

SICA-USA Annual Report 2014

Since the last Board meeting in Albuquerque, SICA-USA has obtained it's 501(c)(3). We are now listed as a "Public Charity" by the IRS. That means that we are not only a tax-deductible entity for donations, but we also qualify to solicit cultural grants from the government and corporations. This also gives us other benefits that were not available to us previously. (free or lowered rents on facilities and many other benefits).

SICA-USA has given grants to individuals and helped raise funds for other individuals for their cultural activities. This is an ongoing program that we offer.

SICA-USA also has put on a number of Cultural Workshops at different gatherings and groups, such as Menucha, Subud New York, Subud Sacramento, Subud Santa Cruz and Subud Los Angeles. We will continue to do these workshops at this Congress, the World Congress in Puebla, the Subud California Congress in Joshua Tree and other groups and congresses that invite us. So far all of these workshops have been successful and the membership seems to benefit from them. These workshops have been approved by Ibu Rahayu and she urged that there should be more helper participation in them. We hope that we will be able to schedule them when more helpers are available. Although many helpers have already participated in them and always lead the testing session that follows the sharing and discussion.

At this time the Board consists of Muhammad Isman Kanafsky, Chair, Ann Padilla, Secretary, Martin Almanzan, Treasurer, and Melinda Wallis. Mary Wold and Robert Mertens are advisers to the Board and Leonard Dixon is our Webmaster. Our term ends at the National Gathering in 2015. SIHAUSA has also been moved under the SICA-USA umbrella. Ibu Rahayu has also acknowledged that SIHA belonged under the SICA umbrella.

Most of our income has been through enterprise, such as art sales (Bapak Portrait by Anthony LoSchiavo, original and giclee prints). Some donations have also been given to us, but most of our income is through enterprise, although Subud New York did donate \$1,000. and our expenses, for the Cultural Workshop that was given there. Other groups have also paid our expenses for the workshops, so that we don't have the expense of travel, etc.

We are planning to update our website and to build a commercial website for selling art, an on-line Fine Art Gallery. We are seeking volunteers to help build that site. We are also seeking new board members and regional SICA reps. Daniel Hicks is the East Coast SICA rep.

Respectfully submitted by the

SICA-USA Board