

INITIAL MAILING  
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Subject: Annual Meeting of Culture of Peace Corporation

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Dear Culture of Peace Corporation Board,

Happy New Year. This is the first round of our annual meeting. For reference, I attach the conclusions of last year's annual meeting. According to our bylaws, each of you are expected to respond to this email to all of us within two weeks.

Here is the draft agenda. The only votes required are for membership in the Board of Directors (see next item). Please indicate in your return email to all of us if you wish to place any other questions on the agenda, in which case I will include them in a revised agenda to be sent at the end of the first round in two weeks.

#### ITEM 1. Board of Directors Membership

Three Board members are up for re-election for the next four years: Joe Yannielli, Jo Lofgren and Marcos Estrada. I hope that all three of you will agree to stand for re-election and that all of you will vote for them to continue to serve as directors.

Lillian Solheim has submitted her resignation from the Board. In her place, I suggest that you vote for Roberto Emmanuele Mercadillo. Roberto is a young (~35) neurophysiologist from Mexico City and Queretaro, Mexico, who is deeply committed to the culture of peace, and has shown his commitment by translating my books into Spanish (see below). If you wish to nominate another new member of the Board, please indicate in your return mail, along with the person's qualifications. At the present time, there are nine Board members, and the by-laws allow for ten.

#### ITEM 2. Responsibilities and addresses of Board Members.

All my books and websites are properties of the Corporation, and hence they are the responsibility of all Corporation Directors. It is best that each Director has his or her priority. Below are the primary and secondary responsibilities of Board Members. In the list, I suggest a change in the responsibility for Joe Yannielli in the light of Lillian's demission.

Also I am required to include your mailing addresses in the Corporation report to the State of Connecticut, so I have added the information I have to each of your names. Please tell me if it needs to be corrected.

Isabelle Legare - primary responsibility: books already published, secondary: books in process --- 4132 44th street apt 3E, Sunnyside, NY, 11104, USA

Jo Lofgren - primary: books and plays in process, secondary: books already published, secretary --- 56 Vincent Square, flat 7, London SW1P 2NE, United Kingdom

Joe Yannielli - primary: CPNN, secondary: culture-of-peace.info, assistant treasurer --- 1674 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06511

Marcos Estrada - primary: culture-peace.info, secondary: SFR --- 2 Whoberley Avenue, Coventry, CV5 8EP -UK

Roberto Mercadillo - (suggested) primary: SFR, secondary: bulletin ---- address to be provided in response to this email

Meg Villanueva - primary: bulletin, secondary: CPNN --- PlaÁa del Mar B, 3f-1<sup>tm</sup>, Barcelona 08003, Catalonia, Spain

Diana Tashkova- primary: blog, secondary: relations with other organizations --- Novi Iskar- Kymarica 1281, Vurbovka 4, entrance A, floor 3,app.8, SOFIA, BULGARIA

Oliver Rizzi-Carlson - primary: relations with other organizations, secondary: blog --- Chemin de la Caracole 68, CH-1294 Genthod, Geneva, Switzerland

Gwenaelle Beauvais - primary: facebook of CPNN, secondary: CPNN --- n69 avenue Paul vaillant couturier, 91700 Sainte Genevieve des Bois, France.

## ITEM 2. Backup of websites

As part of your responsibilities, please download regularly from the Spideroak website the updated information for the website or mailing list relevant to your responsibility. If you have not already registered, please register at <http://spideroak.com> . To get your data go to [https://spideroak.com/browse/share/CoPCorporation/Joe2015\\_Marcos2015\\_Jo2015\\_Isabelle2013\\_Meg\\_2013\\_Lillian2013](https://spideroak.com/browse/share/CoPCorporation/Joe2015_Marcos2015_Jo2015_Isabelle2013_Meg_2013_Lillian2013) and download the data for your responsibility as follows:

Joe and Marcos: data-cpnn-ftp, data-portable-cpnn-sql, and data-CoP-info . [Joe: Please note that I have removed the passwords for the

php and cgi files and replaced them with xyzxyz. I sent the passwords to you in a separate mail last year.]

Meg: data-cpnn-ftp, data-portable-cpnn-sql, and data-bulletin-mailing-lists. Please note that I have removed the passwords for the php and cgi files and replaced them with xyzxyz. I sent the passwords to you in a separate mail last year.

Oliver and Gwenaelle and Diana: data-portable-blog

Jo and Isabelle: Although the websites of the culture of peace game and the decade report are "frozen", I would appreciate if you have made a one-time download of their data from data-game and data-decade.

### ITEM 3 – New books

The publisher, Herder, in Mexico City has now published my trilogy of books in a single volume called "Cultura de Paz: un utopie possible." They are ably translated by Roberto Mercadillo. The order forms have not yet been put on the Internet, but hopefully will be done so by the time we finish this round of emails.

### ITEM 4 – State of CPNN

We have now passed article number 1963 At this time least year we were at number 1536. That means that we published 427 articles in 2014, well over one per day, if you count translations separately. Bulletins were sent around the first of each month to a mailing list which exceeds 3200.

Unfortunately, the proportion of articles contributed by CPNN reporters has fallen.

### ITEM 5 – Proposed change in first paragraph of bylaws.

Old version:

#### MISSION

The mission of the Corporation is to promote a world culture of peace, to promulgate a strategy for a transition 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 and Wesleyan University.

New version proposed:

#### MISSION

The mission of the Corporation is to promote a transition from the culture of war to a culture of peace by:  
– maintaining the Culture of Peace Network as an internet source of

information about the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace, as well as maintaining other related websites belonging to the Corporation;  
- promoting the development of local Culture of Peace councils or commissions;  
- and managing the publications and updating and corresponding with the archives of David Adams at Olin Library, Wesleyan University.

#### ITEM 6 - Financial report

The financial report for the Corporation for 2014 is attached. As you can see, the situation is remarkably stable.

#### ITEM 7 - Access to websites and domain information

All of our websites are registered in the name of the Culture of Peace Corporation.

Four of our five websites are registered with Tucows by way of the internet provider Prohosting.com. These are cpnn-world.org, culture-of-peace-game.org, decade-culture-of-peace.org and sfr-21.org.

The website culture-of-peace.info is registered with Network Solutions by way of the internet provider XO web hosting.

In their capacities as officers I sent to Joe Yannielli (Assistant Treasurer) and Jo Lofgren (Secretary) last year the information on how to access and, if necessary, update or change these websites and domains.

#### ITEM 8 - New Haven Peace Commission and State of the Culture of Peace in New Haven

As a member of the New Haven Peace Commission and, I am responsible for the annual report on the State of the Culture of Peace in New Haven. I have written a first draft of the report and sent it to Commission members for their approval. It is attached to this mail.

I hope that this annual report can serve as a model for other cities, and would appreciate your help to identify possible contacts for this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peace through struggle, and patience,

David

#### Attachments:

- 1) Conclusions from annual meeting in January 2014
- 2) Financial report for Corporation - 2014
- 3) Draft of State of Culture of Peace in New Haven - 2014

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Dear Corporation Directors,

In the past few days each of you should have received a pdf copy of the draft of my new book based on CPNN and my blog and tentatively entitled "Embrace the fire: Cultivate a culture of peace". Also I have sent you the updated files relating to your Corporation responsibilities.

This is now the final mailing for our annual meeting.

You will notice that it includes a resume of the material of the first two rounds which were sent to you on January 1 and 14. It also includes two comments received since then from Joe Yannielli and Jo Lofgren.

from Joe Yannielli: Regarding CPNN, it occurred to me that one way to promote the site would be to select popular or interesting articles from its 14+ years of archives. Perhaps a "Best of CPNN" as an ebook or a retrospective on the site itself. Just something to think about - maybe for another time.

from Jo Lofgretn: I agree with Joe, it would be interesting to see a 'best of' or something similar on CPNN. In my daily newspaper there's a small section called 'Today 50 years ago' with a little highlight from the news back then. It always puts things into an interesting perspective and shows how radically things change.

I will take these and your other ideas into consideration in re-programming CPNN this spring.

I hope we can stay in touch less formally throughout the year. And thank you for being part of the Corporation

Peace through struggle and patience,

David

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Final round of 2015 Board meeting

ITEM 1. Board of Directors Membership

You have re-elected Joe Yannielli, Jo Lofgren and Marcos Estrada, and you have added Roberto Emmanuelle Mercadillo to the Board. Roberto replaces Lillian Solheim who has submitted her resignation. They will serve for the next four years. In two years, the other five of you will be up for re-election.

ITEM 2. Responsibilities and addresses of Board Members. There are four address changes. Isabelle writes that she has moved to Malaysia with her husband and daughter as her husband's UN job was transferred there. She has left my job at the UNAOC and will soon start doing consulting for them from Malaysia.

Isabelle Legare - primary responsibility: books already published, secondary: books in process --- Apt A 18 02, Shaftsbury Residences, Jalan Impact, Cyber 6, Cyberjaya 63000, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia

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Joe Yannielli - primary: CPNN, secondary: culture-of-peace.info, assistant treasurer --- 1674 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06511

Marcos Estrada - primary: culture-peace.info, secondary: SFR --- 2 Whoberley Avenue, Coventry, CV5 8EP -UK

Roberto Mercadillo - primary: SFR, secondary: bulletin ---- Revillagigedo 47, Depto. 11-B. Mexico, D.F. 06050. Mexico.

Meg Villanueva - primary: bulletin, secondary: CPNN --- Plaza del Mar 1-4, Escalera B, 3<sup>o</sup>-2<sup>a</sup>, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Diana Tashkova- primary: blog, secondary: relations with other organizations --- Via del Roccolo n.37, 21027 Ispra( VA), ITALY

Oliver Rizzi-Carlson - primary: relations with other organizations, secondary: blog --- Chemin de la Caracole 68, CH-1294 Genthod, Geneva, Switzerland

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### ITEM 3. Backup of websites

Given the problems with Spideroak, we will make the databases and mailing lists available in another way. In the meantime, I have sent each of you the latest versions related to your Board responsibilities.

### ITEM 4 - My new books

The correct name of the new Spanish edition is "Cultura de Paz: Una utopía posible" (Spanish not French as I wrote in the first round!).

For the Mexican edition, see:

<http://herder.com.mx/es/libros-books/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-posible/david-adams/herder-mexico>

or

<http://www.paraleer.com/esp/index/item/8197/291/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-posible>

So far, it seems that Herder has made the book available in Mexico but not in Europe. Since Herder has a major office in Barcelona, I will ask them to make it available from there as well.

Meanwhile I have sent you the draft of a new book which draws from CPNN and my blog. I haven't decided whether to seek a commercial publisher or just to put it on the internet. What do you think?

### ITEM 5 - State of CPNN

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Unfortunately, the proportion of articles contributed by CPNN reporters has fallen.

Oliver makes the good suggestion that in order to have more articles contributed by CPNN reporters perhaps we should have an outreach campaign to have more of them? I will appreciate your suggestions on how to do this.

He thinks that some of the students he works with may want to write articles and could use that as a school project as well and he wonders about the quality of the writing. This is a good idea and, in my opinion, we should not worry too much about quality of the writing. If there are grammatical errors that make an article unclear, I usually make a correction, but if the meaning is clear it is not necessary. I think it is better if there is a wide variety of styles

of CPNN articles, which is more popular instead of professional journalism. If you know anyone who is interested in writing, please have them consult the CPNN rules at <http://cpnn-world.org/write/rules.html>

Meg also hopes to recruit more reporters during the trainings she does this year. She also hopes to have some time for web design and would like to look into improving CPNN.

Joe Yannielli has suggested to me privately, and I agree, that I should transfer CPNN from the present programming which I did in PERL and PHP almost a decade ago to a new programming system based on the Wordpress system but keeping the present format and structure. The old system would be difficult for someone other than me to manage, whereas Wordpress should be much easier to manage. I plan to make the transfer later this spring since it will take considerable time.

Joe also says the following regarding CPNN, "it occurred to me that one way to promote the site would be to select popular or interesting articles from its 14+ years of archives. Perhaps a "Best of CPNN" as an ebook or a retrospective on the site itself. Just something to think about - maybe for another time."

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ITEM 6 - Proposed change in first paragraph of bylaws.

The new version of the bylaws including the changes suggested by Meg and Oliver, was sent to you with the second round. Here is the new introduction:

The mission of the Corporation is to promote a transition from the culture of war to a culture of peace by:

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- and managing the publications and updating and corresponding with the archives of David Adams at Olin Library, Wesleyan University.

ITEM 7 - Financial report (included with first round)

Our income and expenses remain stable and about the same. As of December 14, 2014, there was 947.40 in the checking account and



\$1001.77 in the savings account. Total income was \$1592.63. Expenses were \$1293.17 for websites and \$346.21 for taxes and fees.

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I hope that this annual report can serve as a model for other cities, and would appreciate your help to identify possible contacts for this.

No other items were added to the agenda.

Several questions were posed in the second round, and you are invited to add your responses to them at any time:

– Your suggestions about whether I should seek a commercial publisher for my new book, and/or any other comments about it.

– How can we increase the involvement of CPNN reporters?

– Any suggestions for changes in the CPNN website before it is transferred to a Wordpress program.

Thank you for your participation in the Corporation.

Peace through struggle, and patience,

David

