

**SICA Board Meeting, Friday, November 9, 2019,
Menucha Conference and Retreat Center, Corbett, OR**

Board Members present: Hamilton Cheifetz (Chair), Halimah Bellows (Vice-Chair), Rosetta Koach (Treasurer), Paul Nelson (Secretary), Ralph Davila. Board members absent: Sofiah Sexton (excused).

Guests: Fayra Teeters, Sanderson Morgan, Lawrence Pevec.

The financial report was given by Rosetta: Checking is at \$5027.53 & the SICA savings account has \$1201.25.

Hamilton reported on the SICA International Zoom call in which he participated on November 3 with Rusydah from Germany, Susilawati Bryant of Vancouver, BC, and Paul Nelson joining late. The talent bank concept was discussed and it was decided that such international Subud cultural networking is beneficial for sharing best practices and for support.

The need for fundraising was discussed as well as the need to revamp the website. This engaged the board in a lengthy discussion about the three categories of SICA-USA blog users:

- 1) Subud members interested in culture;
- 2) Subud members interested in donating to SICA and
- 3) Members of the general public who are interested in the content.

Three activities for each type of web visitor are required to revamp the website and some time at the meeting was set aside for this, but it was decided that all board members and interested guests were welcome to elaborate on these activities and get that to Paul so he can contact the web designer for an estimate on revamping the site.

Paul noted that the content of the inner is lacking in the arts of our culture and SICA may be known for associating with events where there is a deep connection to the jiwa.

A discussion of artistic gestures that come from the jiwa and those that do not ensued and was tied in to a lively discussion about how that translates to Menucha entertainment. Hamilton and Paul coordinated the cultural nights at the National Gathering, to good response, by having a members

entertainment night and a curated night. With only one night of entertainment planned for Menucha due to a lack of communication between SICA and the Subud PNW Regional Dewan, there were board members (Halimah, Rosetta) who felt that there should be a sign-up list for Menucha entertainment. It was decided that at next year's Menucha, we would try to have a members night and a curated night.

Fayra Teeters discussed her Masque Alfredo Theater project and how SICA funding would help make the event happen and create awareness of Subud in the general community. Rosetta moved to support the project at the requested \$500 and Paul seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Sanderson discussed the need for dialog about culture that could appeal to people outside of Subud and how we can manage that and what kind of criteria SICA has for such content. It was the general consensus that if there is a Subud connection, even if one Subud member is curating via posting on the site about the discussion, that was good enough.

Lawrence Pevec discussed his Memories of Bapak video archive project and that there were funds donated to pay for some of his expenses, but that they had to be accessed and then provided to him. It was decided that these funds, if we can get them released, would go to SICA and Lawrence would get reimbursed via Rosetta.

Paul said he would offer his WordPressBlog tutorial as a Menucha workshop, which did happen the following afternoon with Ralph and Sanderson among the attendees.

Testing our roles on the board was tabled for another occasion. It was decided Sanderson and Lawrence should test to be considered for the SICA Board. Sanderson's testing after the meeting revealed a lack of capacity. Lawrence has yet to test for the SICA Board, but plans to do so. It is the SICA-USA goal to have representation from every Subud USA region.

Submitted by Paul Nelson, SICA-USA Secretary.