

**NOTES**  
**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, June 19, 2014; 5:30 pm**

A regular meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the Moretz Board Room at the Arts & Science Center of Catawba Valley.

**Members Present:** Hani Nassar, Karl Wolfe, Ken Humphreys and Alex Mezei

**Members Absent:** Marc Swinnen, Ramona Hodge, Jack Crawford, Becky Mich, Toshiaki Satake, and Michael Kuchinsky

**Others Present:** none

**Guests Present:** none

**Staff Present:** Minutes Clerk Anne Starnes

A quorum was **not** present.

**Call to Order:** Hani Nassar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone present.

**Approval of May 15, 2014 Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed in advance. Mr. Nassar said a quorum was not present, so the minutes could not be approved.

**Introduction of Guests & Board Membership Changes:**

Mr. Nassar said Ramona Hodge has resigned her membership in the HIC. He will have a recognition plaque made for her.

Members discussed the recent passing of long-time HIC member Bawol Cabiri and expressed interest in recognizing him in some way. Mr. Nassar said Mr. Cabiri's fellow HIC members and other friends in the community would greatly miss him. Mr. Nassar suggested holding the 2014 Great Decisions program in his honor, since Mr. Cabiri, from Ghana, had greatly enjoyed participating each year.

**Old Business:**

**BSA-IYC (International Youth Council) Update** – The BSA-IYC does not meet today, and there was no update report. Mr. Nassar said he needs a list of the BSA-IYC members' e-mail addresses. There was some discussion at the previous HIC meeting regarding BSA-IYC members assisting with Folkmoot, but their participation has not been confirmed.

Dr. Humphreys advised members that the international Boy Scout, Jakub Stros of the Czech Republic, would not be attending the local Boy Scouts Camp this year. Jakub did not apply for his visa in time, so he will not be able to make his trip here as planned. Dr. Humphreys said the BSA is trying to arrange for another scout to replace him, but this is unlikely to happen. For next year, he plans to request that two international scouts attend camp; the \$500 HIC grant provided for this year's international scout will remain in the bank for 2015.

Folkmoot USA Update – Mr. Nassar distributed Folkmoot brochures. Folkmoot is scheduled for Sunday, July 20, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the SALT Block Auditorium. The performers coming to Hickory this year are from Hawaii, Turkey, and Romania, all of which have received good reviews.

Mr. Nassar said reserved seating would not be available this year, since it was not manageable. He has set up general seating ticket sales on the EventBright website; he will oversee the online ticket sales. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth (12 & under), although the brochure says adult tickets are \$16 and children 12 & under are free. Each youth ticket collected at the door will receive \$5 back, so they actually are free. At \$10, the adult tickets cost less for Hickory's performance than at any of the other event locations. Mr. Nassar has 350 tickets, 250 adult and 100 youth tickets. Ticket sale locations in the community are Taste Full Beans (both locations) and the Arts Council office. Members were given tickets to sell to family and friends.

Mr. Nassar will print 100 event posters and members will help post them. Again this year, the local Folkmoot sponsor is the TSH Charitable Trust.

Members discussed the Candlelight Closing event on Sunday, July 27, 7:00 pm at Lake Junaluska. If members are interested in attending, let Mr. Nassar know and he will try to secure tickets at no charge. All of the participating countries will perform that evening.

Great Decisions Update – Mr. Nassar said Great Decisions would be held on Tuesday evenings, September 16 – October 21, 2014, in the Keiser Community Room on the SALT Block. He has 30 books for the program. At least 15 people are confirmed, so 10 seats remain. The list of topics for discussion is on the HIC website. The idea of holding this year's program in Bawol Cabiri's memory will be pursued.

Foreign Movie Screening Update – The Footcandle Film Society will screen the next foreign film tonight at the Carolina Theater, 7:00 pm. The film is "The Lunchbox." It from India and won numerous awards. Folkmoot tickets will be sold at the theater.

HIC 2014 Grant Application Update – The HIC grants for this year will be postponed to the fall, as there is not time to send the grant information out and publicize it. Mr. Nassar said grant information was posted on the HIC's website. Karl Wolfe has created a HIC Facebook page; he will add grant information to it and will send members a link or a "like" request.

**New Business:** Mr. Nassar said he would prepare something written honoring Bawol Cabiri to keep in the HIC archives. Mr. Wolfe thinks that honoring him with the Great Decisions recognition this year is a good idea, and members discussed possibly continuing it into the future. Alex Mezei suggested that recognition of Mr. Cabiri also be placed on the new HIC Facebook page.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 17, 2014, 5:30 pm in the Moretz Board Room at the Arts & Science Center.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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Hani Nassar, Chair  
Hickory International Council

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Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk