



International Affairs Board

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016

North Terraces Room, San Diego Concourse, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Present:

Bruce Abrams
Deborah Flores
George Novinger
Jordan Marks
Mark Leo

Present:

Rebecca Morales
Bob Morris
Patricia Waller
Caroleen Williams

Absent:

Roberto Alcantar
Kathleen Charla

Guests:

Peter Meisen
Robert Gleason
April Boling

Executive Director: Joel Day

City Attorney: Greg Halsey

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**Call to Order:** Bruce Abrams @ 2:03 p.m.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None

**Speaker:** Peter Meisen, founder of GENI and the World Resources Sim Center and co-Founder of Global San Diego. Meisen displayed the new website of [www.globalsandiego.org](http://www.globalsandiego.org), which acts as a clearinghouse for “globally” oriented events in the region. Their mission is to educate about the communities in San Diego and link them together. They have asked for the IAB to be a link on the resources page. They have asked for City of San Diego to be a financial partner. They are looking for a volunteer part time director.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 13, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Information Item:** Robert Gleason, San Diego Airport Authority, former chair. He gave special attention to international services of the Airport authority and terminal expansion. Traveler demand has followed the expansion of 10 gates. The world’s largest USO is in the airport. Gleason discussed the economic impact of international visitors. Gleason discussed “slot controls” which present a challenge to opening direct flights to and from China. The Federal Inspection Service limitations also pose a challenge in the immediate future. The discussion also included observations about better linking the Trolley to the Airport. The IAB was also introduced to April Boling, the new Board Chair.

**Action Item:**

1. The Board by General Acclimation directed the Executive Director to establish a commendation to the Airport Authority.
2. Action regarding how best to support Global San Diego is deferred to a later date. The Chair suggested to revisit during retreat.

**Board Chair Report:** Report on Trip to Friendship City in Huzhou China with Vice Chair Charla. Chair Abrams discussed the impressive development and modernization throughout China. Letters were given by Councilmember Cate, Supervisor Ron Roberts, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, and Congressman Scott Peters. IAB members brought a letter from Mayor Faulconer and Executive Director Day.

**Executive Director Report:**

ED, Joel Day, discussed the Human Relations Commission Ceremony and Reception, Bios for Website And asked what content is first priority? Day also discussed the San Diego World Affairs Council relationships he has made.

**Discussion Items:**

Discussion of the December luncheon meeting in lieu of the regular time and place.

The retreat will be in January on the 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 possibly at the IAB conference room.

Discussion of Retreat- there will be a report memo by Executive Director in December.

Discussion of various changes that could be made to meeting time and place. Joel Day will send out a Doodle Poll to determine interest. Options of space include Balboa Club, International Cottages Hall of Nations, Libraries, etc.

Discussion of the Kyoto Prize Symposium, perhaps bestowing an award to the four university presidents.

ED was directed to pursue what that might look like.

There was a report by Patricia Waller on the opening of the African American Museum in Washington D.C.

**Announcements:** George Novinger reported on the expansion of the International Cottages and invited boardmembers to attend the oncoming event at Balboa Park. Bruce Abrams reminded everyone about the Consul event at his home Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and ED was directed to invite other Consuls as appropriate.

**Report of member activities:**

**Adjournment:** 3:38 p.m.

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