

MINUTES OF THE TNG-CWA Human Rights and Equity Committee

April 19, 2008

Telephone Conference

PRESENT: Michael D'Souza, Chair; Sherri Borden Colley; Yoko Kuramoto-Eidsmoe; Natalie Hill; Joe Lapi; Carl Younger; Vernon Clark; Melissa Nelson, TNG-CWA Sector Rep; Linda Foley and Arnold Amber.
ABSENT: Olivia James; Fareed Mohammed; Sheila Lindsay; Randy Gilliam

MINUTES PREPARED BY MICHAEL D'SOUZA.

The committee started its meeting on schedule at 1 p.m. Eastern, 10 a.m. Pacific. The agenda for the Human Rights Conference in Las Vegas on Sunday, June 22, was the main topic of discussion. The draft agenda is attached.

Sherri Borden Colley informed the committee that she would not be attending the Las Vegas Conference because of child-care issues.

Yoko told the committee that a presentation by the Minority Caucus of the CWA was proving to be difficult because of conflicts in schedules.

Joe reported that he was finalizing details for the reception. He's also completing arrangements for Liza Gross, the Miami Herald's managing editor for presentation and operations, to attend the conference.

The committee discussed Sheila Lindsay's proposal to add a speaker on Socialism and the Union Movement to the agenda. But Michael didn't have the note Sheila had sent on the proposal and Sheila was not at the meeting. So the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Next meeting

The committee agreed to meet again on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at noon Atlantic; 1 p.m. Eastern, 10 a.m. Pacific.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1:26 p.m. Eastern, 10:45 a.m. Pacific.

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Agenda

TNG-CWA Conference on Human Rights and Equity

Las Vegas Hilton

3000 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Saturday, June 21, 2008

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Registration

8:00 pm to 11:00 pm Reception

Sunday, June 22, 2008

8:00 Last Minute Registration

9:00 Opening and Welcome
 President of TNG-CWA

9:15 Minority Caucus of the CWA
 Walter D. Andrews

10:00 Break

10:15 Diversity and Economics
 C. Jeffrey Waddoups
 Department of Economics
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas

11:00 Computers and how they affect equity issues.
 Jutta Treviranus
 Director

11:30 The Future of Jobs in the communication industry.
 Liza Gross

 Managing editor for presentation and operations
 Miami Herald
 Co-chair of the International Women's Media Foundation

12:30 Lunch

2:00 Outreach to Young People
 1) To come
 2) Saron Ghebressellassie
 Student, Ryerson University, Toronto

3:00 Break

3:15 Group Work
 Divide the conference into groups of a maximum of 10.
 Discuss presentations made at conference
 Come up with a plan to take back to their locals.

4:30 Group presentations

5:00 Wrap up