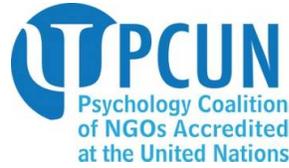


(Approved) Minutes
Monthly meeting of the PCUN
Psychology Coalition at the UN
Thursday, 15 November 2018, 10:15 am
Salvation Army 221 East 52nd Street
NY, NY 10022



Present: Walter Reichman (President, SIOP), Jen Mount (Secretary), Tanvi Shah (IAAP), Florence Denmark (ICP/IAAP), Sonia Suchday (IUPSYS), Sowmya Kshtriya (ICP, ATOP), Leslie Popoff (ATOP), Elizabeth Kloner (ICP), Janet Sigal (ICP), Carmen Vazquez (APA), Rudy Richa (ICP), Elaine H. Olaoye (ICP), Cagla Cobek (ICP), Whitney Smith (ICP), Andrea Stephaich (ICP), Akhuti Patel (IUPSYS), Maya Godbole (SPSSI), Nina Vorster (ATOP), Jon Despirito (ATOP), Rashmi Jaipal (APA), Judy Kuriansky (IAAP), Harold Takooshian (Video), Vera Araujo Soares (Video)

1. **Welcome.** Walter Reichman opened the meeting at 10:15AM welcoming the group as his first meeting as President. (a) Agenda and minutes from October 18 meeting were circulated. (b) member introductions
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the last PCUN meeting on 18 October 2018 were reviewed. Approved as presented.
3. Treasury Report: Account \$4, 408.93, up from last year. No expenses year to date.
4. **Dr. Otto memorial discussion:**
 - a. Walter led us in a discussion about former UN Ambassador of the Mission of Palau, Dr. Caleb Otto, a great friend and supporter of PCUN over the years. Judy Kuriansky shared her experience at his memorial services in Palau and of discussing Dr. Otto's work on the radio show of the father of the current Ambassador. She shared the commemoration book put together by his wife, Dr. Judy Otto, with a compilation of memorial comments from his many colleagues, The PCUN statement was included in the memorial documents. She will be coordinating a memorial in NY for Dr. Otto. Details to follow.
 - b. Walter led us in a moment of reflection for Dr. Kurt Salzinger, who was knocked over and killed in the subway. The group reflected on the importance of being mindful when in public of older people and cell phone use. PCUN will make contribution to HIAS: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.
5. **Priorities updates:**
 - a. Priority 1 ECOSOC application progress. Jen shared that the task force successfully submitted PCUN profile for consideration.
 - b. Priority 2 Member collaboration and participation: Walter offered suggestions for growing membership and opened the floor for the group to brainstorm. Some ideas (a) Think about one person in your professional or personal circle to invite. (b) When approaching potential members keep in mind why we participate in the work

of PCUN. Come up with ways we can incentivize. (c) Update our accomplishments one-page document to circulate (from Nina) and get latest PCUN annual report published. (d) Create a social media blog to disseminate PCUN events and news. (e) Create a Member Recruitment Task Force (f) Pick a theme each year and create our events and agenda for Psychology Day around the topic to help build our brand.

- c. Priority 3 outreach to missions. PCUN should plan to assist the UN with the upcoming HLPF (High-level Political Forum) 2019 to be held in NY July 9-18. The theme will be "*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*". The set of SDGs to be reviewed in depth is the following:

Ideas discussed for Priority 3: (a) Rashmi suggested we/she work on migration in communities and cities. (b) Judy offered insight into the use of ECO Psychology in advancing the SDGs. (c) Vera offered her assistance with SDG 6 as The European Health Psychology Society is conducting research with refugees. (d) Create a Subcommittee to determine relevant mission outreach and send a letter from PCUN offering our assistance. Rashmi, Sonia, and Akruti offered to form this committee.

Ideas discussed for Priority 4: (a) SIOP is already working with UN on establishing trainings. (b) Walter to reach out to the UN Ombudsman, Ms. Shireen L. Dodson (c) Gender equality topic: obtain contact details for special assistant to the UN SG and invite them to participate in Psychology Day.

6. **Adjourn.** Walter adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm. Our next PCUN meeting is December 13, 2018 at the Salvation Army.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Mount