

MINUTES – Pomona Valley United Nations Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2009

The pot-luck/annual meeting was called to order by Mel Boynton, the out-going president. Mel is now the President of the Southern California Division. He introduced Ardi Rashidi, our member of the National Board of the UNA-USA, *who spoke about the renewed cooperation between the United Nations and the United States. Mel suggested renewing memberships before the rates change.* He also introduced YanYang Liuqu, our new Chapter Intern.

MSA (Sally Seven, Ardi Rashidi) the new officers and board were unanimously approved. The officers are: Katie Gerecke and Richard Harris, co-presidents; Harry Bringer, vice-president; Bob Wallace, treasurer; and Carolee Monroe, secretary.

MSA (Julie Steinbach, Marilee Scaff) the proposed budget for 2010 was unanimously approved. *Emily Burch, out-going treasurer, presented both the balance of \$2,327 from 2009 and the new budget.*

The three 2010 UNA-USA High School Essay Contest winners were introduced and given their cash awards. First place Johnny Huynh's essay will be entered into competition at the national level and all three essays can be read at our chapter's website.

The program was presented by Katie Gerecke, Freeman Allen and Mel Boynton. Sustainable Claremont is modeled after British Transition Towns in which citizens and municipal government work together to decrease the use of and recycle all resources. Several examples were given. Progress toward achieving Millennium Development Goal #7, Ensure Environmental Sustainability (Around the World), and its sub-goals is mixed. The recent Copenhagen Climate Summit did not result in China and the US making a firm commitment to action. Various events and meetings regarding sustainability are planned. The audience was encouraged to submit any suggestions in writing.

About 50 people were in attendance.

Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday, February 16 Mel Boynton "The 2000 UN Millennium Development Goals; Progress?"

Tuesday, March 16 Karl Haushalter "The Global HIV-AIDs Pandemic"

Tuesday, April 20 TBA

Tuesday, May 18 Malika Kachani "Zoonotic Disease Prevention in Developing Countries"

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe