



**Helena International Affairs Council
April 20, 2010 Minutes
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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	AFFILIATES IN ATTENDANCE	GUESTS
Jessica Peterson, Chair	Mark Annas, Sect.	Stephen Maly, MCIV and HCTV	
Stephen Cocca	Doreen Kutufam	Mark Seitz, HCC	
Ersun Ozer	Shahid Haque- Hausrath		
Mark Huber			
Michaela Wolfinger			
Anthony Warren, Vice Chair			

VJ/Rotary

Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm. Those in attendance gave brief introductions of themselves.

Review Agenda, Approve March 2010 Minutes:

Tony moved, Michaela seconded January and February 2010 minutes be approved. Approved unanimously.

HIAC Officer Election:

Jessica spoke on the overall descriptions of the 3 officer positions. The nominations were Doreen Kutufam for Chair, Anthony Warren for Vice Chair, and Michaela Wolfinger for Secretary. All candidates accepted the nomination. Tony moved that we vote to approve the nominations. Michaela seconded the movement. The HIAC unanimously voted to approve all the nominations into the new officer positions.

Film Event at the Myrna, May 18

Jessica gave the overview of areas where HIAC members can offer support:

1. Economics/Local international business displays
2. Food
3. Panel Discussion
4. Guests, e.g. Mayor, City Manager, international people, legislative candidates & Denise Juneau

State Fund and Heritage Propane have some foreign workers on 6-month work visas that could be invited.

Mark Huber volunteered to help with Food

Ersun said he had been asked to assist with food and would follow through on this.

Ersun would be helping with contacting local businesses and Michaela will assist him.

Steve will assist Jessica on arriving early to set up and deal with any other issues necessary throughout the evening.

We will contact HIAC members on e-mail leading up to the event in order to get everything in order.

Michaela will look in to inviting anyone contracting with State Government that may be from other countries.

Stephen Maly – Montana Center for International Visitors (MCIV)

Citizen diplomacy

MCIV will host the Western Regional Conference in Bozeman, August 2-6. Steve wants HIAC to know about the event and have someone attend. MCIV and Conference are both funded by the State Department.

Stephen is also working on a grant to organize around citizen diplomacy from the State Department.

MCIV needs to make the conference a meaningful event. MCIV would like the HIAC to assist leading up to the August conference in any way we can.

Can we consider (with MCIV) sponsoring a meeting on a different international topic each month at the library?

Stephen left a magazine called "Great Decisions."

Neighborhood of Nations – Immigration

Roles and Timelines

Michaela said she would get in touch with the Governor once Shahid is back in town to set up an interview, man on the street type question about his ancestry.

Past and Future Events

Diplomatic Duties

April – Doreen, Tony

May – Jesse, Doreen

June – Shahid, Tony

Website

April – Doreen

May – Jesse
June – Jesse

Updated Bios

New member bios will be submitted at orientation to be uploaded onto the website.

Orientation

An orientation for new members and new officers will be held sometime prior to our next meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjourned at 6:24pm.