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Sent: Sat, 01 Jan 2011 02:15:03 -0700
Subject: Annual Meeting of Culture of Peace Corporation

Dear Culture of Peace Corporation Board,

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Board and to take part in the annual meetings, of which this is the first.

As you may recall from the By-laws which are attached to this e-mail as filed with the State of Connecticut: "The mission of the Corporation is to promote a world culture of peace, to promulgate a strategy from the culture of war to a culture of peace, to promote the development of Culture of Peace councils or commissions, and to update and correspond with the archives of David Adams at Olin Library, Wesleyan University."

Of course, this could be interpreted as a gigantic task, far beyond our capacities, but I have tried to establish the Corporation to have a minimum of required tasks and a maximum of synergy and mutual support. As we wrote in the UN Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace in 1999, the key is the promotion of a global movement and the exchange of information which are tasks that are not limited to one person.

The one requirement is the annual meetings, according to the By-laws, "The Chair of the Corporation shall send out a notice of the meeting and a draft agenda to all Directors by e-mail. Each agenda item may include one or more proposed resolutions for corporate action; otherwise, such agenda item shall be for discussion only. The Chair shall indicate that they have one week to respond by e-mail or else be counted absent for the meeting. . . Board members shall respond to the Chair with copies to all other Directors within one week with suggested amendments to the agenda, and their comments on both the original agenda items and their suggested amendments, including proposed alternative resolutions for action by the corporation. . .

Here is the draft agenda. These items are for discussion only, as I do not see any need at this time for resolutions that would be voted on.

Item 1. Board members, terms of office and responsibilities. The terms of office correspond to the attached bylaws and the attached Organizational Actions and Organization and First Report that have

been filed with the State of Connecticut. The responsibilities have been discussed with each of you in e-mails several months ago.

A. Officers, appointed by the Incorporator, David Adams, and hence not up for election at any particular time:

Chair, David Adams, responsibility for annual meeting and annual report

Secretary, Jo Lofgren, responsibility to keep correct and complete minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors (i.e. the email exchanges).

Treasurer, David Adams, responsible for bank account and annual report within 4 months after the end of each year

B. Board Members, with two year terms to be re-elected or replaced at the annual meeting of 2013:

Adam Kaloides, responsible for Wesleyan archives (alternate for CPNN)

Meg Villanueva, responsible for culture-of-peace-game.org (alternate for books not yet written)

Lillian Solheim, responsible for CPNN-World.org (alternate for Decade-culture-of-peace.org)

Isabelle Legare, responsible for published books (History of the Culture of War, World Peace through the Town Hall, I Have Seen the Promised Land)(alternate for Wesleyan archives)

C. Board Members, with four-year terms to be re-elected or replaced at the annual meeting of 2015:

Joe Yannielli, responsible for SFR-21.org (alternate for culture-of-peace.info)

Cecile Barbeito Thonon, responsible for Decade-culture-of-peace.org (alternate for culture-of-peace-game.org)

Marcos Estrada de Oliveira, responsible for Culture-of-peace.info (alternate for SFR-21.org)

Josefina Lofgren, responsible for books not yet published (alternate for books already published, see list above). Also responsible as Secretary, see above.

Please note that these responsibilities do NOT require immediate action on your part. As Chair, I will continue to manage all of these responsibilities. However, in the case that I cannot manage them, it

is important that someone is committed to take my place. I have given each of you a CD-Rom with details about what would be involved in managing each of these responsibilities in case it becomes necessary. Please inform me if you cannot open the CD or if you have questions about it.

If you agree, please confirm your acceptance of the above responsibilities.

Item 2. Treasurer's Report. This is a preliminary report since I am committed to sending you an Annual Report within the next four months.

An account for the Corporation has been opened with the Chase Bank in New Haven with \$2,000. So far several hundred dollars have been spent, exclusively to the Internet Providers for the websites. I am committed to keeping enough money in the account to cover the costs of the websites.

Joe Yannielli is a co-signatory for the Chase Account, in case I am not able to exercise my responsibility as Treasurer.

When and if there are royalties from my published books, they go directly into the Corporation Account.

It is my wish that the finances of the Corporation should be kept as minimal as possible. Please indicate if agree with this. Since there is no other foreseen expense of the Corporation, other than maintenance of websites, there is no foreseen responsibility in this regard for Board Members. Our attorney, Jim Whitney of New Haven, has also assured us that there is no likelihood of any financial liability for Board Members.

Item 3. Proposals for Corporate actions in the Year 2011.

A. CPNN. CPNN is technically the property of the Corporation, so we have decision-making powers concerning its format and operation, although it makes sense to share the discussion of these decisions with a wider group of people who can work on CPNN as reporters.

It is proposed to rejuvenate CPNN-World.org to fulfill its potential as a news service for all those promoting a culture of peace. There are proposals in this regard, which you should all have received from Oliver Rizzi-Carlson and me on December 7, and which I have attached to this email.

The key to the success of CPNN will be the establishment and maintenance of a network of reporters who commit to uploading an article on a regular basis, for example, at least 10 times a year. I would hope that most of you would agree to be reporters and would help to recruit others as reporters, since the success will depend upon

having many reporters and a growing number of them.

Please indicate if you agree with the proposals, and if you have additions to make.

B. Bulletin for Culture of Peace. It is clear that there is an important role for the Bulletin to continue the work of the Decade reports and to complement CPNN. I have discussed this with Meg, and I hope that she will provide some concrete suggestions for this agenda item.

Item 4, etc. Please indicate any other agenda items that you feel need to be discussed at this time.

Peace, through struggle,

David

Attachments:

Corporation By-laws

Corporation Organization and First Report (2010)

Corporation Organization actions (2010)

Email about CPNN (Dec 7, 2010)