stafford, Cecilia Noa, Marcella Crowe, Lawanda Fisher, Catherine Millett and Tristan Gonzalez. Guests present from the NLPOA San Diego County Chapter to assist with the elections were David Ardilla, Barbara Ardilla and Victor Gonzalez. Other guests present were Rolando Rosario and Marceline Clausen.

Call to Order:

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

Proceedings:

I. President's Report:

President Medina deferred the president's report.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Norma Valverde presented the Treasurer Reports for November and December 2007. Discussion followed and Secretary Joe Howie identified a discrepancy with the November Minutes. Treasurer Norma Valverde said she would make the change to the November report. President Medina then made a motion to accept the Treasurer Reports with the understanding that a correction will be made to the November report. His motion was seconded and then ratified. Refer to the treasure reports for details.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Howie presented the membership meeting minutes of November 20, 2007. President Medina motioned that the minutes be accepted. His motion was seconded and then

ratified. Secretary Howie stated they would be forwarded to Historian Ruiz for posting on the association's web page.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Parliamentarian Marcy McLaughlin announced the proposed association bi-law change that was approved by the executive board in November via email correspondences. 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", which is in line with the National and State NLPOA Bi-Laws. To overturn the executive board's decision, an opposing two-thirds membership majority would be required. Parliamentarian McLaughlin called for opposition and none was received. The change will be implemented with the next elected executive board.

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.

Associate Manager Jose Cuervo briefed the membership on the "Regala Una Sonrisa" event that was held earlier in the day. "Regala Una Sonrisa" translates in English 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. The membership accepted a partnership at the November 2007 general membership meeting. Subsequent to that, the executive board agreed to a \$250.00 donation.

Cuervo announced the event was very successful. Eight hundred gift bags were given to students. In addition to school supplies, a meal and a blanket were also given out. Cuervo said the next planned event would be in August 2008 for preparation of the start of school.

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:

Member Paul Hubka, also a board director of the San Diego Police Officers Association, stated the SDPOA had received donations of household goods for families that suffered from the San Diego County 2007 Fire Storm. He announced distribution of the household goods is open to all needy families in San Diego County. The goods are located at the SDPOA offices on Vickers Street, San Diego.

VI. Announcements:

President Carlos Medina publicly thanked member Gordie Clausen for his substantial financial support of our association. Clausen, a lifetime member, has been associated with the NLPOA

for 35-years. Every year, a scholarship is presented in his name.

President Medina announced that he was stepping down as president of the association. He thanked his executive board members and the membership for allowing him to lead the association the past three years. He specifically thanked Jose Cuervo for his leadership. Medina made known that he was most proud of the accomplishments in promoting Latino police officers to higher ranks within the San Diego Police Department. Medina asked that the new association's executive board continue pushing for Latino representation within the San Diego Police organization.

Associate Manager Jose Cuervo publicly thanked President Medina for his leadership through tough times at the San Diego Police Department, referring to the exodus of officers to other law enforcement departments.

VII: Elections:

President Medina turned the meeting over to David Ardilla, the president of the NLPOA San Diego County Chapter. David Ardilla was assisted by Victor Gonzalez, the First Vice-President of the NLPOA San Diego County Chapter. Member Lizanne Howie verified that all those present that were representing to be NLPOA San Diego Metro Chapter members were, in fact, members in good standing. The elections commenced.

The nominations were as follows:

For President:	Alan Alvarez
For First Vice-President:	Jerry Hara
For Second Vice-President:	Marcy McLaughlin
For Secretary:	Joe Howie
For Treasurer:	Nina Medina and Norma Valverde
For Parliamentarian:	Trisha Amador
For Historian:	Roberto Ruiz
For Associate Manager:	David Bucsit

President David Ardilla publicly announced three times for additional candidates for each executive board position. None additional were received. The only position requiring a vote was the treasurer's position. Secret ballots were then given to every NLPOA Metro member present. After their vote, Victor Gonzalez collected the ballots. Gonzalez and David Ardilla tabulated the ballots and announced that Norma Valverde had won the election for treasurer.

Commencing January 1, 2008, the following will be the Executive Board of the NLPOA San Diego Metro Chapter:

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
Associate Manager:	David Bucsit

IV: Adjourn Meeting:

President Medina adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
SDPD Western Division Police Substation
5215 Gaines Street, San Diego**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.