



BOARD MEETING: SEPT. 22ND 2009

Presided over by Jared Wigdor. Minutes by Bryan Kam.

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 22nd 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: WLH 205

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Wigdor, President

Filip Savatic, Vice President

Bryan Kam, Secretary

Rachel Wolf, MUNTY Head Delegate

Bryce Scanlan, SCSY Secretary-General

Natalie Kotkin, YMUN Secretary-General

Jharrett Bryantt, UNCSY Co-Secretary-General

Elizabeth Breit, Outreach Chair

Swati Yanamadala, Speakers Committee Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- Jared asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes; Bryan explained that Board members had already submitted revisions by email.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Jared asked if any questions or comments on the department updates provided to Board members.
- Rachel said that MUNTY had booked buses and hotels for UPMUNC.

4. MEMBER BENEFITS

- Jared explained this discussion was a continuation from the previous week; he also explained that Sebastian was not present, but that he'd listed out all the member benefits that needed discussion with relation to the budget.
- After some discussion, the Board approved the following amounts for expenditure:
 - \$430 for the SCSY Secretariat social fund; \$500 for the YMUN Secretariat social fund

- \$16,000 for international trips, with the intention that this would fund 4 trips, each with 10 participants receiving a \$400 stipend from YIRA
- \$1,500 for a YMUN post-conference social at Elevate Lounge; the cost included \$800 for the venue, and \$7 per person per hour for an open bar; it was agreed that this was a good reward for those who worked hard and staffed YMUN; those who staffed would be given bracelets for drinks at the open bar, although all YIRA members would be invited
- \$6,700 was proposed for the Speakers Committee; however, a final decision was not made as Swati, the Chair of the Speakers Committee had another engagement and had to leave
- \$2,000 for a Fall Banquet, and \$5,000 for a Spring Banquet, with the intention that the Spring Banquet would both cost more per head and be more well-attended
- \$500 to subsidize YIRA sweatshirts, with the idea that YIRA members would have to pay part of the cost, which would come to around \$10 - \$15 per sweatshirt
- \$3,200 for YMUN financial aid; it was noted that helping the community was an important part of YIRA's objectives
- \$700 for Independent Initiatives; Jared explained that because members would propose these, the dollar value that should be assigned was unclear, but \$700 would allow for 2 initiatives each being awarded \$350
- This brought YIRA's profit for the year to roughly \$6,500, subject to YMUN being able to attract the projected number of delegates

5. HONDURAS FALL INTERNATIONAL TRIP

- Fil explained he had sent Board members an email regarding updates on security arrangements from George and Fernanda.
- He explained, however, that within the last 24 hours, the Honduran ex-President had returned to Honduras and was now holed up in the Brazilian Embassy, which might alter the security situation.
- Nevertheless, the Board decided to endorse the Honduras Fall International Trip.
- Fil explained he would send out details of the application process to the Board.

6. UNCSY

- Jharrett explained that Facebook flyers had gone out, and that UNCSY now had three committees, with about 40 delegates registered.
- He had received conference materials, and arranged breakfast.
- He explained Yale had been flyered with UNCSY flyers.
- Natalie asked Jharrett what Board members could do during UNCSY; Jharrett said he would email Board members with potential duties.

7. MONDAY TOWN HALL MEETING

- Fil explained the agenda would include the budget, the Fall International Trip, applications for Spring International Trip leaders and an UNCSY evaluation.
- He said he would send out a further email to the Board outlining duties for the Town Hall.

8. DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- Jared explained that he and Fil would have dinner meetings with members of the Board, with each member having alternate dinners with Fil and Jared.
- He explained he would send out emails regarding these dinners.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 PM.