Alliance of NGOS on Crime Prevention and criminal Justice

Minutes from 10th May, 2013

**Attendees:**

1. Lloyd Klein SFC lklein@sfc.edu
2. Afaf Mahfouz WMF afafmahfouz@gmail.com
3. Rosalind Harris ISS treasurer@cpcjalliance.org
4. Janice Joseph Janice.Joseph@stockton.edu
5. Irene Melup ACPF 212.222.4063
6. Others??

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

* Agenda was approved
* Chair’s report was given by speakerphone from CA. A written version can be found in the appendix.
* Report was given by Janice Joseph about her participation in the Crime Commission and its outcomes
* Concern was expressed about the problems of holding an election with the shortage of members to constitute a full slate
* Discussion continued about collaboration with the Vienna Alliance and the 20135 Crime Congress.
* Discussions (no decision) about a future anti-corruption program.
* Discussion about the possibility of having a representative from UNODC to update the alliance on their work.
* Adjourn until next meeting

**Chair’s Report**

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Karen Judd Smith

**Challenges and Opportunities:**

Many organizations are facing challenges in their future—NGOs, CoNGO, Governments, International Organizations, local businesses, families and individuals alike.

So it is with the Alliance.

Perhaps it is stubborn denial that keeps many of us here. Or perhaps you see more clearly than I, the way forward deserving of our significant concerted effort. Either way, we here have all decided to continue to contribute to its work.

This collage of sincere effort that continues to be made, makes our Alliance possible.

Now I dare say that if I had some kind of “special vision,” I would see giants of wisdom, intelligence, generosity and insight here today. But the truth be told… even though I am not in the room with you, I know such giants are there!

(I guess I do have a special vision!)

But back to the Alliance.

All doubts aside, I still believe the Alliance has an important role to play. We may not be in the midst of a glorious hey day here in 2013, but sustaining the Alliance through these times ensures it will be thriving when its season arrives.

That is a rather long winded way of saying to those who continue to extend themselves, “Thank you.” Yes, I still have a number of meetings as Chair remaining so this is not my outgoing speech. It’s just that I heed the lessons learned by others. A good friend of mine whose task it has been to serve as a hospital chaplain and has presided at many a serious moment say to those not in crisis—never wait to say what should be said.

So as a friend and colleague, I simply wish to acknowledge each of you for your contributions to the mission of the Alliance and the larger work of civil society. I do so with the same heart-felt gratitude that dry land has when cool rain falls from grey skies.

As the Alliance prepares for a new round of elections in January 2013 and makes preparations for the 2015 Crime Congress, I look forward to new energies being unearthed and unleashed!

Now back to the nitty gritties.

**For Review:**

* Report sent to CoNGO is available in the documents provided online.
* Raw transcript from March meeting in lieu of minutes.
* Outcomes from the Crime Commission (Janice Joseph and Irene Melup can report)
* Draft document provided by Mr. Michael Platzer for the preparations for a 2-day Civil Society Forum to precede the 2015 Crime Congress in Qatar

**For Discussion & Decision**:

* Preparations for Ancilllary meetings for 2015 Crime Congress and the work of the Alliance in this.
* Formation of a Committee for the 2014 Alliance Elections
* Approval of the Alliance Co-Sponsoring the Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global
Concerns-NY annual “Spirit of the UN Awards.”
* Interim meeting with Mr. Michael Platzer currently scheduled for Wednesday June 6th (to be confirmed.) at lunch time. Location to be decided, and the discussion will center on preparations for the 2015 Civil Society Forum.

**Website Updates:**

* We have an **Online Membership Form** for new members to complete online and a way for existing Members to pay their dues for 2013 and beyond at: <http://cpcjalliance.org/membership-dues/>
* We have a **new report** provided by University of San Francisco entitled: Cruel & Unusual: US Sentencing Practices in a Global Context. <http://cpcjalliance.org/cruel-unusual/>
* The **Regular Meeting documents** are posted on the website for download. Each meeting has its own page:

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* Interim meetings are also often posted on the website on their own page and listed in the Calendar of events: http://cpcjalliance.org/calendar/