



**DRAFT-3 MINUTES of LIGHT MILLENNIUM ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

Time: 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Address: BARUCH College; 17 Lexington Ave.

Room# 508A, NYC, NY, 10010.

Attendees-Board of Directors:

Ms. Bircan Unver, President
Prof. Sultan Catto, Vice-President
Ms. Mujgan Hedges, Board member
Dr. Gul Celkan via skype Board member/online.

Guests:

Ms. Kausha Siriwardana – LM/UN Alternate Rep. via teleconference
Dr. Hande Subasilar, LM/UN 2nd Alternate Rep

***Absent:**

Mr. Wale Idris Ajibade, Board member
Mr. Isa Alemdag, Board member/online

Host: Prof. Sultan Catto

Minutes Taken by: Dr. Hande Subasilar,

Reviewed by: Bircan Ünver

MINUTES

[Entry notes: 1) Annual Meeting was scheduled right after the Board Meeting. Follow by the closing of the Board Meeting, the meeting immediately has moved to the Annual one, and previous meeting procedure adopted and continued in this one as well. 2) Luck of the obtaining majority in fall and Winter 2012, the organization couldn't realize its Annual Meeting in 2012.

1) Bircan Unver is elected as the Meeting Chair.

2) Majority was obtained.

3) Nominees announced for the new term for BoDs.

Bircan Unver as President -re-elected/continuing;

Prof. Sultan Catto as Vice President- re-elected/continuing;

Dr. Hande Subasilar- newly elected board member as General Secretary and Treasurer;

Mujgan Hedges- re-elected board member/Sponsorship Coordinator

Dr. Gul Celkan- re-elected board member/Regional Director (online - continuing);

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Isa Alemdag – re-elected board member, IT Consultant - (online - continuing)

All the nominees anonymously approved for the New Term 2013-2014.

4) New term of BoD members introduced and invited to give a brief speech. Dr. Celkan said that she would like to be more active in the organization but because of the distance she was not able to. She proposed to organize a regional committee to support the organization as a *South Region representative*. Her proposal approved anonymously by the attendees of the meeting. She said that will be sending in her proposal officially.

5) O&A: Ideas and Suggestion by the attendees of the Annual Meeting for events during the Annual Meeting:

Kausha Siriwardana, LM/UN Alternative representative is proposed the followings:

An event to jointly promote with LM and Helping Hands, Inc. (Texas) in New York in fall 2013.

Ms. Sriwardana also proposed to the LM to be part of to an upcoming exhibition by the children of El Salvador to be exhibit at the UN in November 2013 that the exhibition will be sponsored by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations.

Her proposal approved anonymously by the attendees of the meeting.

Dr. Celkan suggested sending a paper about *the Treaty of Lausanne* to be published online for the anniversary of the treaty before July 24th. This proposal also approved anonymously.

Ms. Mujgan Hedges asked that how the mechanism is working in the UN for arranging an event in the UN. Ms. Unver explained that the UN does not financially support an NGO event at the UN. To present an event in the UN, organizations need to obtain one of the Missions or a UN entity's sponsorship for the venue. If we can publish the book of the conference, and if we could obtain one of the participated ambassadors' sponsorship for the venue, accordingly, we can have the book-launching event at the UN that also has been my target from the start, she explained.

Dr. Celkan suggested using PayPal for donations. Ms. Unver said we have set up \$1 Campaign through NYCharities.Org, which we also promote from our home page (top corner of the left colon/under the letter "HOME") and via DONATION page (<http://www.lightmillennium.org/donate.html>). She indicated that more than 60000 NY non-profits use it, and we have set up for a special

campaign through it. Dr. Celkan expressed her hesitation to not using her credit card for on-line payments. Then Ms. Unver suggested that donations could be done through check, and we can also look for other alternatives based upon

each new project. Ms. Unver pointed the NYCharities link on the organization's website and how to donate via it to the organization <http://www.nycharities.org/app/lightmillennium/>.

She also emphasized that we need to actively promote our \$1 or annually \$12.00 online membership campaign through it. Ms. Hedges has shown to interest as the newly elected Sponsorship Coordinator to undertake for its reach-out.

6) Ideas for public events for fall 2013 or spring 2014 shared.

Ms. Hedges suggested making fundraising events for every year.

Ms. Unver underlined the importance of teaming up and working towards for the capacity building of the organization. She also proposed to apply to the available grants, which requires a committed teamwork. If we create a team to work on for capacity building, obtaining financial support and sustainability, accordingly we can do a lot more and be more effective as an organization locally and globally. As the newly elected Sponsorship Coordinator of the organization, Ms. Hedges asked if the \$1 donation campaign targets Turkey as well. Ms. Unver said, in general, no, because, LM's language is English and we do have a sister officially formed association "ISIKBINYILI.ORG" based in Istanbul.

7) The attendees invited to join existing committees or suggest a new one.

8) Ms. Unver suggested to schedule the next meeting during the first week of October. Dr. Celkan suggested it during the *Thanksgiving* week in November. Ms. Unver emphasized that there is a need to meet in early October, perhaps for a brunch or more informal setting that also may attract more new people's involvement. Accordingly, we can also schedule another meeting for November.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of October.

After the closing remarks, the Annual meeting was concluded at 9:15pm.

*Despite their confirmation for online participation, we couldn't connect with Wale Idris Ajibade, board member and Isa Alemdag, online member.