



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014

Economic Development

1200 Third Avenue, 10th Floor, Large Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92101 - 619.236.6364

Present:

Bruce Abrams
Roberto Alcantar
Emiliano Aragon
Deborah Flores
John Galt

Present:

Mark Leo
Rita Lim
Rebecca Morales
Patricia Waller

Unexcused:

Alfonso Hernandez
Bob Morris

Guests:

Yana Ermilova
Lorna Ronselob(sp)
Thanas Glavas

Mayoral Staff: Don Giaquinto

City Economic Development Staff: Adrienne Turner, Lydia Moreno

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**Call to Order:** Bruce Abrams, Chair @ 2:00 p.m.

**Introductions:** Guest Speakers introduced themselves

**Approval of Minutes:** July 10, 2014 minutes were approved

**Guest Speakers:**

1. Bettina Hausmann, President, United Nations Association, San Diego Chapter  
Outlined the work performed by the U.N. Association.
2. Heikki Gronlund, First Vice President, House of Pacific Relations  
Asked the board for support in expanding and building 10 new houses for countries that want representation via cottages. For example, there could be a house of Nigeria.
3. David Edick, Jr., President of the San Diego World Affairs Council and the San Diego International Sister Cities Association.  
Stated he would like the IAB to collaborate when high profile visitors are in town, as well as in academic programs.

**Action Items:**

- a. Reappointment of Board-member Alfonso Hernandez

The board voted to recommend that board member Alfonso Hernandez not be reappointed due to nine absences from board meetings in violation of the bylaws. Current members were asked to recommend interested individuals.

b. Board Retreat: Board member skills, Goals for the board; Community Outreach; IAB interaction with the local international organizations and promoting economic/social development on behalf of the City of San Diego.

- Languages spoken by members

- 1) Emiliano Aragon – Spanish, studied Arabic
- 2) Debra Flores – German, Russian
- 3) Patricia Waller – Turkish, Arabic, Farsi
- 4) John Galt – German, Lithuanian, Spanish
- 5) Roberto Alcantar – Spanish, Tagalog
- 6) Mark Leo – Tagalog, Ilocano, some Kankanaey
- 7) Rebecca Morales – German, Spanish
- 8) Rita Lim – Malay/Indonesian, Cantonese, Hawkien
- 9) Bruce – French, Spanish, Hebrew, some Dutch

- Rebecca to follow up regarding role of board w/council and mayor via bylaws

- Emiliano and Debra to research how difference boards focus on economic development and how the IAB can set forth goals in this area in support of the city.

- Rita will look into possibly having IAB involved in an event in collaboration with House of Pacific Relations and other various organizations during the 2014 centennial celebration.

c. Everyone to create a bio (1 paragraph) describing what they do, their background and a photo for the website. A group photo will be taken at next meeting with Mayor Faulconer.

**Discussion Items:**

a. Mayor Falconer's office – Don Giaquinto

Don will look into business cards for IAB members

b. Future Speakers – board should invite someone from KPBS and ConVis. Rita will work on speakers with Patricia.

**Report of member activities:**

1. Bruce and Rebecca discussed event with group from Bora Bora and shared gifts from event.

2. Patricia shared notes regarding her meeting with Councilmember Scott Sherman.

3. Rebecca shared her notes with her meeting from Councilmember Sheri Lightner.

**Adjournment:** Bruce Abrams adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 18, 2014

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