



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes:**  
June 21, 2011

**Economic Growth Services**  
202 C Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101  
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**Present:**

Gloria Cazares  
Cath DeStefano  
Deborah Flores  
Donovan Geiger  
Patricia Reeve  
Elizabeth Robles  
Pamela Thorsch

**Excused:**

Jaalin Cheng  
Fred Raafat

**Unexcused:**

Daniel Abbott  
Walter Lam  
Ileana Ovalle  
Jason Wells

**Guests:**

David Edick  
Doug Rider  
Jessica Boyle

**City Staff:**

Lydia Moreno  
Adrienne Turner

**Call to Order:** Donovan Geiger @ 9:07 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **Board Development:** Donovan Geiger announced appointment of Pamela Thorsch as Vice Chair. City staff maintains the IAB bank account and will act as Treasurer. The board requested the list of members and expiration terms be distributed. Review bylaws to see how board members can take action to remove members who don't attend. Members were requested to submit the information they wanted printed on new name tents. Members also inquired into the possibility of obtaining name tags from the City.
- b. **Board Involvement:** San Diego as a global focal point – Adrienne Turner made a presentation of a conceptual idea for a Global Community Communications Center. Board members expressed their strong support of the concept and willingness to assist in the project's development.

An updated map of the IAB's continental areas of interest/responsibility was distributed. IAB members were asked to give a brief update on international events they have attended. The board can gain visibility by attending such events on behalf of the Mayor's office. The Chair and Vice Chair should meet with protocol staff to discuss greater board utilization.

- c. **International Breakfast** – The checklist was reviewed. Donovan anticipated that by the next IAB meeting there may be a response as to whether the new SDSU President, Elliot

Hirshman, and/or the new Dean of the College of Business Administration, Michael Cunningham, would be available to attend or be the keynote speaker.

- d. **Future Guest Speakers:** Gloria Cazares has coordinated a presentation by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at the July IAB meeting. Donovan Geiger will inquire into a similar presentation by the French American Chamber of Commerce for the August meeting. September will likely be consumed with preparation for the October International Breakfast with November and December remaining open for guest speakers.

**Chairs Report:** The Chair expressed a desire to have all members review any events participated in or projects worked on for the specific geographic regions assigned to each. This is intended to be a short monthly round-table report.

**Announcements:** San Diego's sister city Yokohama, Japan, is hosting the 2011 World Boys Baseball Tournament in early August. Team San Diego-USA will compete against 16 teams from 10 countries and they are currently seeking sponsors.

**Adjournment:** Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10: 05 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** July 19, 2011

**If unable to attend meeting, call Adrienne Turner at 619.236.6364 or email at [aturner@sandiego.gov](mailto:aturner@sandiego.gov)**

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