



International Affairs Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Committee Room, 12th Floor – 202 C St. San Diego 92101

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Morris
Hilda Mwangi
Mary Abad
Bruce Abrams
Oscar Urteaga
Chandler Martin

Caroleen Williams
Bruce Abrams
Kenia Zamarripa
Mark Leo
Andre Kwan
Valerie Attisha

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matthew Miller
Fabienne Perlov

Jordan Marks

City Staff not present:

Denice Garcia
Joel Day

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Bruce Abrams

NON –AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

MAYOR’S OFFICE / CONSULAR OFFICE/ PUBLIC OFFICIAL COMMENT:

i. N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2018: Mr. Bruce Abrams

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. **Committee Descriptions and Sign-Up:** As a result of January’s retreat, three new sub-committees have been created: Economic Competitiveness, Global Identity & Cultural Connections, and Operations/Comms. (*Notes and minutes are attached*) A description

sheet has been created for I.A.B. members who were not present at the retreat, to review and decide which committee they would like to join.

B. Chinese Delegation in April:

Fabienne will present more details soon regarding this event.

C. Calendar of Events

- i. **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Consul General, Sue Saarnio is scheduled to speak at April's I.A.B. meeting. The reception to honor her has been postponed, due to the government shutdown. The new chair of the Honorary Consul Corp., Audi de Castro, has been invited to speak at an upcoming I.A.B. meeting. His response to the invitation is pending.
- ii. **PROTOCOL TRAINING:** Elena Salsitz, former Consul of Britain, will be conducting a protocol training for all I.A.B. members. Details regarding the location, time, and date are forthcoming.
- iii. **LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL:** Commissioners from the I.A.B. (Fabienne Perlov, Bob Morris, Bruce Abrams, Chandler Martin, and Mark Leo) were able to meet and have dinner with City Attorney, Mara Elliot and former councilmember Marti Emerald; along with other candidates for City office, at the Lunar New Year Festival. Photos capturing this event can be found on the I.A.B. website.
- iv. **CITY COUNCILMEMBERS:** The I.A.B. will start scheduling meetings with the City Councilmembers to discuss ways in which it can support cultural engagement in their districts.
- v. **I.A.B. GOOGLE SHARED CALENDAR:** Fabienne has created a shared I.A.B. Google Calendar of community events. An email with the link was sent to all commissioners; granting viewing access. If you would like to notify commissioners of any events in the community, please email Fabienne with the details, so that she is able to update the calendar.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Economic Competitiveness: The E.C. committee has developed six initiatives (*Meeting minutes and details are attached*)
- B. Global Identity and Cultural Connections: N/A
- C. Operations/Comms.: The O.C. committee is focusing on rebranding the I.A.B.; this includes updating the website. Mary Abad has requested, that when attending special community events, please take pictures that can be used to update the I.A.B. website. The O.C. committee is also working on a streamline process to monitor and update events on the I.A.B. website.

CHAIR REPORT:

- A. Matt Miller will not be renewing his membership on the board. His last meeting will be in March. There are 3 vacant positions on the I.A.B. that need to be filled.
- B. David Pasquini, the Trade Consul of Great Britain, will be coming to speak with the I.A.B. soon.
- C. African Corporation Founders from The Gallery in the Global Leadership Adventures program will be our guest speakers at June's I.A.B. Meeting. They will present information on their international program that allows high school students to travel abroad.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Through the Welcoming SD Program, Mayor Falconer is planning to hire an Immigrant

Affairs Manager for a \$70,000 annual salary. He will be branding a new office for immigrant advancement. The I.A.B. can assist with this search and view the twenty recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT:

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