



PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING (BUREAU)

PUEBLA, MEXICO

FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Permanent Council meeting was held at 9 am on Monday, February 5, 2007, at the La Salle Scholasticate of Puebla (Mexico). The following members were in attendance: Brother Claude Reinhardt, General Counselor and Advisor of UMAEL, José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda, President of the UMAEL and Humberto Valladares Buenfil, Vice-President of UMAEL. Claudio Ivan Zegarra Arellano, General Secretary as well as Alfred Meindl, General Treasurer, forward their apologies for not being able to attend.

The agenda was initiated under the protection of the Christ of the Sea, the Virgin of Guadalupe and Saint John Baptist of La Salle. Prior to the meeting, the members said the Morning Prayer (Lauds) and the Eucharist with the Community of Scholastic Brothers and the Community of Guadalupe Sisters of La Salle.

Points discussed according to the agenda, sent beforehand by the President:

1. Approval to incorporate new UMAEL Associations.

The following Lasallian associations have requested to adhere as UMAEL members:

- *Confraternidad La Salle 2000* - GUAYAQUIL – Ecuador
- *Asociación La Salle de Cuzco* – CUZCO – Peru
- *Asociación de Ex Alumnos del Colegio San José La Salle* – PUERTO CABELLO – Venezuela
- De La Salle Alumni Association, Inc – MANILA – Philippines

Their membership to the international Lasallian network is unanimously approved and they were given a warm welcome.

2. Review of Statute Modification Proposal

In accordance with the agreement made during the last meeting of the Executive Committee in Hong Kong (November, 2006), the President proposes that the UMAEL Statutes be reviewed, including article 10, 15 and 16. The Bureau agrees with the

proposal, which will be presented for approval before the General Assembly to be held in Panama on October 28, 2007.

3. UMAEL Solidarity Project – SECOLI

At this moment, a \$5,000 USD check is being submitted to SECOLI (INTERNATIONAL LASALLIAN COOPERATION SERVICE) for the 4th Solidarity Project: the *Hogar Esperanza* Foundation (Chile).

Brother Claude Reinhardt along with the SECOLI coordinators, are proposing a new UMAEL project (SECOLI n° 2939):

“AUDIO AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR CULTURAL AND PASTORAL EVENTS”

Jean Zoa General Education and Agricultural College in Talba, Cameroon.

Amount: \$5,000 USD

4. Program review for the 4th UMAEL Congress

The attendants carefully read the complete program outlined for the 4th UMAEL Congress to be held in Panama from the 24th to the 28th of October, 2007.

5. Other points

The attendants thank the *Fundación Lasallista de Puebla* for organizing the National Congress of Lasallian Ex-Alumni. They also express their gratitude to the people in charge of the Scholasticate of Puebla, the Mexican Federation *FELMES*, the SUAC association and especially, Brother Lucio Tazzer, Visitor of the District Mexico-South, for assisting the UMAEL Bureau members.

At 12 pm, the meeting is adjourned.

Vice President

Humberto Valladares Buenfil

President

José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda