



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
International Affairs Board

**Meeting Minutes:**

February 15, 2011

9:00 a.m.

**Economic Growth Services**

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**Present:**

Cath De Stefano  
Gloria Cazares  
Deborah Flores  
Donovan Geiger  
Walter Lam  
Fred Raafat  
Patricia Reeve

**Present:**

Elizabeth Robles  
Pamela Thorsch

**Excused:**

Daniel Abbott  
Jaalin Cheng

**City Staff:**

Lydia Moreno  
Adrienne Turner

**Unexcused:**

Ileana Ovalle  
Jason Wells

**Guests:**

David Edick, Jr.  
Andrea Relopez  
Wendy Lucas-Meyer  
Caroline Nathan

**Call to Order:** Cath De Stefano @ 9:06 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting were approved via e-mail by six members of the board: Gloria Cazares, Jaalin Cheng, Cath DeStefano, Walter Lam, Patricia Reeve and Pamela Thorsch.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **Mayor's for Peace** – the Mayor's office reviewed the request and issued the following response: At this time, the Mayor will not take a position.
- b. **International Breakfast** – Cath asked the Board for volunteers: two members to Chair the event. Gloria Cazares and Donovan Geiger were named. Donovan distributed the venue capacities and pricing for the Goodall Alumni Center at SDSU. The Board agreed it would be an excellent location for the event. Donovan advised Wednesday is the best day due to fewer students on campus. A person(s) was assigned to each task on the event Check List. Board members to focus energy on building international connections. Add new contacts to the event mailing list. The idea of attaching a “cause” to the event, such as donations to refugees, was considered.
- c. **Board Involvement:** The possibility of IAB participation in the upcoming centennial of the 1915 Pan-American Expo was discussed. Pamela to make contacts. Cath expressed support for each Board member to make a presentation about their particular cultural communities and connections. Each member could cover a certain area of the world: Gloria-Mexico;

Donovan-Italy/Europe; Jaalin-Asia, etc. Board members were asked to submit their international/cultural areas of interest at the next board meeting. Walter confirmed he would make the first presentation at the next meeting.

- d. **Board Development:** Official procedures for replacing Cath as Chair were announced. Pamela discussed completing a job description to include the duties and responsibilities of IAB members. New board members are needed to replace members with expiring terms. The board was asked to network and submit names of individuals involved with international affairs and business who would be willing to commit to serving on the Board.

**Chairs Report:** Cath De Stefano reiterated her thanks for all the support she's received.

**Announcements:** Cath De Stefano announced Kathleen Roche-Tansey would no longer be attending meetings. Cath had to leave early for another appointment.

**Adjournment:** Pamela Thorsch adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 15, 2011

**If unable to attend meeting, call Lydia Moreno at 619.236.6320 or email at [lmoreno@san Diego.gov](mailto:lmoreno@san Diego.gov)**

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