



**Helena International Affairs Council  
March 16, 2010 Minutes  
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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	AFFILIATES IN ATTENDANCE	GUESTS
Jessica Peterson, Chair	Mark Huber	Jim McCormick	Jennifer Pryor
Stephen Cocca	Ersun Ozer		
Shahid Haque- Hausrath			
Doreen Kutufam			
Mark Annas, Sect.			
Anthony Warren, Vice Chair			
Michaela Wolfinger			

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm. Those in attendance gave brief introductions of themselves.

**Review Agenda, Approve Minutes:**

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

**By-Laws, Discussion of Officer roles/ HIAC Officer Election:**

Jesse provided each member with a copy of the By-Laws, with section on officer election highlighted.

Incumbents to several offices, those of Chair, Vice Chair and Sect./Treasurer are approaching their term limit. Jesse advised officers write up a "status report" of their office, so those considering standing in nomination for offices would have a sense of current projects, responsibilities, and expectations. Doreen advised we delay nominations and a vote until such time as these reports can be shared with membership. Stephen suggested candidates be allowed to present their vision for the office to the membership. Michaela moved, Shahid seconded a motion for current officers to have reports completed, and emailed to membership by March 18; that nominations be made to the chair by March 23, who would then distribute the nominee slate prior to the April meeting – at which time a vote would be taken. Motion approved unanimously.

**Jennifer Pryor visit – Presentation on Business in Central Asia**

Jennifer welcomed to HIAC. She presented clothing items and pictures taken from a recent trip to Central Asia. She has a business which imports silk scarves. She is interested in helping a merchant there bridge into a U.S. market. Part of the revenues generated (20%) would then be used to support causes in these Central Asian countries. Jesse stated a business such as this would be a good link to have on the HIAC website. Additional suggestions made as to possible next steps for Jennifer.

**Neighborhood of Nations Immigration segment outline**

Shahid gave update. He shared concept of filming people on the street; inquiring of them what they knew of their heritage. Also, he asked if anyone was interested in doing this filming. Idea is to have segment done by June, however, due to constraints on Shahid's time, it may be delayed until July. Jesse, Doreen, and Anthony offered to help. Michaela suggested having the Governor speak to his Irish heritage.

**Past and Future Events**

Mark briefly discussed the March 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon with Fahima Vorgetts. Doreen mentioned a Carroll staff who has interest in meeting Fahima and possibly speaking to his class. Jesse reminded membership of completing their website bios.

**Public Comment:**

None.

Shahid moved, Anthony seconded meeting be adjourned; approved unanimously. Adjourned at 6:33pm.