

Subud Zone 7 Council Meeting Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 1, 2012

Greetings

This meeting was called to order on July 30th at 10:45a pacific time.

Quiet Period – The council meeting began with a quiet period

Roll call of participants, introductions and announcements

Participants:

	National Chair	Committee Councilor	Kejiwaan - Female	Kejiwaan - Male
<i>Canada</i>	Renata Dunn (new)	Rusdi Genest	Istafiah De Souza	Mahmud Nestman
<i>Cuba</i>	Aziz Borges Riego	Victor Hernamdez	Munirah Sardinias	Sjariffudin Basterrechea
<i>Mexico</i>	Mariamah Flores	Arif Rojas Rivero	Karimah Towle	Luthfi Becker
<i>Suriname</i>	Patrick Karijodirono	Karmila Martotaroeno	Lucie Kertodikromo	Arvin Misran
<i>U.S.A</i>	Rasjidah Franklin	Lucian Parshall	Laurie Lathrop	Hoan Toan Phan

Zone 7: Dave Hitchcock-Zone Rep, Lucian Parshall-Secretary, Hardwin Blanchard-Treasurer

Area III IH: Grace, Eliana, Hamilton

Guests (for part of meeting): Julia Hurd, USA; Luke Pensenev, WSA Chair; Elias Dumit, WSA Vicechair; Marston Gregory, USA; Olaf Bowman, USA; Maria Pope, USA; Pauline Sutherland, Canada; Mauricio Castillo, Zone 9 Rep, Chile.

Those Council members shown in red were absent from the meeting.

1. Approval of agenda

Dave walked us through the (previously distributed) agenda noting that, although there was a schedule, no specific timeframe had been given to individual agenda items – just sequenced tasks to be addressed over the two days. No additional agenda items were added.

2. Goals

Dave started by inviting input as to what the participants would like to see as the goals and objectives for this Zone 7 Council Meeting. Ideas included:

- How to make Z7 relevant and of interest to our members,
- Role/purpose of the zone (including testing), and
- Preparation for Puebla as a council, including funding

3. Brief verbal reports from each country (since February 2012)

Canada: Renata passed the hat to Michael O’Leary (past Subud Canada Chair) who had written the previously distributed Z7 report for Canada (with KCs information included.) Renata is very excited about being on the Z7 Council as it leads up to the World Congress. Michael was very pleased with the way the Canadian members came together to build the Americas Gathering. Many of the lessons learned can be passed onto the COT for the World Congress.

Cuba: It was noted that Subud Cuba had chosen to spend the financial support provided by the Zone within Cuba to benefit many members, rather than sending one or two representatives to attend this Council meeting. IHs report from Cuba below.

Mexico: Mariamah reported on goals for next year(s): improved communication, building network for dissemination, building a national council to follow up on action plan that involves NHs, updates to all the legal paperwork in Mexico (4 entities) starting with national legal structure, and to host the world congress. The NHs are visiting local groups to help members feel the congress – to prepare the inner space. Very few members have ever attended a world congress. Also looking for constructive criticism of the national dewan (including testing and prihatin). Sending out daily (Bapak’s) advice to members. Have set date in July to report back on what happened at Americas Gathering.

Suriname: Patrick thanks Z7 for financial support to get to this meeting. Once they moved from Zone 8 the country became much more active both in more council meetings and with English. Have two main groups and committee and helpers meet every second Saturday to review what has been done. They are doing a good deal of communication/announcements, particularly after latihan so that members will stay (can be something as simple as a reminder) – this keeps the members involved and informed. He talked about need for funds and what they are used for and finding members for committee and helpers. Got books from USA and are working to refurbish one of their Subud houses. Arvin added that the two main groups have 87 and 38 members. Received a loan from the MSF to increase space of latihan room which is bringing more members – was built by membership. The smaller group has become more independent and moving to do committee and helper work on their own.

USA: Rasjidah reported that USA is in a number of transitions. The more important are that the national office is being moved to the Washington DC Center. Also hired an Executive Director. Moved to outsource books to an online vendor to sell Subud media. Are redoing the USA website. Finally in terms of communication moved the newsletter online along with a regular Enews. Laurie reemphasized that kedjiwaan days are happening from the bottom up.

Zone Rep Update: Dave feels personally rewarded by the projects he has been working on, particularly helping to organize the Americas Gathering.

4. Discussion of Zone 7: brainstorming on the benefits, value and relevance of a Zone

Value

- easier to visit within zone for latihan, meetings, gatherings, projects etc.
- easier to take care of each other and share
- feeling of family, more intimate
- invigorating (spiritual) when we come together & zonal latihans
- fewer languages
- easier to link to international organization
- learning together - feelings and culture
- joint perspective – collective situations and challenges
- promotes more unity and friendliness – makes us aware of strengths
- latihan together – become Subud

Relevance to members

- testing about Zone by members
- members can read minutes and presentations
- reporting back by those attending Council meetings and Gatherings.
- make gatherings accessible with registration reductions (need to remember this). i.e., Puebla 2014
- newsletter and own Z7 website
- put Z7 news, business etc. on agenda for other Subud meetings
- make a video of previous gathering/congresses
- include others in organization of zonal meetings
- promote travel opportunities/hosting
- Zonal projects eg. learn Spanish
 - spanishdict.com
 - teachers from Mexico
 - Subud Spanish phrases
 - circulate WC job/volunteer opportunities
 - Mexicans are learning English
- movies about Subud
 - in archives (Luke)
 - the man and his mission

5. Report from IHs on Cuba visit in February

Following the written report earlier in the year, Grace provided a more extensive report on the challenges facing our brothers and sisters in Cuba, including government recognition, the split of Subud Guacanayabo from Subud Cuba, isolation, and working with helpers. This prompted an extensive discussion on what the Z7 Council could

do for Cuba. This included Bapaks talks in Spanish, getting as many members to WC as possible, maybe Z7 could set up a team that that can go 2 times a year to Cuba (with testing). Luke provided some comparisons of Cuba with Congo.

6. Brief report from Z9 by Zone Rep Mauricio Castillo

About 300 members. KCs are working on how to support Z9 is the less populated countries. More kedjiwaan then business because not as many issues in Z9 as in Z7. Kedjiwaan brings members together more than business.

7. Council Members tested three questions regarding Z7

1. How can Zone 7 council best support Subud Cuba at this time?
2. What is the role and purpose of Zone 7 Council?
3. How can Zone 7 help Subud Mexico to prepare for the World Congress?

8. Treasurer Report

Hardwin walked the council through the 2012 budget (previously distributed) and current expenditures. Currently we have spent \$9,757.40. The discussion that followed related to sending Subud material in Spanish to Cuba. The outcome of the discussion is that Zone 7 will budget up to \$1,000 to make copies of Subud material (already translated) and mail the material to Cuba. Mariamah and Hardwin will work on practical details with Cuban members and IHs. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to provide travel funds from Z7 for IHs to visit Cuba was defeated.

9. Presentation about the 2014 World Congress

Members of the WCOT gave a presentation (with photos) about the preparations for Puebla.

10. Role of the Committee Councillor

Rusdi began the discussion that enlightened the members as to the purpose of the CC. Dave subsequently forwarded a number of files about this role/position that he received from Julia Hurd.

11. 2013 Zone 7 Council Meeting

The council discussed the need for a face-to-face meeting in 2013. Some of the issues discussed were the need to maintain identity, keep momentum and that our issues are different than a congress. Both Mexico and Suriname were discussed as possible locations. Many expressed the emotional and spiritual need to meet but we have to watch expenses and do we have specific agenda items that justify such a meeting? In the end it was decided that the KCs would test about the need for an in-person meeting in 2013. The overall receiving was to not make a decision now and let the need for a meeting unfold during the rest of the year.

12. Other issues that were briefly discussed

- Mexico has material for applicants in Spanish (digital) that they will share.
- Subud websites and Wiki site.
- Updates on Subud in the Caribbean (incl. Jamaica) were discussed.
- Z7 working together with wings. A discussion on the need to have (or not to have) wing representation on the council – or at least some type of feedback from them through our country reports.

13. Achievements over the past two days

Brainstorming from the participants included the following:

- sharing of materials,
- more togetherness,
- more inner connection,
- learned more about role of chair, about meetings, and some material to bring back,
- the depth of information from the international level,
- special latihans with KC,
- loving approach to each other,
- the feeling like a body working together,
- liked being ‘normal’,
- found a practical activity with Cuba,

- liked a tangible outcome
- a sense of continuity,
- liked closeness,
- IH feedback on Cuba was very good,
- update from COT,
- sense of connection and strength,
- feel more self confident as a zone,
- received much more than was given,
- feel a sense of zone,
- sense of community,
- sense of what we represent on the WSA.

Meeting adjourned with a quiet period at 4:00p pacific time on July 1.

After which participants went to see a presentation by Mexico regarding Usaha Mulia Abadi

To do list:

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Dave and Hardwin	Find videos
Dave	Locate Bapak's Guidance for Daily Life and send to Council members
Mariamah and Hardwin	Work together on project to provide Subud publications to Cuba

Respectfully submitted,
Lucian Parshall

Attachments

Bapak's Guidelines for Daily Life

Each activity in your life will now become a Worship. From now on you should live the right way; you should not dirty yourselves again.

Always be careful, be cautious, in everything you do.

In everything we do in this life it is the feeling of sincerity, which is most important.

Bapak would really advise you to have faith in the Almighty God and to obey His commandments.

Man should work hard, but should not be influenced by material things.

Make it a habit to work always under the guidance of God.

You should have more discipline, be more punctual.

You achieve self-discipline through fasting.

These are the five things you should particularly avoid

- Do not fear, to fear anything means you lack faith in God.
- Do not gossip.
- Do not criticize.
- Do not feel superior socially.
- Do not feel superior spiritually.

There are three things that you should particularly remember:

Sabar: That you are quiet until your times come.

Tawakkal: That you accept trouble with quietness, accept your situation without grumbling.

Ichlas: That you accept quietly and with gratitude whatever befalls you.

Face all events: it is only the heart and mind which complain