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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 to all of you!

Special greetings to Romeral who has now joined our Board.

Two years ago, I began our meeting with an proposal to deal with the developing world crisis, and we ended the meeting with an agreement to work on an action plan with Federico Mayor, including the proposal for an alternative ("shadow") security council run by mayors instead of countries. One year ago, I reported that Mr Mayor suggested that we make an agreement for this with the new Institute at the University of Madrid which he helped to initiate.

The crisis continues, but the proposal is still in abeyance. I saw Mr Mayor in September at the United Nations and he said it was still in process . . .

Last year we also proposed to develop fund-raising for CPNN and involvement of teachers and students in writing for CPNN. Although we had a number of email exchanges about this during the year, we have yet to move forward.

Do you have any suggestions on what we can/should be doing?

In the meantime, we have some routine business to attend to. For reference, I attach the conclusions of last year's annual meeting. According to our bylaws, each of you are expected to respond to all of us within two weeks.

## ITEM 1. Board of Directors Membership

Directors serve for four years (see attached by-laws).

Last year we re-elected: Meg Villanueva, Oliver Rizzi-Carlson, and Gwenaelle Beauvais and elected Romeral Ortiz Quintilla to four year terms.

In January 2015, we re-elected Joe Yannielli, Jo Lofgren McAuley and Marcos Estrada, and added Roberto Emmanuelle Mercadillo for four year terms.

Hence, no one is up for re-election this year.

Please indicate if you wish to suggest any other new Board members. At the present time, there are eight Board members, and the by-laws allow for ten. Note that the by-laws are not clear whether the Chair is included in the ten.

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

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 as established in previous years. Please indicate if any changes are needed.

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. Also please add or correct your telephone number.

Jo Lofgren McAuley - primary: books and plays in process, secondary: books already published, secretary --- 38 Rivermill, 151 Grosvenor Road , London SW1V 3JN, United Kingdom telephone 44-7990-545935

Joe Yannielli - primary: CPNN, secondary: culture-of-peace.info, assistant treasurer --- 1674 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06511 telephone 203-903-0013

Marcos Estrada - primary: culture-peace.info, secondary: SFR --- University of Warwick, Sherbourne 6, Marcos Estrada ( Tutor ), Coventry CV4 7ES, United Kingdom

Roberto Mercadillo - primary: SFR, secondary: bulletin ---- Revillagigedo 47, Depto. 11-B. Mexico, D.F. 06050. Mexico. telephone 521-55-2850-9337

Meg Villanueva - primary: bulletin, secondary: CPNN --- mailing address not current

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 --- 11 av du 43eme régiment d'artillerie, 14000 Caen, FRANCE telephone 336-5833-0382

Romeral Ortiz Quintilla - responsibilities to be determined --- Gran de Gracia 54 1-2, 08012 Barcelona, Spain

ITEM 3. Websites

I continue to maintain five websites that are formally owned by the Corporation:

- 1) The culture of peace news network: [cpnn-world.org](http://cpnn-world.org)
- 2) my personal website: [culture-of-peace.info](http://culture-of-peace.info)
- 3) the culture of peace game: [culture-of-peace-game.org](http://culture-of-peace-game.org)
- 4) the culture of peace decade website and blog: [decade-culture-of-peace.org](http://decade-culture-of-peace.org)
- 5) strategy for revolution in the 21st Century: [SFR-21.org](http://SFR-21.org)

I have recently sent full information about these websites to Jo, Joe and Marcos.

#### ITEM 4. - My books

Here is the mail-order information for my books:

World Peace through the Town Hall (revised edition, 2015):  
[createspace.com/3373203](http://createspace.com/3373203)

Embrace the Fire (2015): <https://www.createspace.com/5575904>

I have seen the promised land: <http://createspace.com/3381493>

History of the Culture of War: [createspace.com/3373265](http://createspace.com/3373265)

Psychology for Peace Activists: <http://createspace.com/5572765>

Cultura de Paz (2015, Spanish, Herder, Europe): <http://www.herdereditorial.com/obras/5714/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-possible/> - translated by Roberto

Cultura de Paz (2015, Spanish, Herder, Latin America): <http://herder.com.mx/es/libros-books/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-possible/david-adams/herder-mexico> - translated by Roberto

All except the Spanish book Cultura de Paz are available online at <http://culture-of-peace.info>

Two of my books were published by UNESCO and are out of print and available to read only on my website as follows:

The Seville Statement on Violence: Preparing the Ground for the Constructing of Peace: <http://culture-of-peace.info/brochure/titlepage.html>

UNESCO and a Culture of Peace: Promoting a Global Movement: <http://culture-of-peace.info/monograph/page1.html>

## ITEM 5. - State of CPNN

During 2015, with the help of Joe Yannielli, I transferred CPNN to a new system, that of Wordpress. Unlike the old system which was a hodgepodge of programming that I did myself - very difficult for someone else to work with - the new one is the most common system on the Internet and understandable by all programmers.

I have recently sent a modus operandi detailing how to operate CPNN to Jo, Joe and Marcos.

We continue to publish an average of one article per day. Unfortunately, the proportion of articles contributed by CPNN reporters remains very low. Janet Hudgins from Canada is the one effective reporter now, sending me links to about 25% of the articles that we end up using, rather than actually writing articles herself. It would be useful if a few people in other parts of the world would do the same.

Bulletins are sent around the first of each month to a mailing list of 3300 (English, Spanish and French). By the way, I think the figure I gave last year was a mis-print! Notice of the monthly blog based on the bulletin is sent to a mailing list of 374. Unfortunately, these numbers have hardly increased in recent years. Any help you can provide in this regard will be appreciated.

## ITEM 6. - Financial report

The financial report for the Corporation for 2017 is attached. As you can see, the situation remains stable. About 25% of the

expenses were covered this year by an anonymous gift, but I continue to provide my personal money to maintain the balance. By the way, my will and testament stipulates that if there is money in my personal banks accounts, it will go to the Corporation.

#### ITEM 7. - Website 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.

Registrations of all five websites have all been paid in advance until 2020 or 2021.

#### ITEM 8. Legal responsibilities for maintenance of the Corporation

As Chair of the Corporation, I file the annual Corporation report to the State of Connecticut and pay the state and federal corporation taxes. I enclose some detail about this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peace through struggle, and patience,

David

Attachments:

- 1) Conclusions from annual meeting in January 2017
- 2) Financial report for Corporation - 2017

- 3) Legal responsibilities for maintenance of the Corporation
- 4) Bylaws

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Subject: Final round of Corporation Annual Meeting

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Dear Board Members,

Despite the fact that we have not heard on the second round from Roberto, Oliver or Meg, we now have a quorum of members responding so we can finish the 2018 annual meeting of the Corporation.

There is no issue that requires a vote, but we have discussed several issues.

First, a bit of housekeeping.

Romeral's telephone is 0034 671 891 400. She also adds other coordinates: LinkedIn: Gracia Romeral Ortiz Quintilla [10] | Skype: romeralortiz | Twitter : RomeralOrQu [11]

The telephone for Marcos is +44 7958529135 .

Now for the discussion (using the section numbers from the January 16 mailing).

## 9. Working with other initiatives.

Marcos mentions the peace initiatives in Santos, Brazil, coordinated by Helena Lourenco of ABrasOFFA. I was invited there last August and may go back again this year, and, if so, I will share the results with you. As for the visit last year, see the bulletin VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA at <http://cpnn-world.org/new/?p=10336>

Joe Yannielli, who is probably moving to the university in the UK where Marcos has been teaching, writes "I will have to investigate what is happening on the ground after I relocate to the UK and get back to you. As an educator, certainly there are points of connection and activities I could do with my students."

Gwen, who is now the regional coordinator for Unis Cité, writes that the idea is to sensitize young people committed to the culture of peace at first. As part of their civic service, we provide several civic and civic training days. David could help with this. If we start from the premise that civic service is the opposite of military service, I think our network can make a lot of difference for young people.

Jo McAuley adds several dimensions:

\* In terms of what we could be doing, I think the joint initiatives with UNOY at the UN in the mid 00s were excellent examples of what can be achieved on a small budget with some committed young people. Would it be worth looking at supporting (rather than directly organising) youth advocacy missions again? Perhaps connected with UNSCR2250 or other current culture of peace business? Also, the Seville Statement on Violence was a powerful tool that has faded into the background. Is there any way it could be given a new lease of life in the current international climate?



\* Regarding support for my own work, that's an interesting question. I work with 36 European Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs on Global Education policy and funding, primarily intended to introduce a stronger global justice dimension within national education systems, but also to combat xenophobia and radicalisation in Europe. Perhaps there is a way in which the culture of peace could feature more prominently as a dimension of Global Education in Europe... worth considering.

Romeral said (repeating from the previous mailing): I have been very much involved in youth and peace, in particular in advocating for UNSCR2250 and now working on its implementation. I also recently got certified into mindfulness and I am looking into exploring the links between mindfulness/inner peace and peacebuilding. I also feel I could contribute into partnerships and networking. I have also worked with newsletters, outreach etc.

## 10. Fund-raising

Jo McAuley informs us about the Global Education Innovation Award which could be a source of funds: "This is an initiative that I helped to set up last year. It awards projects that reach new audiences and transform people's attitudes through innovative education projects (think education in its broadest sense). Perhaps some of the Board members would be interested in this, or know of others who may wish to apply. If so, I can keep the Board updated regarding the next round of the Award (which will open for applications later in the spring)."

No one responded to Roberto's question about considering an application for financial support from the Anne Frank fund: <http://www.annefrank.ch/work-and-purpose.html>

As for me, I continue to ask what we should raise funds for? One idea we have previously entertained is a meeting where all members of the Corporation could get together, but given how

difficult it is even to get everyone to respond to these emails, I hate to think how difficult it would be to get everyone free to travel to one place at the same time.

#### 11. A new bulletin/website update link

As a result of your suggestions, I have changed the homepage format of CPNN so that it prominently displays the titles with links to the three most recent bulletins.

This is not the same as Jo McAuley's suggestion: "I agree that it would be good to send a single update directly into people's inboxes, bringing our content together." I'm not sure if this is what Meg had in mind in her initial proposal.

Joe Yannielli adds that "I think it also helps to continue to promote the bulletin/CPNN elsewhere." In this regard, I have been working to add material to wikipedia for CPNN, a new page for Culture of Peace and another page for "David Adams (peace activist). Also, I have added CPNN to the page on peace education, and I will add to the page on the Seville Statement, which responds in part to Jo McAuley's question above. I'll keep you posted as the wikipedia additions progress.

#### 12. New Board members

Jo McAuley provides succinct criteria if we wish to add new Board members: "We should always strive for diversity, youth representation and gender balance, but that the most important characteristic should be commitment and current involvement in work that contributes to the transition to a culture of peace."

And Marcos adds that we should consider geography so that we are not "seen a bubble from a certain region of the world that 'leaves out' some region".

As for me, I like the above criteria, but for the moment we have almost a full complement of Board members, so we can wait to make any additions. By the way, I forgot to mention that Cecile Barbeito did not respond to our offer last year of becoming a "director emeritus." I suppose she is very busy with her work and a new baby.

### 13. Project with Mayor

Gwen writes "I think Mayor needs concrete projects. Promoting the link between our local initiatives and the culture of peace network will give meaning to our request. How about organizing a meeting with Mayor during his visits to our respective countries?"

I'll continue to keep in touch with Mayor, and will ask if he is available to meet with some of us during his travels.

### 14. Other questions

Gwen asks about how many visitors we get at CPNN. I attach a printout of the statistics showing that in the past few years we get from 20-40 thousand visitors a month. I have no way to know what percentage consists of automated search engine visits and my own management of the websites, but that is probably more than half of the visits. If we assume 10,000 as the number of interested visitors, that would be over 300 per day.

That seems to be all for now. I hereby close our 2018 annual meeting. Thank you for your participation!

Peace through struggle and patience,

David