

## **SICA-USA Board Meeting Minutes Sunday, September 26, 2021,**

Attending: Board Members, Paul E Nelson (Chair), Ralph Davila (Acting Treasurer), Hamilton Cheifetz (Past Chair), Lawrence Pevec, Sanderson Morgan, Lauren Stanley and Susannah Rosenthal. National Helper Liaisons: Jim Dehner, Loretta Covert for Michal Brownell.

After a short Latihan the meeting started with Paul asking for a Secretary for the meeting. Susannah Rosenthal offered her automated note-taking service and that was accepted.

Approval of the minutes for the July 18 meeting were moved by Hamilton and seconded by Susannah and approved.

Hamilton announced that his term as SICA-USA board member has expired with approximately six years of service. He plans to continue his decades-long association with SICA, will continue to provide contact and stay involved with the organization. Many expressed their gratitude for his service and for his keeping SICA-USA active in some lean years.

Paul announced that representatives from SICA-USA were needed for the SICA-International annual general meeting and Ralph, Lawrence and Sanderson volunteered. The meeting is three hours on October 9 & October 10 at 6am PDT via Zoom. Ralph will attend Saturday and Lawrence Sunday and Sanderson may pop in on either day. Paul is to provide the agenda when it is emailed.

Ralph provided the financial report. Current revenues: Checking: \$3277.90 Savings: \$7970.79 for a total of \$11,248.69. With ongoing monthly pledges we are likely to hit the \$10,000 goal.

Ralph noted that yesterday there was no R.S.S. feed from the SICA-USA website for the first time in a long time. (2+ years.) Paul said he needs help creating content and Ralph and other board members vowed to step up.

Paul reported on that morning's SICA-International Meeting. He is concerned that basic board operations like getting minutes out properly and in a timely manner and financial reports are a concern. The September 21 Poems for Peace event was attended by about 25 people and there is a

plan in the initial stages to have the monthly Zoomuse morph into Poems for Peace with a large in-person gathering September 21, 2022. Possible collaborations with SICA-India and SICA-Canada were discussed and it was agreed that Adelia MacWilliam should be invited to the next SICA-USA Board Meeting on October 17.

Sanderson moderated a discussion of the Cultural Conversation planned for January 14-16, 2022 at Subud L.A. (see: 1.14.2022 SICA-USA Cultural Conversation Weekend Proposed for Subud L.A., January 14-16, 2022) Lauren suggested that rather than a traditional Subud entertainment night, that the Saturday evening entertainment come from content generated during workshops that happen Saturday afternoon as part of the cultural conversation. There was much excitement about that weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm PDT.

**Next meeting? Third Sunday, 2pm PDT October 17, 2021.  
(WARNING! Hard stop at 3:30pm.)**