

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
July 5, 2006**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- A.** Chair Martin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission for Women to order at 5:17 pm. The meeting was held at Los Olivos Cafe, and was wheel chair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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**First District: (One Vacancy)**

Monique Limon

Julia Springer (excused)

**Second District: (No Vacancies)**

Katie Miersemann

Sr. Alicia Martin

Magdalena Torres

**Third District: (No Vacancies)**

Marell Brooks

Kelley Kaufman

Janine Blum

**Fourth District: (One Vacancy)**

Alice Down

Sarah Strickland (excused)

**Fifth District: (One Vacancy)**

Marina Gordon (excused)

Jaymi Heimbuch (excused)

**Staff:**

Sheila Cirillo, Staff

Ariana Villegas, Staff

**B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners, Staff and Guests**

Chair Martin welcomed Commissioners.

**II. Regular Business**

A. Approval of June 2006, Meeting Minutes, motioned by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Kaufman. Abstained by Commissioners Down and Blum. Motion carried.

**B. Announcements**

Commissioner Brooks attended the Girls Inc., reception and said she found it to be a very worthwhile organization, reminding commissioners that they were honored to be the commission's recipient for the Service Awards during Women's History month in March. Commissioner Limon circulated a flyer with information regarding the women's professional association at UCSB.

Chair Martin explained that all commissioners, as they have been informed by mail, will need to attend Ethics Training, at the County. There will be trainings both in North and South County.

Commissioner Miersemann discussed the Great American Write-In, scheduled for August 26 (Women's Equality Day) and asked if the commission would like to participate by sponsoring a table for \$25. They could have someone "man" it and have material about the commission available for the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Miersemann to pay \$25 for a table and was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion carried, with abstentions from Commissioners Martin and Torres.

Commissioners Brooks and Miersemann will take turns at the tabling event.

The ACCW (Association of California Commissions for Women) annual Planning Retreat will be held Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Janine Blum expressed interest in attending and said she would let the office know by this Friday, the deadline.

**C. Accept Oral Report from Chair Martin**

Chair Martin passed out copies of a work plan created by Commissioner Springer based on notes from last month's retreat, and questioned whether or not commissioners wanted to adopt this format. The general consensus was to use the format created by Commissioner Springer.

**D. Accept, Discuss & Act: Legislation Reports on Issues**

**Family Planning:**

Commissioner Miersemann reiterated that the Great American Write-In participation will help to benefit bills pending that are championed by various family planning organizations and others.

**Education:**

Commissioner Down had nothing to report.

**Healthcare:**

Commissioner Brooks offered to take this legislative item on with the departure of Commissioner Thurber. In that regard, she spoke of AB1840, "Healthcare for All" and that it is working its way through the legal process and she will continue to watch it.

**E. Accept, Discuss & Act: Public Forums**

Commissioner Miersemann had made contact with a woman involved in an organization that helps women manage money, and thought she would be a good resource for an upcoming forum. Chair Martin has knowledge of an organization called Money Camp, and thought this, too, would be helpful with such a forum. Financial management was seen as a strong topic and beneficial to the women they try to serve. It was decided to

hold the forum in South County. A location will be determined. With the annual Tea in October, it was suggested that September would be a good month to hold it. Chair Martin suggested that it would be helpful to have speakers come to the monthly meetings and make them aware of what other organizations and agencies are doing and it might naturally lend itself to a collaboration that would be worthy of a forum. A woman from the Santa Maria League of Women's Voters will be coming next month to speak to the commissioners. A tentative date of September 14 or 21st was considered on so that Commissioner Miersemann could give the information to prospective speakers.

**F. Accept, Discuss & Act: Meetings with Supervisors**

Chair Martin felt it would be a good idea for commissioners to try and meet with their Supervisor and bring the work plan to go over with them. They will discuss at next month's meeting to create an agenda for use when they meet. Someone from each district will then set up the procedure and report back next month.

**G. Accept, Discuss & Act: Other Business**

It was asked when they could expect business cards, and they were told that they'd have them by next month's meeting. Janine offered to contact the Solvang Women's Club, where she is a member, to see if they can hold next month's meeting there. She will let the office know by Friday. Commissioner Torres has spoken to a woman interested in joining the commission and wondered if there was something she could do, aside from filling out an application, to move the process along.

There was some discussion regarding the committees decided on at the retreat. They were: Collaborations, Advisory, Values, Events, PR/Media, Legislative, and Nominations. The newsletter was discussed briefly, and with Sheila's new part time status, it was not clear whether this project would be something she would be taking on. More discussion to be had at next month's meeting. Commissioner Kaufman offered to write a resolution, to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for Women's Equality Day, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, that officially recognizes Women's Equality Day in Santa Barbara. At next month's meeting Commissioner Kaufman will also bring copies of other California Commissions for Women bylaws, (or email them ahead of time) so that they can be thinking about how they might change their own. This item will be handled in the coming months.

**a. Agenda Items for August Meeting**

- League of Women's Voters Speaker
- Public Forum Update
- Agenda for Supervisor's Meetings
- Newsletter
- Meeting Locations

**III. Adjournment**

**Moved by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Miersemann, to adjourn the Commission for Women meeting at 6:32 pm. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 6, 2006, at 5:00 pm, location TBD.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Cirillo