

MINUTES of LIGHT MILLENNIUM BOARD MEETING

Date: October 15, 2014

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: UN/DPI-NGO Resource Center, NYC

Attendees-Board of Directors:

Ms. Bircan Unver, President
Mr. Sultan Catto, Vice President, via Proxy
Dr. Hande Subasilar, General Secretary, Treasurer and LM/ UN Rep.
Ms. Mujgan Hedges, Board Member, LM/UN Rep.
Dr. Gul Celkan Board member/online, via skype
Mr. Isa Alemdag Board member/online, via Proxy

Guests:

Ms. Julie Mardin, Coordinator of dedication theme LM issue #30
Ms. Isik Basarir, LM/UN Youth Rep.
H.E. Ambassador Carlos Garcia
Mr. David G. Hanna

Minutes by Hande Subasilar and David G. Hanna
Reviewed by Bircan Unver

- 1) Majority of the Board of Directors was obtained, and the meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. The Board meeting was scheduled on 15 October that majority confirmation was provided this day, depending on this delay the Annual meeting could not be carried out previously.
- 2) Bircan Unver was elected unanimously as the Chair of the meeting.
- 3) Members of the board and guests introduced.
- 4) Agenda was adopted.
- 5) 15 January 2014 minutes approved to be finalized and approved online by the end of the month;
- 6) 2013 President Draft Report – Organization’s Report is approved in the following timeline: It will be finalized by Bircan and Hande – follow by its online approval will have to be obtained by the Board, accordingly, it will be posted to the organization’s website.
 - a. Agreed to behave as if non-Board members present at this meeting stay informed in advance of their Board membership and/or being representative of the organization to the UN in 2015. Currently, that is H.E. Ambassador Carlos Garcia and Julie Mardin for the Board and David G Hanna and Julie Mardin nominated to the UN rep of the organization for 2015.
- 7) Fiscal Year 2013 Report – IRS and NYS Charities 990 N E-filing and submission 990 Z (technically N) Report to the IRS signed by Bircan Unver and Hande Subasilar within the deadline and submitted in May 2014.
- 8) Bank account of the organization, latest received donations and financial status reported by the Chair and General Secretary
 - a. January 2014 balance was \$424,25 and according to the statement in October 10, 2014 current balance is \$728,44

b. Donations were:

- January 2014 \$150 Mujgan Hedges
- January 2014 \$250 Ataturk Society of America
- \$25 Tati Garcia (friend of Bircan Unver)
- August 2014 \$1000 – FOWPAL to cover venue related costs, printing brochure (600 – 6 double-sided pages, folded and stapled) expenses for the UN NGO Conference Workshop in the form of “co-sponsorship”, which reflected in the printed Program and Flyer as well as on the organization’s website.
- Julie Mardin two checks for UN/Workshops \$50 (\$50 Julie + LM \$50= \$100 (as cost of the exhibit panel that LM paid to the UN-DPI/NGO Executive Committee – August 2014.)
- \$260 –(this was reimbursed after we’ve received \$1000.- donation) – LM paid to the UN DPI/NGO Executive Committee (August 2014).
- 50 gross/\$48. + (September 2013) Dollars donation through NYCharities.Org by Ingrid Reid.

- 9) Bircan Unver delineated what has been produced since January 15th Board Meeting up to date on behalf of LM. She reported her activities while she was in Turkey from January to April 15, 2014 that she organized an event in support of the *International Day of Happiness* in Istanbul on March 13, 2014 through the sister organization of The Light Millennium, “Isikbinyili.Org.” She also reported that she has produced a three parts LMTV programs in Turkish based on the “International Day of Happiness” concept event in Istanbul, in her return to NY, which titled “SANAT DA VE EDIBIYAT DA MUTLULUK”, in translation, HAPPINESS IN ARTS AND LITERATURE. She also reported that these programs were shown on both QPTV.Org and MNN.Org stations as well as they are available through the organization web site and Vimeo (<http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/all.index> - <http://vimeo.com/96356922> - <https://vimeo.com/user1730765/videos>). Further, she also referred the LMTV and LMTV’s page under Vimeo, and listed other LMTV programs that she produced after she returned from Turkey (April 15, 2014) as follow:
- a) Pioneer of the Millennium Development Goals: Ataturk – Part 6/6 – Interactive Session Continues & Concluding Remarks (shown both on QPTV – MNN and available only through the organization’s website);
 - b) DON’T GIVE UP (with Jacque Wayans – a personnel journey);
 - c) İNSANLIK İÇİN KRİTİK BİR DÖNÜM NOKTASI: "2015" With Author ŞÜKRÜ SERVER AYA (available both under LMTV and through Vimeo).
- 10) Chair announced a Proposal (Sept. 10, 2014) to the Turkish Mission with an intention to propose it to 5-7 other missions on the 100th Anniversary commemoration of Canakkale and Gallipoli. She indicated that she mentioned about the project H.E. Ambassador Halit Cevik of Turkey to the UN, in person at the UN during the 3rd UN-HLF/CoP on Sept. 9, 2014. Based on that H.E. Cevik suggested her to contact with the Turkish Mission and after maturing the project, only then to submit the project to the other targeted missions. She informed that she couldn’t get an appointment due to the UN General Assembly gatherings. Based on her follow up on October 3, she has been informed that an appointment on that will be expected after the UN Security Council election. Bircan will inform the Board about the outcome and process afterwards.
- a. H.E. Garcia moved to have clarification with regard to the 100th anniversary as well as which missions have been considered to be approached, and the Chair responded. The targeted missions are along with the Turkish Mission: United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France and Russia.
 - b. Bircan informed the Board about her active role during the preparation and presentation of the 65th UNDPI/NGO Annual Meeting as a member of Media Subcommittee member. The Board congratulated her for her commitment and contribution.
 - c. Bircan also announced that she was involved in the planning committee of the 3rd High Level Forum on Culture of Peace and she actively contributed on providing rapporteur

- and photographer for the conference. Soon after the conference the report by Hande Subasilar and Isik Basarir was published on the Organization's website with a photo album in the gallery section.
- 11) a. Hande Subasilar delineated her activities since April 2013 with regard to the United Nations, and announced her intention not to nominate herself as representative to the United Nations for the 2015 due her expected baby in February 2015, but will continue as Secretary to The Light Millennium.
 - d. Hande indicated her commitment to finalize with Bircan, also the report of the 2014 for/prior to the next Annual Meeting. Also, she committed to work with Bircan for the upcoming UN/DPI Annual Review of the 2014 to be submitted to the UN/DPI in December.
 - e. Freedom of Information and Genetically Modified Food dedication theme and unfolded projects and events around it were described as successful by Julie Mardin during and after the publication of the issue #30 and the UN-DPI/NGO Conference Workshop—and also cited the e-published re-productions of various activist artists on the website. Ambassador Garcia spoke of his alliance with Ikarus Gallery and proposed to introduce them with Julie Mardin. "Violence against the Earth" was proposed as another project title by Julie Mardin.
 - f. Mujgan Hedges spoke of fundraising activities and struggles on finding sponsorship. David G Hanna—proposed discussing point out LM's execution capabilities in an effort to secure fundraising sources, and Chair agreed to do that after the next annual meeting.
 - g. Isik Basarir spoke of the UN Youth activities and her involvement. Chair discussed the requirement to report the activities at the United Nations' DPI/NGO monthly youth meetings and events.
 - 12) Bircan Unver reported on the **WHAT IS MY ACTION PROJECT? (WMAP)**, which was launched technically and symbolically during the UN DPI/NGO Conference Workshop at the United Nations on August 28, 2014.
 - a. Bircan indicated that she proposed to Ambassador Garcia as the chair/international coordinator of the project's TASK FORCE. She also indicated that she is the general director of the project (*as the author, developer and committed publisher of it*). H.E. Garcia is accepted the proposal and indicated of his full support.
 - b. Chair, explained further about the working mechanism of the project such as: Each *Task Force* Member will be a regional director, who commits to contribute actively to the project' overall goals and vision, willing to submit a project to be published, and willing to expand its outreach within his/her region in order to bring in various voices and projects within the defined concept and goal.
 - c. She also indicated that its Publishing Policy will be in line with the Organization's Publishing Policy that during a year period that is in line with the UN/NGO annual conferences; one individual or organization including members of the Task Force could submit max. 3 projects to be published. She mentioned that this also should be reflected into the project's definition and/or task force but it hasn't done yet. Ambassador Garcia suggested to be included it as well.
 - d. **TIMELINE** of the project: She clearly indicated that she couldn't work on the TASK FORCE web page in order to introduce the members of the Task Force and make an OPEN CALL that the Organization won't be able to meet its initially announced deadline for submissions (Oct. 20, 2014) that open call was not send out up to date. Thus, she indicated the need to change its targeted submission and publishing deadline. Ambassador Garcia reflected his concern on the delay. She pointed out the absent of the required updated Mac computer and software programs. Also, indicated that this might be a slow process but we will eventually get there. Also, this will be a preparation process for us for the next year's UN/NGO Conference that we will make it sure this project will be an integral part of the next year's UN/NGO conference. She also underlined if the LM would have a better infrastructure in terms of technical capacity and with 2 dedicated member staff then this project would have a higher potential to

- be an integral part of the last conference. Thus, the organization will target it for the 2015 that will be also in line with the starting of the 2nd phase of the UN – Post 2015 Agenda!
- e. The project's social media presence is already established for the WMAP such as Facebook page (What is my action plan?), Yahoo group (myaction@yahogroups.com), and Twitter account (#myaction2030), etc.
 - f. H.E. Garcia suggested a discussion regarding IT issues.
 - g. H.E. Garcia proposed the choosing of two or three plans for the DPI in case something may not be supported through the DPI/NGO as an integral part of the upcoming conference as it was the case for the last one.
- 13) Proposal of H.E. Garcia to establish a "Strategic Alliance" between The Light Millennium Organization and CG Global Consultant –*as it was perceived as first by the Chair-*, in the context of a share commitment with the Millennium Development Goals implementation was introduced and presented to the Board both as online follow by its received date, then as an attachment of the Board Meeting's Agenda and also during the meeting in the form of introduction along with Bircan's response within the legal framework of the organization's By-Laws and #1023 Form, which were also attached to the Agenda along with the initial introductory document/proposal.
- a. Based on the organization's By-Laws and protecting its status as a public entity, her given and shared responses to H.E. Garcia and SpartaMatrix and with the Board, and once again based on the H.E. Garcia's initial proposal and a summary of their prior meeting (which consisted with H.E. Garcia, David G. Hanna and Bircan on Oct. 14, 2014), the chair proposed to the Board to nominate H.E. Garcia at the annual board meeting to the Board that Ambassador Garcia could be liaison in between the CG Global Consultant, SpartaMatrix, and The Light Millennium that also could serve directly towards a strategic alliance and partnerships. This was anonymously approved.
 - b. Proposal of H.E. Garcia to be posted the logo of CG Consultant on the LM's website is accepted in the following framework. a) Depending on the workable conditions on the organization's website, cross-links from CG Global Consultant website to LM website through/under Web Synergy page (since organization cannot advertise) and vice versa.
 - c. Through a joint event – Chair referred as an example the organization's UN/NGO workshop and its co-sponsors – or via a joint venture
 - d. Through Sponsorship/Donations to a program or initiative or project under SPONSORSHIP or CO-SPONSORSHIP and/or DONATION.
 - e. In reference to Ambassador Garcia's proposal and David G. Hanna's strong interest to join to the Board, the chair suggested that we could only accommodate of Ambassador Garcia based on the organization's By-Laws. However, the organization needs more professional support and investment in it that instead expanding the board that the organization's even cannot handle it! With that said, Bircan proposed to hand it over her Executive Director position to David G Hanna that also should be considered after the Annual Meeting, in line with the By-Laws, #1023 and also should be done through a Letter of Agreement's approval by the Board.
 - f. Chair nominated David G Hanna as one of the organization's representatives to the United Nations for 2015 in place of the Secretary and he accepted. Chair discussed the procedural steps for procuring the UN credentials.
 - g. Further, she stressed that any ideas, plans, proposal/project related contacts to the UN needs to go through her as she is the permanent representative of the organization to the UN that she also emphasized that if anything goes wrong with any of the LM's rep's contacts and activities at the UN, she and the Organization will be directly question and responsible by it!
- 14) Including under the MISSION page of The Light Millennium on the web the following paragraph, **"The Light Millennium fully supports the UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON A CULTURE OF PEACE – Adopted by Sept. 13, 1999 by the UNGA – Res A/RES/53/243, which is also part of its**

Mission/formation document and its website since the organization's inception", was approved anonymously by the Board.

- 15) Chair informed the Board about Mr. Robert Carraro's- Lake Hills Philanthropic Services, LLC – proposal of capacity building dated, Oct. 13, 2014. Chair suggested teaming up to communicate with him further whether via email and/or teleconference with one or two board members.
 - a. The chair informed that the Organization is eligible for government grants. However, its application process is very complicated that she was able to complete the first two of four stages. To that end, she informed the Board the Organization in recent months, she received two letters, which were offering help to complete the four stages of the government grant application process. However, she indicated that she is not certain if it is a fee based, or spam or by a government contracted agency offer to help the organization. Looking into this and finding out the nature of the letters and plan to completion of the registration process for the government grants suggested accordingly.
- 16) Bircan announced two upcoming events. First, a Panel Discussion on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:30pm CUNY-GC, NYC **"FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED AGE: WATER, FOOD, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT"**. Next a **Celebration of the Light Millennium, and its Issue #30**, October 25, 2014, 1-6pm. at Julie Mardin Photography Studio.
- 17) Christmas time proposed by Müjgan Hedges as a fundraising event. Chair proposed to find a specific fundraising idea to be submitted via email to the LMBoD group as soon as possible that it should be decided online based upon received solid ideas and securing a venue etc... This process should start immediately after the meeting that its decision and approval also could obtain as online.
- 18) 21 November, 2014 approved with time and venue To Be Determined for the next annual meeting.
- 19) Proposal of Bircan Unver to dedicate a Board Meeting follow by the Annual Meeting in the form of "Orientation" for the By-Laws, Website/Published ideas, Events, LMTV programs that are exist on the website; also brain-storm for new short and long term projects voted and anonymously approved.
- 20) Separating Executive Director & Producer position into two different titles, in reference to the aforementioned proposal to Mr. Hanna, agreed to be included in the November 21 meeting Agenda.
- 21) All items on the agenda covered and the meeting was concluded at 4:30 pm.
- 22) The Chair on behalf of LM expressed her thanks to the UN/DPI NGO Relations Section for providing the conference room and IT access.

Disclosure: As part of the Oct. 15th Board Meeting Agenda, the following documents attached/sent to the LMBoD group prior the Board meeting:

- 1) David Hanna – Commitment Letter
- 2) GC-Concultant-sparta-matrix-morgenthal
- 3) Amb-Garcia-Proposal-24sept14
- 4) CUNY-GC-Oct-20-with speaker (Invite)
- 5) Julie Mardin open studio – Oct. 25 – Invite
- 6) LM-SpartaMatrix-Morgenthal
- 7) Media Alert Oct 20 – Oct. 25 and Open Call