



Minutes of the third meeting of the Board of Directors of SIGNIS ALC

Date: April 2, 2017

Place: Institutional headquarters, Quito, Ecuador

Participants:

Carlos Alberto Ferraro, president

María José Centurión, vice president

Jorge Villa, first director

Lisa Bhajan, second director

Alejandro Caro, third director

Sonia Navas, Executive Secretary, acting secretary for the board meeting

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Reading and signing minutes of October 11 and November 29, 2016.
2. Evaluation of the first dialogue, reflection and commitment journey and 1st Meeting of LAC Presidents held on 30 and 31st of March and April 1st in Quito, Ecuador.
3. Strategies for the participation of SIGNIS LAC in SIGNIS 2017 Assembly and Congress, from 18 to 22 June in Quebec, Canada.
4. Approval of activity and economic reports for 2016.
5. Others activities

At 10:45 a meeting of the Board of Directors begins in Quito (Ecuador).

First, it is reported that Fernando Ruiz justified his absence due to illness, which made it impossible to travel and participate. Also, Mgr. William John-Lewis is hospitalized for health problems presented during the Meeting of Presidents.

President, Carlos Ferraro invites to make a prayer to begin with the board. The five members express their wishes of wellness for the meeting and also make a prayer for the members who begin their journey and for those who are sick.

The agenda was read and approved.

First point: Reading and signing minutes of October 11 and November 29, 2016

The President read the reports of the two previous meetings of the BD; The one held in Asunción in October 11, 2016 and the one constituted virtually on November 29, 2016. The two reports are then unanimously approved and signed.

Second point: Evaluation of the first reflection, dialogue and commitment journey in the framework of the First Meeting of Presidents, from March 30 to April 1st, 2017, held at the SIGNIS LAC secretariat headquarters in Quito, Ecuador.

A short SWOT is then carried out:

- It is the first event of its kind.

- The presidents of each of the NAs of Latin America are present, sharing, for the first time, with delegates of SIGNIS in the Caribbean.
- The human value of the organization was known.
- The lack of optimization of time on the second day caused a lack of exchange among Associates, in order to listen to their strengths and weaknesses, especially to give guidance to the legalization of NAs and exchange projects.
- For SIGNIS Caribbean, the first day extended and agreed that the second day could have been adjusted to share on the reality of the NA.
- They point out that Caribbean remains unnoticed. One of the reasons is that they are small islands, many with just a radio station or few initiatives.
- It is emphasized that life and work of Monsignor Romero, patron of SIGNIS must be shown in greater depth.
- It is highlighted that the audio problems during the presentation of the LABAKA documentary should have been foreseen with more precautions.
- It is agreed that for an upcoming occasion, an academic consultation team should be formed and each member of the Board of Directors should be assigned a specific assignment.

For the evaluation of the days, it is established to send, as soon as possible, a form to the presidents of the participating associates.

Also, it is suggested to anticipate with a small activity report from to each AN, in order to have an exchange space between AN. Especially to know possibilities of carrying out joint activities or projects.

It is also noted that the activity prior to the Conference, CENSO, was presented and responded in its totality, with the exception of Peru. However, it is mentioned that the document requires permanent updating, since it will be possible to identify who are the members of the associates.

THIRD POINT. Strategies for the presence of SIGNIS ALC in SIGNIS Congress "Promoting Stories of Hope", from 18 to 22 June in Quebec, Canada.

Proposals that emerged to highlight the participation of SIGNIS ALC at the SIGNIS World Congress:

- Request a space for a meeting of the SIGNIS ALC BD during the conference days.
- Prepare a video of SIGNIS ALC, subtitled in English, to present at the assembly or the board of outgoing and incoming. It remains to be determined the time available.
- Request, through a formal letter, that Latin America or the Caribbean host the next SIGNIS World Congress.
- Show interest in knowing the other regions of SIGNIS.
- It is advised that during the World Congress the presentation of experiences, such as education (small world cinema) and those of the Caribbean.
- The presentation and screening of the documentary LABAKA, in the space of communication and environment, is proposed.
- The possibility of having a SIGNIS ALC stand is being studied. Lisa indicates that she can design a poster that represents Latin America and the Caribbean.

Among other things, the idea is to encourage the participation of LAC communicators and it is suggested to propose the search of funds in each country.

It is also announced that the member of the BD, Alejandro Caro, was invited to present at the Congress of Quebec, the workshop of "Good life sowing hope".

FOURTH POINT: Approval of 2014 -2016 economic and activity reports for 2016 audit

The activity reports and the economic report are approved. The search for financing for this period is recommended.

The audit report is reviewed and it is recommended to make the necessary adjustments to complete the procedural manuals.

FIFTH POINT: Others activities

Jorge Villa, first director of SIGNIS ALC, emphasizes the importance of the meetings of Cinema and Spirituality for the associates and suggests the possibility of a Latin American spiritual film festival.

On the other hand, it is indicated that the political proposal towards SIGNIS 2021 is the formation of youth communicators and another ones and the realization of projects that have visibility for the rest of the organization

At 13.30, and having discussed the items on the agenda, the meeting is concluded.

Signature of constancy,(SIGNS in spanish minute)

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