

MINUTES OF THE TNG-CWA Human Rights and Equity Committee

March 15, 2008

Telephone Conference

PRESENT: Michael D'Souza, Chair; Yoko Kuramoto-Eidsmoe; Randy Gilliam; Natalie Hill; Vernon Clark; Joe Lapi; Fareed Mohammed; Sheila Lindsay; Melissa Nelson, TNG-CWA Sector Rep; Scott Stephens; Linda Foley; Arnold Amber;

ABSENT: Carl Younger; Olivia James; Sherri Borden Colley.

MINUTES PREPARED BY MICHAEL D'SOUZA.

The committee started its meeting on schedule at 1 p.m. Eastern, 10 a.m. Pacific. The budget was the primary item on the agenda.

Budget 2008-09

The committee considered the budget as presented by Michael D'Souza. The cost of the TNG-CWA Human Rights Convention is a substantial portion of the committee's budget and Scott Stephens suggested ways of trimming this item by having locals pick up costs of paying for committee members to attend the conference in Las Vegas and looking for speakers from Las Vegas. Vernon Clark reported that he has contacted the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, about speakers. Randy Gilliam, Yoko Kuramoto-Eidsmoe and Natalie Hill said they were all delegates to the CWA convention in Vegas and their locals will pick up the costs of attending the TNG-CWA Human Rights Convention. The committee agreed that these actions may reduce the expenditures but decided to leave this portion of the budget as presented.

Michael informed the committee that the TNG-CWA pays for subsidies for members to attend the New Local Officers Seminar and that this item did not need to be in the budget. The committee agreed to eliminate it.

The committee then discussed a payment of \$1,000 to the Boston Library Project and considered including this amount if it is matched by the local and is to be spent on acquiring material for the library. The committee agreed that Michael would discuss this with Carl first.

The committee agreed that the face-to-face meeting included in the budget should be held in conjunction with the meeting of the TNG-CWA Executive Council in the Fall.

The committee approved the budget as amended. It is attached below.

UNITY Conference in Chicago in July

Michael informed the committee that he had registered to attend the UNITY conference on Friday because it was the last day for early registration. He also said he was not eager to attend the meeting. Vernon Clark volunteered to attend. The TNG-CWA is also looking into getting a table at the conference. Michael and Vernon will coordinate on the registration with Michael canceling his registration after Vernon registers.

TNG-CWA Conference on Human Rights and Equity, June 22 in Las Vegas

The committee agreed to set a registration fee of \$25 for the conference

Next meeting

The committee agreed to meet again on Saturday, March 29, 9, 2008 at noon Atlantic; 1:00 p.m. Eastern, 10:00 a.m. Pacific.

Adjournment.

The committee adjourned at 1:45 pm Eastern, 10:45 Pacific.