

National Peace Corps Association  
2010 NPCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Letelier Theater  
Washington, DC  
June 26, 2010

Sharon Stash called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

**Approval of Minutes from 2009 Meeting**

In a motion made by Sharon Stash and seconded by Kate Schachter, the minutes of the 2009 AGM meeting were accepted without corrections, by unanimous vote. The Board Chair, Treasurer and NPCA President all submitted reports in advance that are available on the NPCA website at <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/annual-general-meeting>.

**Board Chair's Report – Sharon Stash, NPCA Board Secretary (in the absence of Board Chair Jan Guifarro)**

Sharon encouraged all to read the Annual Report posted to the NPCA website (<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/sites/default/files/2009AnnualReport.pdf>), and declared that the Board Meeting on Friday was quite productive. In keeping with NPCA's three strategies to connect, inform and engage the Peace Corps community, Sharon touched on the following highlights of 2009:

***Connect:*** Launch of a new website, Peace Corps Connect, which has had over 200,000 unique visitors and has 21,000 individual profiles on its social network.

***Inform:*** Publication of four targeted issues of *WorldView* magazine addressing topics such as climate change and food security; increased use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

***Engage:*** Participation in the 2009 Inaugural Parade; collective advocacy efforts that secured a \$400 million appropriation for Peace Corps, the largest in history; launch of the Africa Rural Connect project, which generates realistic ideas that can be implemented on the ground to improve the livelihoods of small African farmers.

**Treasurer's Report – Sandra Lauffer, outgoing NPCA Board Treasurer**

Sandra outlined NPCA's financial performance through May of 2010. As of May 31, we have generated \$365,639 (31% of annual projection) in revenue. Shortfalls are seen in membership dues, foundation grants, corporate funds, and advertising. The apparent shortfall in federal grants and contracts reflects the decision by Peace Corps to award NPCA funds in two separate agreements, one of which is applied directly to subscriptions to *WorldView*.

Of our projected expenses of \$1,561,800, approximately \$684,739 (44%) has been spent year to date, which is under the projected amount of \$713,280.

We had a very clean audit with no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. A suggestion from the audit described the need for more “internal controls” but generally reflects the attention paid to the issues addressed in the previous audit.

Objectives for July – December of 2010 include: careful oversight of expenses, an aggressive approach to revenue generation, capitalization on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and new membership structure, and targeted fundraising to support 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities.

### **President’s Report – Kevin Quigley**

Kevin mentioned that there are copies of both the monthly and quarterly reports online (<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/about/annualreports>). Thank you to Khalisa Jacobs for the Annual Report.

Kevin spoke about the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the new strategy that the Board approved yesterday regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign. The new campaign strategy will focus on two primary areas: the creation of a commemorative near the National Mall in Washington DC that will honor the historical significance of the establishment of Peace Corps and celebrate the values upon which the Peace Corps was founded; and the establishment of a community fund that will provide small grants to people in the Peace Corps community whose work exemplifies the “bringing the world home” goal both domestically and abroad.

Kevin then reported on the events that NPCA is coordinating for the 50<sup>th</sup>: the “My Piece of the Peace Corps” YouTube contest that begins July 1; the international volunteering symposium at the University of Michigan on October 13-14; a series of global “birthday party” house parties (for which the goal is to have 500) similar to the More Peace Corps house parties of 2008 on March 1, 2011; and a weekend of events in September of 2011 to include a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala on September 24, 2011. More details will be regularly updated on the NPCA website: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/content/50th-anniversary-campaign>

### **Peace Corps’ 50th Anniversary Update – Stacy Rhodes, Chief of Staff and Chris Lisi, Director of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Stacy provided some updates on what Peace Corps has been doing recently, including the return to both Sierra Leone and Indonesia, the confirmation and swearing-in of former NPCA Board member Carrie Hessler-Radelet as Deputy Director, and progress towards restoring programs in both Colombia and Haiti. Stacy then spoke about the release of the Comprehensive Agency Assessment on June 14. The report is the result of

a provision of the most recent appropriation from Congress in December of 2009. Stacy outlined the six key strategies that emerged as a result of this assessment, which can be found on page 22 of the report that is posted in its entirety online at [http://multimedia.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/opengov/PC\\_Comprehensive\\_Agency\\_Assessment.pdf](http://multimedia.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/opengov/PC_Comprehensive_Agency_Assessment.pdf).

Chris Lisi presented the preliminary plans that Peace Corps has in place for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A more comprehensive list of events will be released in September, as not all plans have been finalized. She stated that the primary foci of the agency's 50<sup>th</sup> efforts will be education and engagement of both the Peace Corps community and the general public. As of June 2010, Peace Corps' official 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans are:

- Commissioning of a commemorative poster by a well-known artist that will be used in a variety of ways for outreach
- "Peace Corps Month" in March of 2011, which will include both community outreach and service-related events all month long through coordination with other government agencies, NGOs, the Regional Recruitment Offices, and other organizations
- Participation in the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival taking place from June 30 to July 11, 2011, featuring performances, music, food, storytelling, family activities, and a possible "reunion area" for the Peace Corps community
- Recognition of the departure of the first volunteers in August of 2011, details TBD
- Participation in a year-long series of educational events hosted by universities and cultural organizations such as the JFK Library and Museum in Boston, the Carter Center in Atlanta, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the University of California, Los Angeles

More information about these events can be found on Peace Corps' website at <http://www.peacecorps.gov/50>, and questions can be directed to Chris and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary team by emailing [50thanniversary@peacecorps.gov](mailto:50thanniversary@peacecorps.gov).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Stash  
NPCA Board Secretary