

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ACTION ITEM
Announcement of Nominating Committee's Proposed
Slate of Nominees for the 2009 Board Elections

By Phyllis Bischof, for the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the candidacy of the following highly qualified individuals for the 2009 elections to the UNA-USA East Bay's Board of Directors. Elections of these candidates will take place on Sunday 25 January at the Annual General Meeting of our Chapter. These candidates will fill all existing vacancies on the 24-person Board, with terms staggered so that one-third of the Directors' service ends in successive years. Of the new nominees, all terms will be for three years, with the exception of Rachel Whyte's, which extends her current one-year term for a further two years, and Tony Nguyen, which will be for one year. Although Chapter Bylaws allow for nominations from the floor during the AGM, the Nominations Committee would prefer to get to know a candidate prior to the 25 January meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED TO NEW TERMS:

KEVIN MANN, for his second 3-year term

KARL L. METTINGER, for his second 3-year term

DIRK NEYHART, for his third 3-year term

RACHEL WHYTE, to complete a 2-year term

NEW NOMINEES TO THE BOARD:

MARIE-JOSEE CARLSEN

The daughter of Malagasy diplomats, Marie-Josée moved with them to Mauritius, then to France, where she received a degree in English from Paris XIII. Employed in administrative work at UC Berkeley, she returned to school and received her B.A. at UCB in 2008 in International and Area Studies, with minors in French and Global Poverty Practice. She is at present employed at UC Berkeley. Already active in the chapter, Marie-Josée would like to work on our film festival and also to help with projects concerning women and with poverty, and also to assist with managing our membership contacts and outreach. Involvement with the Center is another possible contribution.

BEVERLY CRAWFORD

Dr. Crawford, with a long career at UCB, is currently Director of the Institute for European Studies and a professor in International and Area Studies. She has also taught at several European universities and is author of many books and articles. Her present courses focus on International Organizations, foreign policy analysis, political economy, and its intersection with security. Her most recent book is entitled: A Teutonic Shift: Explaining Germany's new Foreign Policy. She has a keen interest in working to foster better understanding of the UN on the Berkeley campus and in other UNA educational activities.

TERESA P. MCGILL

Serves as the Employment Counselor with Davis Street Family Resource Center, Instructor and Outreach Coordinator with CARD (Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters), and also works as a Community, Legal and Medical Interpreter. She also serves as a docent at Christ the Light Cathedral. Teresa is an advocate for human rights who considers herself a generalist who believes that optimism, hope, and peace are contagious attitudes which must be the core of every action. A resident of Hayward, she has served as the president of Friends of Bolivia, a non-profit organization for five years, for which she's raised funds for Bolivian development work. She is a graduate of the Leadership San Leandro, class of 2004. Born in La Paz Bolivia, she is married and has three children. Her interests in working with UNA include fund raising and outreach to students coupled with educational programming.

SURABI MENON

Dr. Menon, a PhD scientist who currently works on climate change modeling at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, was among the group of Nobel Peace Prize winners contributing to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She spoke at UNA East Bay's celebrations honoring the Nobel laureates on UN Day 2008. Her career includes university teaching and research since 1992 and work at NASA before moving to LBNL in 2003. Surabi organizes educational and speaker programs at LBNL. This month she is launching an NGO in India to provide information to schools and villages regarding specific measures to take in combating climate change (e.g. solar lights, micro-credit and use of the internet). Her interest with UNA is to extend our environment programs, and especially in developing school curriculum.

TONY NGUYEN

Tony is a sophomore at UCB majoring in Political Economy and Chinese. He's active in Model UN and is currently the Finance Officer. Tony attended a high school in Seattle with strong international programming, where he became interested in the UN and an international career. He has been appointed an intern at the Department of State for the Cal in the Capitol summer program in Washington, D.C. Tony has attended most chapter Board meetings since early 2008 and volunteered at several programs and assisted with publicity. As a board member he would like to assist with projects and programs to help with promotion, outreach and relations with the media.

MARIJA SPASIKOVA

Currently a graduate student in Anthropology at UCB, Marija has worked in UNA programs with the local chapter while attending the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Born in Macedonia and having studied and worked with NGOs in several countries, she has been a multi-lingual activist. As a migrant, she wants to share her experience and assist people from developing countries who plan to migrate (or have done so already). She volunteered through the UN Online Volunteering Service as an advisor for the "Young People We Care" Organization from Ghana. She also served as an advisor for Youth Programs, worked as a nurse, and managed a cultural events company that developed her marketing skills. Drawing on her wide-ranging experiences, Marija would like to help the chapter with fund-raising, events marketing and outreach activities, particularly amongst students.

**The nominating committee consists of Wafaa Aborashed, Phyllis Bischof, Dirk Neyhart, Ingeborg Nienhold, Billy Trice, and Herb Behrstock, Ex-officio.*

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**Agenda, January 25 2009
Pacific School of Religion (Chapel), 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley**

- 2:00 pm Business Meeting: past activities, future plans, adoption of the budget, elections of the Board of Directors and officers, and recognition of special achievement and volunteers**
- 3:00 pm Refreshments**
- 3:30 pm Presentation by Professor Jerry Sanders
Chair, Peace & Conflict Studies Program, UC Berkeley
*Prospects and Constraints for President Obama to Fulfill His International Vision***