



## **MINUTES of the Monday, June 27, 2011 The New Term First Board Members Meeting of The Light Millennium**

**Minutes taken by** Zeynep Anar Ulu;

**Reviewed by** Bircan Unver.

**Edited by:** Melda Akansel

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**Attendees-Board of Directors** (*in alphabetical order*):

Selcuk Acar  
Sultan Catto  
Surrenda Kauchik  
Bircan Unver  
Korcan Yurdacan

**Guests:**

Melda Akansel  
Zeynep Anar Ulu  
Ummuhan Unlu

**On-line Members:** Isa Alemdag, London, England and Gul Celkan, Atlanta, U.S.  
(*We couldn't provide SKYPE connection.*)

**Absent:** Azime Aydogmus, Engin Ansolen (Ms. Ansolene indicated over the phone 10 days prior the meeting that she will be out of the country for a year. For this reason, she won't be able to serve on the Board for this term.)

**Meeting Address:**

BARUCH College, 17 Lexington Ave  
Room# 946 New York, NY 10010

**Host of the Meeting:** Prof. Sultan Catto

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- 1) Bircan Unver is elected as the Meeting Chair.
- 2) There were no objections, agenda is adopted.
- 3) Bircan informed that the minutes of the last meeting is not completed to be approved yet.
- 4) By the majority, approval for the New Term of the Board of Directors moved the bottom of the Agenda based upon Selcuk Acar confirmed that he is on his way but not arrived yet.
- 5) Introducing-Welcoming Guests and new Nominations for the new Term
- 6) (REQUEST: Please insert your brief introduction max. 5-6 lines that you've made during the meeting. Thank you.
- 7) Ummuhan Unlu:  
Melda Akansel:  
Zeynep Anar Ulu:
- 8) Surendra Kauchik: Founder and President of the Helena Kauchic Foundation and Mrs. Helena Kauchic Women College in India. Surendra Kauchic is also professor of Finance at the Pace University. Joined to the Board of Directors of The Light Millennium during its Annual Meeting on May 26, 2011.

9) Review of Financials:

The Light Millennium's Bank account-balance as of June 26, 2011: **\$56.78**

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06/22/2011 Check/NYS Charities Office for the CHAR500 2010 Filing Check#137 Amount: \$25.00

06/06/2011 Deposit \$40 (by Bircan)

05/31/2011 Misc. Debit \$6 Monthly Banking Service Fee

05/16/2011 Deposit \$40.00 (by Bircan)

For more details, please see the President's Report as of June 27, 2011 (it is available in the following link: [http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/list.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/list.html))

10) Delegation of JOBS-TITLES-RESPONSIBILITIES moved to the bottom of the Agenda in conjunction to the Agenda item#5.

11) Idil Baysal completed her internship, from May 2 to June 15, 2011, successfully. (Bircan referred for the list of her works/contribution her draft Report, which was sent in to the member of the Boards and invitees as well on June 27, 2011. A Certificate of Appreciation is issued to Idil by the organization, and signed by both Bircan and Figen Bingöl, *Advisory Board Member* (attachment#2).

12) Erika Tannor (a sophomore in college) has been accepted for the same position.

#### **Reference Agenda item# 4:**

No PROXY is accepted at this meeting. Bircan explained the reason as follow, also referred her Draft Report, attachment#1/Preface: a) Two new term board members elected based on their proxy during the previous meeting, who are not present at the meeting. Also, since the previous meeting is supposed to be approved during this meeting among jobs titles of the Board of Directors that also will be delegated during this meeting; b) their presence at this meeting is required by the ByLaws in order to reflect their interest in person and commitment for serving on the organization's other members of the board; b) Without physical attendees of the core of the board members, in particular, for the first Board meeting of the New Term—except two online members Isa Alemdag, England; and Gul Cevkan, Atlanta); delegation of jobs cannot be done and their commitment cannot be obtained in person by the attendees; c) Although the organization will be open for potential new board members as ongoing process based on shown interest and commitment, the new term and related titles only could be approved based on the in person attendees and majority of the participation of this particular meeting.

#### **Follow by Bircan's above statement, Agenda item#4 is proceed:**

The election and approvals are done with the majority of the board members presence. Bircan is elected as continuous president of the organization by all the attending board members.

Ummuhan Unlu proposed of Melda Akansel to join to the Board, and her nomination is accepted and approved by the all attendees.

Umran Unlu was invited to the board by Bircan, in particular, for developing relations within the Turkish American Community for The Light Millennium. She accepted and her nomination is approved by the all attendees.

Korcan Yurdacan proposed to Zeynep Anar Ulu to join to the board, she accepted and her membership approved by the all attendees.

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Prof. Surendra Kaushik's was joined to the Board during the May 26, 2011 meeting, and his membership welcomed and approved by the all attendees.

Prof. Sultan Catto's continuing membership is approved by the majority.

Bircan explained the following: Ms. Kausha Siriwardana, Helping Hands, Inc., has shown her interest to join to the Board, and planned to attend the meeting coming from Texas. She had to change her flight based on an uncertainty that she couldn't find a sit on the next plane in order to be able to attend the meeting. Her joining to the Board is subject to her attendance for the next Board meeting organization.

Bircan Welcomed to the all new and continue members for the New Term, which is just approved by all the attendees.

Korcan Yurdacan expressed that his ever increasing involvement with the Turkish-American Federation that he won't be able to continue sitting as one of the directors of the organization, and also informed of his withdrawn from his previous position as the treasurer of the organization and also board member.

However, Korcan indicated that he is willing to collaborate independently with the organization project based rather than as an active board member.

Due to respect his decision that is approved by the majority of the Board as well as his potential project based involvement with the organization.

**Follow by the approval of the New Term board members, Agenda item#7 is proceed: DELEGATION OF THE JOBS-TITLES-RESPONSIBILITIES**

Bircan Unver, President, Executive Producer & Director

Prof. Sultan Catto, Vice President

Melda Akansel, General Secretary

Zeynep Anar Ulu, Treasurer

Prof. Surendra Kauchik, Active Board Member

Selcuk Acar, Active Board Member

Ummuhan Unlu, Active Board Member

Online members: Isa Alemdag, England, Horon Networks, as IT Consultant

Dr. Gul Celkan, Georgia, Atlanta, for potential event collaborations in between NY and Atlanta.

By all both attending continuing and newly joined board members are approved above delegation of the jobs and responsibilities.

13) Report on LMTV Monthly Series (President's Draft Report – attachment#1.)

14) SPEECH – the book typed in up to 120 pages by Idil Baysal.

<http://www.lightmillennium.org/ataturk/list.html>

15) Projects/Proposals: **The Speech** is proposed to the Kew Gardens Community Center as of today/June 27, 2011. (Attachment#3.)

16) Bircan informed the members that she nominated herself to the UN-DPI-NGO Executive Committee. Election will be held at the UN-HQ on June 30, 2011. For other LM's UN-DPI Activities & UN Reps current status, she referred her draft report (attachment#1).

**17) Project – Ideas for a Fundraising Event for Fall or Winter-2011.**

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Bircan indicated that despite of all her efforts, she couldn't schedule any event during the first 6 months of the 2011. Therefore she asked everyone to come up with an idea with potential venue that also owner of the idea could lead that program under the LM.

She also reflected that the organization has to develop a project for fundraising based on the fact that there has not been a significant financial donation to the organization, and referred the current balance of the organization's bank account.

During the brainstorming for projects and proposals, Prof. Surrenda Kaushik stated the issue that only ten percent of the women are leaders in business and politics. He underlined the couple of reasons for such a low number was lack of the education, and cultural and religious factors. Prof. Kaushik proposed to create a play that can increase awareness among society that can address these issues. Prof. Kaushik proposed this for LMTV studio project.

Bircan indicated that one program could be dedicated on the proposed theme. But QPTV's studio doesn't allow more than 10-12 audiences that won't serve as a fundraising event for the organization unless sponsors are obtained for the proposed idea for its production.

Umran Unlu has shown interest to be part of Prof. Kaushik's proposed idea if it is undertaken.

Bircan told that she presented her project "The Speech" (by M.K. Ataturk) to the Kew Garden Community Center as an open class for 8 weeks that will be including writing workshop, a preparation for a theatrical open to public performance and potentially as 1 or 2 LMTV programs, and provided copy of her proposal.

Korcan showed interest as one single program. Bircan suggested that he could organize a program based on the Speech in a format that he likes to undertake at the Turkish Center or in Manhattan. In the meantime she aims to organize this event in Queens in order to reach out local communities in Queens. Selcuk Acar joined during the last quarter of the meeting and expressed his willingness to continue to serve on the Board.

It has been proposed by Melda and Umran to form a new committee for "Reaching Out Educational Institutions" to be more specific from elementary to the high schools that is approved. The newly formed Committee members are: Melda Akansel; Ummuhan Unlu ve Selcuk Acar.

18) The next meeting was scheduled tentatively during the first week of September 2011.

19) The meeting ended with closing remarks and adjournment at 8:15 p.m.



For the President's Report from January 1 – to June 27, 2011; it is available in the following link: [http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/list.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/list.html)

## Attachment#2



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