

**Approved on Line - FINAL**

**MINUTES of LIGHT MILLENNIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Date: November 21, 2014**

**Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Place: Julie Mardin Photography Studio, NYC**

**Attendees-Board of Directors:**

Ms. Bircan Unver, President  
Mr. Sultan Catto, Vice President, via Phone Call  
Dr. Hande Subasilar, General Secretary, Treasurer and LM/ UN Rep.  
Ms. Mujgan Hedges, Board Member, LM/UN Rep.

**Guests:**

Ms. Julie Mardin, Coordinator of dedication theme LM issue #30 & 31  
H.E. Ambassador Carlos Garcia Gonzalez – *Annual Meeting*  
Assoc. Prof. Sebahattin Devecioglu  
Ms. Judit Kozma  
Mr. Jose Pinto Stephen

**Disclosure:** We were not able to connect with our online board members Dr. Gul Celkan Board and Mr. Isa Alemdag. But they both sent their opinion about some items on the agenda previously via e-mail. And Mr. Alemdag sent his board membership "Renewal Form" dated **Nov. 18, 2014**. In it, he indicated his wish to continue as a Board member prior to the meeting for the new term.

**Minutes by** Hande Subasilar

**Reviewed by** Bircan Unver

**Board of Directors Meeting**

- 1) Via phone call participation of Prof. Sultan Catto, the majority is obtained.
- 2) Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Bircan Unver was elected unanimously as the Chair of the meeting.
- 3) Members of the board and guests introduced.
- 4) Agenda was adopted anonymously.
- 5) Current financial status based on the Organization's bank account is **\$557,76** as of November 21, 2014.
- 6) 2014 Annual DRAFT Report of The Light Millennium introduced. The Board was informed online prior to the meeting no objections or comments received. Bircan explained that it will be work in progress until December 31 since the Organization's Fiscal Year is December 31 that it will be finalized and publish during the first two weeks of January 2015.
- 7) October 15, 2014 minutes approved online previously and posted to the organization's website. However, based on the VLA meeting of the organization, and related sought "**legal**"

**advice**", the President of the organization proposed for withdrawn of her previous two items on the October 15, 2015 Minutes in reference to item **#13 e and f**. (Reference to Minutes of Oct. 15 Minutes: [http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/minutes/2014-oct-15-online-approved.pdf](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/minutes/2014-oct-15-online-approved.pdf))

- Based on legal advises of Volunteer Lawyers of Arts (VLA) Bircan has withdrawn her proposal indicating David Hanna to be Executive Director of the Light Millennium.
- Bircan also has withdrawn her proposal indicating David Hanna to be appointed as one of the UN Representatives of the organization for the upcoming year.
- Sparta Matrix involvement into the Board along with the VLA Legal Clinic advice, also was anonymously objected by the members of the Board.
- **For the both above mentioned proposed withdrawal items in reference to the Oct. 15, 2014 Minutes, are anonymously approved.**

- 8) Bircan Unver, Mujgan Hedges and Julie Mardin had a meeting with VLA and they proposed an annual membership to the VLA option. The Board members all agreed online and with the contribution of Mujgan and Julie VLA annual membership is realized effective on November 6, 2014.
- 9) Sparta Matrix Proposal was considered with the VLA and VLA advised it is against the By-Laws of the LM. Board's Final decision based on this advice was if there will be a sum of contribution by Sparta Matrix to the Organization towards funding its programs. (*Please see attachment/Julie Mardin's report*)
- 10) Based on the Organization's annual membership to VLA, the following is proposed: Applying to the VLA for a pro-bono legal service to evaluating 15 years old still current By-Laws of the organization in order to improve and strengthen it further along with potentially to add new mandates such as education, library-museum, and sustainable development goals to the organization's formation document #1023, anonymously approved by the Board.
- 11) The Board agreed on renewing annual membership to the Non-Profit Coordination Committee of New York.
- 12) Bircan Unver reported on Canakkale-Gallipoli proposal. She had an opportunity to meet with the representatives of the Turkish Mission on November 12, 2014. The Turkish mission indicated that they will support any event based on the proposed draft project **outside of the UN premises**.
- 13) Bircan's proposal to each and every Board Members becoming also an on-line board member through the NYCharities.Org should be mandatory that will support the organization on the symbolic level via online membership that if the Board won't join it, then it will be difficult to engage others in order reach out to gain online membership, she stated.  
**Anonymously approved.** <http://www.nycharities.org/app/lightmillennium/>
- 14) Bircan proposed a new way of contribution for the online members to the Board. She indicated that the majority of the board members should be based in NY and US citizen that as the President of the organization, and proposed to limit online Board Members **based upon a solid commitment**. The Board decided that when there is an actual solid project in different part of the US and/or in the world that the other leg's of a potential joint project will be based on another state and/or country. When such opportunity arrives, the LMBoD may increase the online board members within the legal framework and By-Laws of the organization.
- 15) Hande agreed to work with Bircan to update the description of the board, advisory board, UN reps and volunteer representatives job and responsibilities based on the description in the following link: Description for the Advisory Board; Board of Directors & Representatives

of the Light Millennium: (Based on the June 6, 2006 Board of Directors & Annual Meeting's MINUTES)

[http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/description\\_ab\\_bod\\_rep.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/description_ab_bod_rep.html)

- 16) Nominees for the LM/UN representatives for 2015 are Mujgan Hedges, Julie Mardin, Sebahattin Devecioglu, and Isik Basarir for the Youth Representative. The LM is still looking for another youth representative for the new term. (*Please also see Oct. 15 Minutes – Article#13 section g*)
- 17) All items on the agenda covered and the meeting was concluded at **5:30** pm. Then proceed to the Annual Meeting.

## **MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING – Part II – 5:30-6:30pm**

- 1) Bircan Unver continued as the Chair of the meeting.
- 2) Chair announced the nominees for the new term and election was made.
- 3) The new and re-elected Board Members are:  
Ambassador Carlos Garcia Gonzalez, Vice President (New Board Member)  
Sultan Catto, Vice President (Re-elected)  
Mujgan Hedges , Sponsorship Coordinator and Treasurer (Re-elected)  
Hande Subasilar, General Secretary (Re-elected)  
Isa Alemdag, On-line Board Member (Re-elected)  
Hande Subasilar, re-nominated Bircan Unver as the “continuing president”, anonymously *re-elected*.
- 4) Status on Advisory Board Members:  
\*Figen Bingül, Translator (Turkish-English), Editor, New York. (Not Continuing)  
\*Etem Erol, Professor in Middle Eastern Studies, Yale University, CT. (TBC for the new term)  
\*Edward Foster, Professor, College of Arts and Letters at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. (Continuing)  
\*Aysegul Durakoglu, Professor in Music, College of Arts and Letters at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. (Continuing)  
\*Talat S. Halman, Professor in Literature Department of the Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. (TBC for the new term)  
\*Stephen Kinzer, Former New York Times Foreign Correspondent, Author and Professor in International Relations, Boston University, (Not Continuing officially. However, he is willing to support the Organization as a friend of the Organization)  
\*Akif Kireççi, Associate Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. (Despite several attempts by Bircan, his willingness and commitment for continuity hasn’t received.)
- 5) Associate Prof. Sebahattin Devecioglu, presented a proposal to form under the LM a Committee for Youth and Sports. It is welcomed by the board members. Chair pointed that any ideas – photos to be published through this committee will require parent or guardian consent anyone is under 18. The coordinator of the Committee should be responsible for it. It was agreed by Assoc. Prof. Devecioglu.
- 6) In reference to the Oct. 15 and Agenda Item Fundraising Event in December; it came to a realization by the members of the Board, time is running out that a letter campaign and focusing – activating the ONLINE MEMBERSHIP through NYCharities.Org approved (Reference to online Membership through NYCharities.Org <http://www.nycharities.org/app/lightmillennium/>)
- 7) The New Term First Board Member Meeting’s date decided to be in second week of December except 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 8) The Annual Meeting successfully concluded.
- 9) Speakers arrived for the Special Event of the Annual meeting “Conceptual Diversity: Water, Conservation, Timing, Pottery...”, then as first proceeded to the reception and the event.

Attachment: 1) VLA Legal Clinic Report  
2) Associate Prof. Sebahattin Devecioglu's Proposal.