



**MINUTES of LIGHT MILLENNIUM BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

Time: 7:15 to 8:15 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 (Helping Hands, Inc. Texas)
Dr. Hande Subasilar, LM/UN 2nd Alternate Rep
***Absent:**
Mr. Wale Idris Ajibade, Board member
Mr. Isa Alemdag, Board member/online (England)

Host of the meeting: Prof. Sultan Catto

Minutes Taken by: Dr. Hande Subasilar,

Reviewed by: Bircan Ünver

Minutes:

[Entry notes: 1 Skype connection was an issue to start the meeting on the scheduled time. Eventually, when the connection was secured with Dr. Gul Celkan and Ms. Kausha Siriwardana, the meeting officially was opened.

2) Luck of the obtaining majority in fall or Winter 2012, the organization couldn't realize its tentatively planned board meeting in fall and Winter 2012.]

1) Majority of the Board of Directors is obtained, and the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

2) Bircan Unver is elected unanimously as the Chair of the meeting.

3) Agenda is adopted.

4) Review of Financials:**

Report on FY---2012 Annual 990---N and Char500 Forms submitted to the NYS Charities Office. However, it was **"incomplete"** for the required second signature.

There is a letter request by NYS Charities Office for a second signature on the CHAR500 form.

Report on 2013:

Account Balance as of July 10, 2013: **\$123.97-**

Banking service cost from January to July 2013: \$6X7: \$42.00

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Donation for the April 19-20 2013 Conference by Ataturk Society of America: \$1000.00
By Hudai and Mirat Yavalar: \$1500.00
\$300.00 by Edward Foster for printing Brochures (as total \$854.00; and organization paid its \$554.00 part.)
\$800.00 paid for the video crew contained with two with 3 cameras.

APRIL 2013

Beginning Balance \$2,577.98

Ending Balance 11 \$155.97

Total Checks Paid \$2,203.96

Checks Paid 6 - 2,203.96

ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals 4 - 212.05

Monthly Banking Service Fee: \$6.00

Checks are paid in April 2013:

189 - 04/17 \$559.80 – Keynote speakers' round ticket

190 - 04/22 29.85 – OLM webhosting

191 - 04/22 200.00 – Car Service round-trip for the three H.L. session's speakers.

192 - 04/25 60.00 – Photo memory card/transportation

193 - 04/22 800.00 – Video crew with 2 for 2 days with 3 cameras.

194 - 04/22 554.31 – Conference PROGRAM (400/100 in color 300 B&W) as total amount: 854.31. \$300 of it covered/directly paid to the printer by Edward Foster.

March 30, 2013 through April 30, 2013:

Total Fees & Other Withdrawals \$6.00

Transaction Total 10

04/08 ATM Withdrawal 04/06 114-20 Jamaica Avenue Richmond Hill NY Card 6683 \$40.00

04/15 Card Purchase 04/11 Triangle Pharmacy Richmond Hill NY Card 6683 35.00

04/17 Card Purchase With Pin 04/17 A Z Printing Richmond Hill NY Card 6683 43.55

04/22 Card Purchase 04/18 Sip Sak New York NY Card 6683 93.50 – Launch with the keynote speaker (Actual date is 04/18)

Total ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals \$212.05

Conference related expenses covered by Bircan's personnel capacity:

\$40.00 Flyer both in color and B&W, and LM's Brochure prior to the conference.

\$150.00 Dinner with the three speakers of the Inaugural Meeting + Bircan.

\$265.00 – Lunch for the presenters of the April 20,

In kinds: One UN New York – 3 nights VIP for the keynote speaker – April 18-19-20, 2013.

In kinds: Board Member Mujgan Hedges is hosted Seden Anlar, student from the Maltepe University for a week.

(President's note: copy of the banking statements of any given month will be sent based upon a request made by a Board Member.)

In kinds: LM received 2011 Microsoft package including Word, Power Point and Excel as a grant through Techsoup.Org. LM is also eligible to request more Microsoft software programs. However, currently, the organization doesn't have its own computer.

Ending balance as of December 31, 2012: \$158.55

After the last board member meeting on **June 11, 2012**, except Bircan Ünver's \$100.00 donation, there has not been any other donation in 2012.

Total annual banking service cost is for the 2012: (\$6X12) \$72.00

The review of financials approved anonymously by the attendees of the meeting.

5) President's Draft Report on the Program/Activities for the period of June 12 to December 31, 2012 –yet as work in progress- reviewed. In the 2013, some updates and activities are reported. Full draft report from January 1 to July 10 2013 will be prepared and electronically send to the members by Ms. Unver and Dr. Hande Subasilar until mid of August.

The Light Millennium TV - LMTV – Bircan Unver referred it the draft report that she had e-send to the BoD group electronically on July 8, 2013.

E-publications, other relevant activities, recognition and achievements will be part of the upcoming full report.

This was approved by the attendees of the meeting.

6) A summary and full Report of the PIONEER OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS ATATURK – A Two-Day International Conference (April 19-20, 2013), which was jointly organized and presented by The Light Millennium and Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey on April 19-20, 2013 e-published on the organization's website. Ms. Unver also referred the Conference's page for all published prior-during-after relevant documents. She informed that mostly, conference related summary, full report and papers announced through the conference's Facebook page and social media at large. Transcriptions of the April 19/High Level Inaugural Meeting, e-publishing papers and translations of the papers are work in progress.

Process on the conference's LMTV mini-series and Book project will be part of the upcoming draft report. Ms. Unver explained that if we are going to be able to publish the book, in particular, in the U.S., we need approximately \$3000.00-3500.00 sponsorship. So we have to select a board member to carry out the work of sponsorship for this purpose if we are going to publish it in the U.S." Dr. Celkan asked that "if we are publishing all the articles on the web page that is there any need of publishing a book?" Ms. Unver responded as follow: One of the core purposes of the organization to be active and present in multi-media platforms. For instance; a book could be online and printed as well such as a film targets theaters, as on DVD and also on-line. Each and everyone one reaches different interested people. Thus, it also has been our aim to present it in multi-media platform that is including upcoming mini television series based on the conference. Further, the organization seeks opportunities to have solid products based on its programs along with its web publishing. Our ultimate goal is to make available the full contents of the conference in globally as well as in multi-media platforms. (President's note: *Along with the conference, LMTV, LM/UN and e-publications/other relevant activities, there will be three separate Reports for the first 6 months of the 2013.*)

7) LM's UN-DPI Activities and 2013 Representatives

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2013: The organization's UN representatives along with Ms. Unver as the Permanent Rep. of the organization to the UN, Ms. Hedges and Dr. Hande Subasilar, jointly attended to the UN-DPI/NGO Briefings until the season ended (June 27, 2013). Dr. Subasilar wrote reports about briefings that published in the organization's website. Ms. Hedges also wrote and published in Turkish to the sister organization ISIKBINYILI.ORG. Ms. Kausha Siriwardana is continuing 1st Alternate Representative of the LM to the UN in 2013.

Ms. Unver emphasized on her "**Envisioned Draft Proposal for a UNITED NATIONS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS – GENERAL ASSEMBLY – UNNGOGA.ORG**"; and expressed her desire to seed this concept within the UN system.

- Mr. Cem Zorlular, 1st Youth Representative – continuing – *has been passive in the 2013.*
- Mr. Erman Sener Erman, 2nd Youth Representative – *joined to the organization in this year.*
- Mr. Sharmen Sakeran, student, *Hunter College, has shown interest to become one of the Youth Rep. of the LM at the UN.*

LM's/UN related detailed activities and programs will be part of the upcoming draft report of 2013.

8) Update on Volunteers and Committees***

All members were asked to confirm their continuation twice via email prior to the both meeting:

Prof. Edward Foster sent his confirmation for continuation on the Advisory Board.

Mr. Isa Alemdag confirmed that he will continue as a Directory Board Member.

Dr. Aysegul Durakoglu is joined to the Advisory Board.

Dr. Sebahattin Devecioglu is confirmed his support/promote to the LM through social media.

Associate Prof. Akif Kirecci is confirmed his continuing interest to the LM Ms. Figen Bingul, translator/editor also sent a confirmation e-mail.

Mr. Erhan Sener Erman, LM/Youth Rep. sent in an email, indicated his continuing interest with the LM and LM/UN related programs. However, currently he is in Turkey, and will be able actively re-join us in mid of August.

Four students, Mr. Adriano Tawin, Ms. Siti Nurul, Mr. Sharmen Sakeran and Mr. Nelson Augustine -confirmed their interest to join to the organization, in particular for the following Committees:

Adriano Anan Tawin, Forming online Board Meeting/Events committee and a new committee on Project development with the Middle/High Schools; Sharmen Sekaran, International Relations Development Committee and as UN/Youth Rep.; Siti Nurul Shamsudin, Editing, Copy Editing & Proofreading Committee, as well as the Media and Outreach Committee and Graphic; Nelson Raj Augustine, proposed to form Nature-Science and Future Committee.

Ms. Ambika Hanchate, from India, has shown interest to join to the organization as a volunteer.

Ms. Cora Fernandez continues as the online assistant of the organization since 2011, in particular, contributes for LMTV studio tapings and transcriptions of the LMTV programs.

Ms. Alana Bache is re-joined to the Editing/Proofreading Committee since May 2013.

9) Website – webhosting – migration of the site to a new package – its cost – labor. (*Continuing and unresolved issues*)

a) Website

Ms. Ünver stated that as one of the ongoing issues, the web site of the LM needs to be migrated to a new webhosting package due to the outdated one (2005). It requires all emails e-address to be downloaded/deleted and newly created on the new one as well as the whole website. Between the existing and new package, there will be some compatibility issues as well as the whole web site will require a new platform and also might require new design that also may cause some compatibility issues. Ms. Ünver indicated has her one of the main concerns is to keep all the existing URLs, and built-up a new platform and design on that both existing and new could work in co-existing, which she has been still working on to resolve it since June 2013.

b) Ongoing Technical Difficulties:

Important note: Ms. Ünver's personnel laptop was broken in April 2012. It could partly fixed through an external monitor, worked half and very limited capacity for a few months more, then died of completely. Since then neither she nor the organization owns a computer. Regardless, she has continued working on the organization's works through Queens Public Libraries and UN-Library, DPI Resource Center and for LMTV's editing, QPTV's computer/Editing suite. Since the beginning of December 2012, for a daily base communication and usage of the computer, currently she uses a family own computer and other publicly available ones.

The meeting was concluded at 8:15, and immediately moved to the Annual Meeting.

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

****Disclosure:** In most cases, land-line (718-441-3816/effective on November 30, 2012, cell phone, Internet, transportation/metro card, printing LM's Brochure, LMTV's DVCam tapes, basic LMTV production costs, per-diem etc. covered through the President's personnel account and capacity.

Webhosting - quarterly: Depending on the organization's account, if there is a sufficient fund, it is mainly paid through it. Otherwise, it is also paid by Bircan.

******* Ms. Khady Sylla-Ba is confirmed as an *observer* of the organization over the phone follow by the meeting.