

**FINAL – Approved anonymously by the LMBODs via online.**

**MINUTES of THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Date:** December 16, 2014 - **Time:** 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** UNDPI/NGO Resource Center, NYC  
#801 United Nations Plaza - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 45 Street, NYC, NY

**Attendees-Board of Directors:**

Ms. Bircan Unver, President  
Am. Carlos Garcia Gonzalez, Vice President  
Dr. Hande Subasilar, General Secretary via Skype  
Ms. Mujgan Hedges, Board Member and Treasurer,  
LM/UN Rep. via conference call  
Isa Alemdag, sent his proxy

**Guest:**

Assoc. Prof. Sebahattin Devecioglu

**Minutes by** Hande Subasilar

**Inputs reflected by** Bircan Unver

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- 1) Via conference call of Mujgan Hedges, the majority is obtained. Isa Alemdag has sent his proxy via e-mail during the meeting but it could only be seen after the meeting.
- 2) Meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. Bircan Unver was elected unanimously as the Chair of the meeting.
- 3) Agenda was adopted anonymously including one addition line to the Fundraising related item by H.E. Ambassador Carlos Garcia.
- 4) Nov. 21st Annual Meeting's MINUTES: Approved online, posted to the organization's website under 501c3, and shared its link :[http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/minutes/board-annual-online-approved-11-21-2014.pdf](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/minutes/board-annual-online-approved-11-21-2014.pdf). Also, its hard-copy made available at the meeting.
- 5) Current financial status based on the Organization's bank account is **\$419.00**, **\$6.00** monthly banking service fee and **\$110.00** videographer fee for CUNY panel and **22.00** for 20 set copies of the Program re Nov. 21 Annual Meeting-Special Event, which were paid off since Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- 6) **INVITE TO ALL LM MEMBERS - ONLINE - MEMBERSHIP - NYCharities.Org - Open Letter** is posted to the website: [http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/2014-invite-tobecome-online-member.pdf](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/2014-invite-tobecome-online-member.pdf)
- 7) Bircan highlighted the importance of each member starting from Board of directors joining the NYCharities to standardize the membership of the Organization by \$1 monthly and \$12 annually by all.
  - a) Amb. Garcia suggested promoting joining the NYCharities.Org on social media. He also suggested that it will be more active if we target specific groups such youth, elderly etc. that by each board member will undertake/target to reach out one of the particular age-category. It will also be easier to manage different level of people. Thus, each board member should focus on engaging different groups. To delegation of the age category within the Board members to be decided during the next Board Meeting.
  - b) The Board agreed on promoting online membership.
- 8) LM Board agreement form signed by Amb. Garcia; Isa Alemdag signed and sent his form prior to the Annual meeting, Hande Subasilar will sign it online after the meeting.

- 9) Activities since the Annual Meeting
  - a) Media release of the Annual meeting posted on the website.
  - b) Minutes of the Annual meeting finalized and posted.
  - c) TRIBUTE TO Prof. TALAT SAIT HALMAN with the contribution of Prof. Edward Foster, Prof. Stephen Kinzer, Mujgan Hedges, Prof. Aysegul Durakoglu and Bircan Unver posted online. Shared by Bircan through Social Media extensively. Turkish Forum also posted the tribute on its website.
  - d) Letter of invitation to become online member posted online.
  - e) Cora Fernandez updated her current status and sent in typed/converted the latest group of the book SPEECH (by M.K.Ataturk)
  - f) The 3<sup>rd</sup> HLF report finalized and posted.  
 Part 1: <http://www.lightmillennium.org/undpi/2014/3-un-hlf-cop.html>  
 Part 2: <http://www.lightmillennium.org/undpi/2014/3-un-hlf-cop-panel-discussions.html>
  - g) During the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UN DPI-NGO Conference and LM's Workshop, none of the reporters from the UN showed up then recently the co-chairs of the Workshop Subcommittee of the conference, have asked the organization to send a report in their own format. Julie Mardin voluntarily has stepped up to write the report, and submitted it on December 15, 2014.
  - h) UN annual review has been submitted on December 6, 2014. Along with continuing representatives Bircan, Mujgan and Isik; Julie Mardin and Sebahattin Devecioglu appointed to be the new term UN representatives. There is still need for one more Youth representative.
- 10) Bircan gave information about the meeting with VLA Legal Clinic consultant Paul Hastings for updating the By-Laws of the Organization – A process towards to a Pro-Bono service through VLA towards in order to broaden and updating of the By-Laws and #1023 Form is started via this meeting on Dec. 12, 2014. (Draft By-Laws and VLA Power point emailed to the Board on Dec. 13, 2014). There have been many legal changes during the years and they updated our by-laws adding new laws, however, it does not modified/updated according to organization's specific needs, both the attorney and Bircan informed. Bircan suggested forming a by-laws committee from maximum of 3 board members.
- 11) The UN DPI/NGO announced that they are offering to the NGOs submitting a Proposal for the Thursdays UN DPI-NGO Briefings. Deadline is January 8, 2015. Bircan asked Amb. Garcia and Julie to submit their ideas along with proposed speakers and related UN Resolution or Article from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or the UN's Post-2015 Sustainable Human Development Goals.
- 12) Ambassador Garcia's proposal of "A toy for our indigenous children this Christmas 2014" was considered. It decided that there is no time to prepare for this project but as a potential, it could be considered for the upcoming Turkish Children's Day in April 2014 that also will be including both Turkish and El Salvadorian community and children.
- 13) There was no other report from the board.
- 14) a) Bircan presented hand-outs from the website's homepage along with related key sub-index pages and projects as follow:
  - ARCHIVE:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/archive.html>
  - LMTV:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/all-2013.html>
  - PHOTO GALLERY:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/gallery/>
  - EVENTS:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/events/all.html>
  - UN/DPINGO Briefings:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/undpi/list.html>
  - UN/DPINGO Conference:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/65unngoconf/list.html>
  - UN Workshop:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/65unngoconf/lm-workshop.html>
  - My Action Project:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/myaction/list.html>

**Issue#30 GMO/Dedication:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/fox-and-gmo-food/list.html>

**MDGS & ATATURK Conference:**

<http://www.lightmillennium.org/aturk/2013/conference.html>

**ATATURK Page:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/aturk/list.html>

**DONATION via NYCharities.Org:** <http://www.nycharities.org/app/lightmillennium/>

**LM's \$1 Campaign and Donation page:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/donate.html>

**PUBLISHING POLICY:** [http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm\\_publishing\\_policy.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm_publishing_policy.html)

**MANIFESTO(1999):** [http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm\\_manifesto.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm_manifesto.html)

**501c3:** [http://www.lightmillennium.org/501\\_c\\_3/list.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/list.html)

**Board/Advisory Board & Volunteer Staff:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/staff.html>

**ABOUT:** <http://www.lightmillennium.org/about/list.html>

**MISSION:** [http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm\\_mission.html](http://www.lightmillennium.org/lm_mission.html)

Follow by presenting above hand-outs, Bircan also proposed the following idea: To carry on this item to the next Board meeting's Agenda, and dedicate 15-20 min. Website Tour and Discussion that all the Board Members should be more familiar with the website, which was approved by all.

- b) Edward Foster, Isa Alemdag, Mujgan Hedges, Hande Subasilar have sent their quotes for Bircan's proposal of joint New Year Message with 15 selected quotes.
- 15) Bircan and Amb. Garcia will work together for Revisiting – re-evaluating the [www.unngoga.org](http://www.unngoga.org) United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations' General Assembly towards activation and re-submitting.
  - 16) There is an urgent need obtain submissions starting with the members of the task force to MY ACTION PROJECT. Bircan asked Amb. Garcia to start with his article and he accepted.
  - 17) For the CANAKKALE – GALLIPOLI commemoration a Photo Exhibition proposed by Selahattin Dogancigil. Bircan will contact to the Turkish Mission if they agree to support the exhibition for the UN Lobby or at the Turkish Center's Art Gallery or any other space that the Mission might offer.
  - 18) Bircan informed the board that there is a plan for an event ***In Memory of Prof. Talat Sait Halman*** in collaboration with Prof. Foster at the Stevens Institute of Technology.
  - 19) Amb. Garcia proposed an idea to generate an income to the Organization in 2015. He suggested planning a workshop or event something similar to the Annual Meeting's Special event to attend based on donation. The rest of the item#19 is decided to carry on to the next Board Meeting.
  - 20) Updating committees and forming new ones for the New Term will be discussed online and carry on the next meeting.
  - 21) Alberto Turlon's proposal in order to encourage and engage more Youth with the organization is accepted by the Board. Hande and Bircan will work on updating document for definition of representatives.
  - 22) The next Board meeting is decided to be on **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025.**
  - 23) All items on the agenda covered and the meeting was concluded at 4:15 pm. The Chair on behalf of LM expressed her thanks to the UN/DPI NGO Relations Section for providing the conference room and IT access.