

Minutes of Zone 7 Council Meeting Puebla Subud House, Mexico April 19, 20 and 21, 2011

Day 1 - Monday April 18

- 6:30PM Dinner
- 8:15PM Quiet time for Latihan with Subud Puebla group
- 9:00PM Socializing/Ice Breaker. This was an opportunity for Council members to start to get to know each other, and members of Subud Puebla, in an informal setting.

Day 2 - Tuesday April 19

- 9:30AM Quiet time for Latihan and Testing
- 11:10AM **Opening Plenary Session**

Quiet Period

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am Central Time by our Chair: Dave Hitchcock, Zone 7 Representative.
Dave:

- welcomed everyone
- thanked Subud Mexico (and particularly Subud Puebla) for all of their work in preparing for and hosting the Council Meeting
- identified Spanish translators to assist during the Council Meeting.
- suggested a motto for the meeting: "Work Hard, Have Fun!"

Attendees

Each person introduced themselves, their position, and shared something of interest, such as their job, hobbies, family etc.

Roll Call of Participants (in attendance during all or part of the Council Meeting)

Zone 7: Dave Hitchcock-Zone Rep, Lucian Parshall-Secretary

Area III IHs: Grace Hodgson, Elaina Dodson, Reinaldo Mosquera, Daniela Urratia

Guests: Rosario Moir (SICA and translator), Muchtar Martins, Rasjidah Flores (SDIA/MX), Alex Woodward (SYIA), Astrid Soelman (Treasurer, Suriname), Mariamah Flores (past Z7 Rep), Stella Hassan (translator), Elias Dumit (becoming involved in WSA).

WSA: Luke Penseny, Maya Korzybski

Zone Participants: the following Council members were in attendance (those in red in spirit)

	Chair	Committee Councillor	Kejiwaan – Female	Kejiwaan - Male
<i>Canada</i>	Michaele O’Leary	Rusdi Genest	Istafiah De Souza	Mahmud Nestman
<i>Cuba</i>	Aziz Borges Riego	Victor Hernamdez	Munirah Sardinas	Sjariffudin Basterrechea
<i>Mexico</i>	Fernando Fatah	Arif Rojas Rivero	Karima Towie	Luthfi Becker
<i>Suriname</i>	Karmila Martotaroeno	Patrick Karijodirono	Lucie Kertodikromo	Arvin Misran
<i>U.S.A.</i>	Rasjidah Franklin	Lucian Parshall	Laurie Lathrop	Hoan Toan Phan

Housekeeping:

- Participants need to pay Fernando for the meals provided by Subud Puebla during the Council Meeting.
- Need to move inside half an hour before meals, so caterer can set table.

Approval of agenda/schedule: approved as circulated prior to the Council Meeting (dated April 13, 2011).

Goals/Objectives for this Zone Council Meeting (i.e., what would you like to see accomplished?) Participants suggested the following wishes/needs/topics (some of which extended beyond the scope of the Council Meeting!):

1. World Congress:

- A feeling that it is “our” Congress (Mexico, Zone 7 and WSA)
- More preparation for entertainment. More events open to the non-Subud public
- More SICA involvement in Congress preparations

2. Zone 7:

- Unity amongst the countries in the Zone
- Practice working/sharing harmoniously together
- Share practical benefits and significance of the Zone with our members
- More “alive” zonal structure
- Youth involvement in meetings

3. Other:

- Continuation of Bapak’s legacy/vision, when Ibu is no longer present (see Ibu’s talk in Semarang – 3/2010)
- Outreach
- Clarification about the World Subud Council
- Ageing demographics in Subud membership
- Opened children of Subud members
- Youth Perspective/Participation
- Subud Symbol - copyright/guidelines - on earrings etc.

12:30PM Sharing of testing done after the morning latihan

1:30PM Lunch

3:00PM Reports, News and Information Sharing

Country Reports

Canada: KC report-membership and group life. Membership hovers around 400 on east and west coast, not much in between. Many older members have passed on and many are more immobile so helpers are busy. Have opened many new members and in Toronto have 4th generation members. Groups have become much more culturally diverse. There is a definite correlation between age of members in groups and level of activity. Older members tend to generate more activity. All of the groups have very devoted helpers. In general, Subud in Canada is doing well from the kejiwaan side.

Committee report - Canada has one housing fund for all of Canada. Many of the centers also have an investment fund – all have houses that are enterprises that they rent. Wings have also been very active. Montreal has many South American members.

Cuba: KC report-Cuba has around 300 members in 2 larger groups and 6-7 smaller groups. No Subud houses – members gather in private houses. About 40 helpers. Recently opened 10 younger members (under 30) in Havana group. Despite social issues, Cuba is a delightful place. In 2008, Subud Cuba celebrated the 50 years of Subud as a cultural event and it worked so well they decided to continue and invited former members. KCs work very hard and are very close with the committee. SD has 3 projects in Cuba, which support schools that are in need of repairs and materials. Through this work 5 members of the school now do latihan. SICA has cultural events in Havana that non-members participate in. Is very difficult to get funds in Cuba for Subud because the wages are so low. So when there is activity, members bring a dish to share. Communication with Subud outside of Cuba is very difficult. Internet is very expensive and very slow. Government provides good, free hospitals and education, but other things are expensive (e.g. spare parts). Helpers’ travel is difficult because bus transportation is expensive and overbooked. So members have a lot of needs but welcome support through special latihans.

Mexico: KC report-In NZ, once they heard that Mexico would be the World Congress site in 4 years they asked Ibu what to do and she guided them to invite all the lost members back through the Congress (about 500). The Congress will also raise visibility and credibility within the existing brotherhood bringing back members they haven’t seen for years. Congress also provides the opportunity for helpers/committee, as well as males and females, to work closer together, so little by little it becomes more of a body. Have 3 very strong groups. What is most needed is for people to be awakened from within and World Congress will hopefully help that.

Committee report-have about 75 active members. Last year they started a national council that allowed the 4 groups to work in harmony together. Council consists of national chairs from each group. Mexico has their own domain name and system for organizational emails that depend on position, not on the person. Have for the first

time an annual work plan for budget, etc. Not all is perfect, there are challenges, all the Wings need representatives, members like going to latihan. No formal Wing structure, which needs member involvement.

4:15PM Break
4:30PM Country Reports continued

Suriname: Provided a full report and presented a Powerpoint show that is an excellent example for all countries to model in the future. See attached.

USA: Rasjidah Franklin provided the Z7 Council with some demographics of SUSA including the goal to strengthen and secure the future of Subud USA through a *Continuity of Operations Plan*. She also invited everyone to attend our National Gathering from June 29 to July 4, in Rockford (just outside Chicago.) Lucian introduced the Council to the four tasks that the BOD are currently involved in. The four listed in the COP are: relocating the National Office, moving the bookstore to an online sales system, establishing a part time executive director position, and a redo of our exiting webpage. Laurie provided KCs report: She explained how the 6 NHs across the country keep in touch with regional and local helpers. Each helper is a liaison to a region and each wing. They help create or form committees on the regional level as needed. We have two kejiwaan events that draw members from around the country. One is in the Pacific North West and one is in East Coast and Midwest. Also, a big need for helper development over the country. Several test questions were provided in the report.

WSA Update: Luke and Maya reported on progress on agreements and resolutions from NZ World Congress. Luke began with a slide show outlining the resolutions from the World Congress that WSA are addressing along with a few other activities that have arisen since the Congress.

7:00PM Quiet time for Latihan
8:00PM Dinner
9:00PM IHs met with KCs

Day 3 - Wednesday April 20

9:30AM Quiet time for Latihan and Testing
11:32AM **Second Plenary Session**

Feedback from first plenary session

Lessons learned from yesterday:

- For next Council meeting - agenda needs to be printed in Spanish as well as English.
- For next Council meeting - Country Reports should be printed and distributed prior to the meeting, with verbal reports presented in summary (Powerpoint) format, focusing on those items about the country that would be of most interest to the rest of the zone. Arif volunteered to translate reports into Spanish for us – needs about 2 weeks prior to meeting.

Zone Rep Report

Dave provided some highlights and challenges he has experienced over the past 15 months, including:

- Enjoyed connection on 5 Zone Council conference calls.
- Enjoyed participating in other countries' congresses – meeting members and seeing differences in organization.
- Greatly enjoyed WSC meeting in England, although it made him aware of so much of the international association he doesn't know about.
- Wants to improve communication with Cuba to better include them in the zone.
- Final challenge is to help the isolated members in the Caribbean feel part of Zone 7.

Experience of previous Zone Rep

Mariamah shared her experience as the past Zone 7 Rep. Learned to speak from inner and outer, from outer practical to inner quiet. It was important to explore the three roles (KC, Chair, CC) and needed to do exploratory testing, then talk about roles and experiences. This helped define the nature of each country. So ended up with roles and descriptions. Worked on priorities every year: unity and continuity. Worked on unchanging budget

with limitations, so this may need to be changed in the near future. Also visiting congresses in each country worked well, Mariamah reflected the similarities and irks of each country she visited: Suriname, Canada and USA in contrast to Mexico. Learning about other countries enriched the zonal council. When the inner is connected it is all very simple. There is great unity in our diversity. Mariamah to provide Lucian /Dave with her web files and PPT from her term as Z7 Rep.

Wing Reports

SDIA

Rasjidah Flores, SDIA Board Member, has seen SD working through various individual actions in the membership. For example, SD Canada has been raising funds for Mexico projects, which has been very helpful in creating a good relationship with local authorities. Rasjidah briefly described the SD activities in Suriname and Cuba and identified how Zone 7 could help be raising community awareness of the projects in each country.

SICA

Rosario Moir, SICA International Board Member, indicated that SICA is now healthy enough again to support cultural events at the World Congress. Would like a fiesta/open house/party for World Congress as an opening event. Need more SICA reps in the world and especially in this zone. Person must organize, administrate and like culture. SICA is now incorporated in the USA so can now raise funds separately (i.e., out from under SUSA umbrella.) SICA has also initiated health insurance for artists and more information will follow. One of its projects includes an initiative where each youth up to 30 in each country will receive a camera to record the life of Subud to put in a movie for World Congress. Guidelines will be sent from SICA and this will be coordinated with WSA, which is initiating a similar project called: *A Day in the Life of Subud*. Movie will become a historical achieve. Rest of SICA report is attached.

SYAI

Alex Woodward represented Subud Youth *Activities* International, which is its new international name. Went from two youth reps to six at the last World Congress – two for each area in the world. Hopefully, this will increase contact with youth. With two reps each was pretty much stuck within the area they were from. Two reps in each area would work as a pair and the two in that area would represent SYAI in that area when there was an international meeting. Youth groups include ages: <13, 13-17 and 17>. Although very diverse and difficult groups to serve, youth have one item in common – they are the future. So is very important to serve these three groups keeping in mind the great diversity. There is a good collaboration between SESI and SYAI through the Yes Quests. A second project with SD is called Human Force - which are shorter volunteer camps to help SD with specific projects to build youth talents and responsibilities. SYAI is looking for a commitment from each one of the participants at the Zone Council meeting to support Subud youth activities, to spread the word and to encourage youth to participate.

1:30PM Lunch
4:00PM Tour of the Puebla Conference Center
5:00PM **2014 World Congress Discussion**, included the following:

- The rooms and facilities that were viewed provide the basic space necessary for a World Congress, but more are needed! Luke, Maya and Fernando to visit adjoining/nearby facilities tomorrow (They subsequently reported after this additional tour that they were fabulous and provide all we will need!)
- Cost of facility – would be negotiated along with the breakout rooms in nearby hotels.
- There are at least 3,000 hotel rooms within one kilo of the conference center.
- Time of year is an issue (popular vacation time for northern hemisphere in July/August, Ramadan in July, dryer weather in April) and this will probably end up being tested at WSC in June. The intent of the congress is to have it on the scale of Spokane – 3,300 participants. Maya spoke to the inner content and why members attend the congress. Lucian reflected on the outer need that local weather will impact members outer desire to attend. Higher attendance will, hopefully, allow registration fees to be low enough to allow subsidies and members from less rich countries to attend.
- Fernando walked us through the initial operation of the core congress team.
- Dave brought up the concerns from our northern brothers and sisters about safety in Puebla. Fernando asked the members attending the zone council do they feel safe? Many members of the council that responded

felt safe during their travel to Puebla as well as their short stay in the city. There is a 'level of security' rating for cities in Mexico from high to low – Puebla has never made the list even at the lowest level. Luke spoke on being practical and mature about the site and to recognize that in three years things could change drastically. It was agreed that it could be helpful if Subud members who had visited Puebla talk and write about their experiences in the city.

- Reference was made to the World Congress Operations Manual that Lucian had recently created. This contained much useful information and provided a core that could be built upon. It included many of the "lessons learned" provided by attendees at Christchurch. Many areas of the manual needed filling out over the next 3 years.
- The final issue was how to identify volunteers and what jobs needed support. It might be possible for a country in Zone 7 to take on a specific task of the World Congress. Subud Mexico indicated that it was still too early to determine what specific help they needed, but they would be considering this over the coming months. Online registration was discussed, specifically 'regonline' that USA uses. Several similar systems will be explored. Dave will take responsibility for communication between the core team and the Zone regarding their progress and how the help needed can be connected to those who want to volunteer.
- Fernando thanked everyone for their questions and support and asked us all to seek God's guidance for unity and harmony.

7:00PM Dinner at Puebla restaurant
10:00PM Quiet time for Latihan at Puebla Subud house

Day 4 - Thursday April 21

9:30AM Quiet time for Latihan and Testing
11:15AM **Closing Plenary Session**

Goals, Actions and Priorities for Zone 7 in the next year(s).

1. How can Zone 7 support Subud Mexico for the World Congress?

Feedback: Explore financial support for two members to come one to two years prior to the WC to assist in organizing the congress with Puebla team. Zone 7 will support Mexico with special latihans (including testing) that Hoan Toan will set up. Zone 7 encourages IH visits to Puebla. Zonal enterprise could set up a hostel in a downtown building which is empty for the congress and sell afterwards. Z7 to support both material and spiritual help towards helping to organize the congress but would need a budget to bring people. Should there be a paid Congress Coordinator who would live in Puebla in the year(s) leading up to the Congress, such as Rifka did for Spokane?

2. How can Zone 7 support Subud Cuba?

Feedback: Aziz advised that the best way is financial support for travel, so helpers can visit group events and activities. Need to travel to member houses (groups cannot own facilities). Also lack of funds prevent Cuban members from traveling to other countries. Aziz will send a draft budget to Dave to give Z7 some idea of the level of financial support that might be needed. Perhaps it would be better for Zone 7 to support more travel into Cuba so they can get a clearer framework of Subud. A goal for Subud Cuba is to eventually host a Zonal meeting there (maybe 2013?) – after government hurdles have been cleared and Subud becomes legally recognized. (next 7 to 9 months??) NHs in Cuba accompanied committee to all the meetings – thank you. Munirah will explore ways for members to enter Cuba and pass onto Dave.

3. How can Zone 7 support our Subud brothers and sisters in the Caribbean region?

Feedback: Need to update the membership list so when folks visit they can do latihan. This could be combined with contact information for each country in the zone. Dave agreed to do this. The original request to support the isolated members in the Caribbean, both for their kejiwaan and administrative needs, came from the IHS to the Subud East Coast helpers. However, some of the isolated members in the Caribbean have expressed confusion and the desire to be more clearly considered part of Zone 7 and not part of USA. Likely the best option is probably for the situation to stay the same for the near future, but to ensure that our isolated brothers and sisters feel well connected to the zone. However, the Caribbean is not a voting member country of the WSA at this time.

4. What is the relevance of Zone 7?

Feedback: Needs to create more visibility of what it is, to our members in the zone – most are not aware of it.

Suggestions:

- Include a Zone 7 Report at each National Congress.
- Zone Council members to be more pro-active in sharing zonal news during the year
- Testing with members as to the relevance of the Zone
- Need someone from World Congress Team to attend National Congresses to promote the World Congress, including Zone 7 support and involvement.
- A Z7 enterprise might increase visibility.

International Helpers Report

Reinaldo started by reporting that their visit to Mexico included four groups and they have had the opportunity to do helpers work with each committee, NHs and other helpers as well as individual work with members. Also had meetings with core organizing team for World Congress and had support from the NHs on all these visits. Grace asked if folks ever wondered how it was determined where IHs should travel to? While in NZ they tested on what their priorities were – they received that first visit should be to Zone 9. There is no agenda but to be as open as possible for God to fill the space. Elaina indicated that they have traveled to: Chile, Argentina, Columbia, Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil. In addition also visited Canadian Congress and NYC.

1:30PM Lunch

3:00PM Next meetings

Location for Zone 7 Council Meeting/Zonal Gathering/Americas Gathering in 2012

Requests for hosting the Americas Gathering and WSC meeting are due by May 1. Subud Canada is preparing a bid and there are rumors that two more countries may be also. So our zone council would meet at the gathering if it were in our zone – otherwise we will need to talk about our meeting location after a decision has been made in June about the Americas Gathering. Dave will let us know when the selection has been made at the WSC meeting in June.

Location for Zone 7 Council Meeting/Zonal Gathering in 2013

It is pretty far out, but Subud Suriname and Subud Cuba (if government approves) have indicated an interest in hosting the meeting, but we will not need to decide until next years council meeting.

Final wrap up

Each member on the Council had the opportunity to respond to one or more of the following questions:

- What did the Council meeting accomplish?
- What actions are to be taken and by whom?
- What will you take back to our members?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm with big THANK YOUs to Dave for the organization of the agenda and keeping us directed. And to Luke, Maya and the IHs for their presence. Also to Subud Puebla for hosting the meeting and to the translators for all their help.

Unfinished business

- Spanish translation for website?
- 2012 Zonal Budget. *What is the best process for determining and approving this?*
- World Subud Council meeting in June. *What input does the Zone want/need to give?*
- Zonal Projects. *Are there specific projects we could adopt as a Zone? Which? How?*
- Zonal Enterprises. *How do we decide which to support?*

8:15PM Quiet time for Latihan with Subud Puebla group

9:00PM Dinner and music

Day 5 - Friday April 22

10:00AM Visit to Usha Mulia Abadi, including Latihan

To do list:

Dave	Print future Council Meeting agendas in Spanish and English
Dave	Prepare and distribute Country Reports prior to the Council Meeting. Arif to translate into Spanish
Mariamah	Email web files and PPT to Dave or Lucian
All	Help to raise community awareness of SD projects in each country
All	Help to find more SICA Reps in Zone 7
All	Support and spread the word about SYAI activities
Hoan Toan	Set up monthly latihan for Zone 7 Council and Congress Team
COT	Consider, identify and communicate the help needed with WC Preparations
Dave	Help communication between COT, Zone 7 and WSA regarding help needed with WC
Aziz	Provide draft of financial and other Cuban needs to Dave for Z7 discussion
All	Help to promote Zone 7 e.g. sharing news at national congresses, testing on relevance of Zone 7, suggest possible Z7 enterprises?
Dave	Notify Council members when location of Americas Gathering is decided.
Dave	Work to update the list of the isolated members in the Caribbean region, together with contact persons in each Zone 7 country.
Munirah	Explore ways for members to enter Cuba and pass these onto Dave
Karmila	Work on possible open source, blogs, web portal and Zone 7 website

Respectfully submitted,
Lucian Parshall



Country Report

About Suriname

Suriname, officially the Republic of Suriname, is a country in northern South America with Paramaribo as the capital. Suriname is the smallest sovereign state in South America. It has an estimated population of approximately 470,000. Suriname is an independent nation with a multi-cultural population of Amerindians (the original inhabitants of Suriname), Surinamese Maroons (descendants of escaped West African slaves), Lebanese, Jews, Chinese (mainly descendants of the earliest 19th-century contract workers), Hindoestanen (also descendants of contract workers from India), Indonesians (descendants of contract workers from the former Dutch East Indies on the island of Java), and In spite of the differences in heritage, the Surinamese are a model of racial - and religious harmony.

Dutch is the official language.

Zone 7

In 2006 Subud-Suriname became part of the zone-7 group. Before 2006 we were part of zone-8 but the language was a barrier because it is a Spanish speaking group of countries. There is an increase of activity now that Subud-Suriname is part of zone-7.

With knowledge acquired at former gatherings and at zonal council meetings, the National Council and the Kedjiwan group have been able to:

1. Promote, establish and coach the wings (e.g. Youth) and other Subud groups.
2. Group meetings and monthly gatherings with the Wings and local committees have been part of Subud activities.
3. Information about Subud and Latihan to the general membership has improved with explanations about the talks of Bapak and with the periodically held workshops.
4. The extra or special sessions with members if there is a need to.

Zone 7 Council meeting 2007

Some of you might still remember that in 2007 Suriname hosted the zonal council meeting. That was the first time in 40 years of Subud existence in Suriname that we were part in organizing a meeting of such importance. It is our goal to organize this meeting for the second time and with God's Will we want to do so in the year 2013.

Locations

At present Subud-Suriname has 3 locations: Paramaribo, Accaribo and Lelydorp.

- Paramaribo is the centre of Subud-Suriname with about 74 members of which 35 come for Latihan on a regular basis. The interest in Subud and the Latihan is growing with 10 openings this year and 4 sitting on the bench as probationers.
- Accaribo is the second largest location with 22 members and since the opening of the new SubudHouse the number of probationers is growing.
- In the beginning the members of Lelydorp used to come to Paramaribo for Latihan. But due to difficult economic times, most of the members weren't able to continue coming to Paramaribo.

Hopes were high when they had the use of a house in Lelydorp which belonged to the family of one of the local members. Sorry to say this good fortune was but short lived.

The property had to be sold and the Subud members had no place to go for Latihan. For a while some of them came to Paramaribo or to Accaribo but attendance became very infrequent. The trouble also was, the central figure of Lelydorp (a helper couple) became interested in another field of spirituality and consequently the membership stopped altogether. Now Lelydorp has 4 members. They alternate between Paramaribo and Accaribo.

In the early beginnings of Subud in Suriname, we had a very active group in Moengo, a small town in the eastern part of Suriname, at 91 kilometer distance from Paramaribo. But due to the coupe and all the fighting that was going on from 1980 till 1990(?) all Subud activity came to a standstill, resulting in the closing of Subud House because the Subud members left Moengo for safer grounds. After things got normal again, not many members returned.

Nowadays there's just one member left who, despite his age (he is 75 years old) feels compelled to take care of what is left of SubudHouse which after all those years is nothing more than a dilapidated shack.

National Committee

In March 2010 at the General members Meeting (ALV) we formed a National Committee for the first time ever. Before that the Paramaribo Committee acted as the representative of Subud Sur. Also a new pair of Kedjiwan Councillors took over the responsibilities of the outgoing KC's (after they have been tested positive).

Every year we have a General members Meeting for which all the members are encouraged to participate. Then we clarify the activities and the results or the lack of results in the past year. But most importantly we have to answer for the financial status of Subud-Suriname. Also we introduce future activities and everything we have in mind for the coming year. All activities and projects of the former committee were taken over and being continued because the former Nat. Chair (Patrick) still participates in the present Nat. Committee and holds the position of Committee Councillor.

Communication

To stimulate good communication between the several groups and wings, we have monthly meetings every second Saturday. The main goal is to give every group the opportunity to report on the results of their projects and the progress they made so far.

Activities of the Wings

All building and renovations projects are being coordinated by the Nat. Committee. An important project of the former Nat. Committee was the renovation of SubudHouse-Accaribo which could not be possible without the generosity of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation which granted us an interest free loan of US\$ 10.000 and donated a gift of US\$10.000 (see bulletin for more information). Acknowledgements go to the members who on a voluntary basis dedicated themselves to this project in their spare time. They worked together in harmony, unity and forbearance every Saturday and Sunday.

The Youth are very active in fundraising activities. All the wings manage their own public and business affairs but the NC are over seeing all activities.

Goals of the National Committee for 2010 – 2014

- The National Committee works to improve the participation of the membership by stimulating volunteer work for the monthly general maintenance and upkeep of SubudHouse
- To upgrade the computer knowledge and skills, the National Committee creates the opportunity to attend basic computer classes for the members but special for the committee members.
- To publish all activities in and around Subud-Suriname. We are in good contact with members of Subud-Netherlands through the exchange of news bulletins and translations of Bapak's talks.
- Be in regular contact with the member countries of zone 7 whether through internet or conference calls.
- To organize the archives (bringing order in books, documents, photos, videos) and set up interviews with the senior members who were part of the early Subud group, so that oral history can be put in writing. On November 8th 2012 we will celebrate 45 years of Subud in Suriname.
- The financial situation in Suriname is slightly below moderate. Since financial contribution of members was voted down at a general members meeting, we finance our expenses with the income of small donations by a small group of members. The present National Committee wants to initiate the contribution of money so to be able to make a prognosis about the annual financial income and the calculation of expenses for a whole year. That's why we need to define financial prudence with transparency.
- Now that we have finished the renovation of SubudHouse Accaribo, our next duty is to keep up the installments on the loan that was granted us by the MSF. The finance to do so should come from Accaribo by way of enterprise. Another dream we want to fulfill is to make good use of the property. So we like to start enterprise in Accaribo for Eco tourism with a guesthouse and outdoors sport facilities. That's why members of Subud-Suriname and Susila Dharma are doing their best to set up an enterprise division. We are open for suggestions concerning this matter.

Goals and perspectives:

- 1) Seek funds to further develop Eco tourism in Accaribo.
- 2) Celebrate 45 years of Subud in Suriname 2012.

- 3) Organize the Zone 7 Council meeting in Suriname 2013 (depends on the outcome of testings).
- 4) Attend the World Subud Congress in Mexico 2014.

Goals of the Kedjiwan group for the next years:

- Continuing the annual year plan.
- Finalizing the issues about the helpers job description.
- Continuing with the workshops about forgiveness and sin.
- Special meetings with the committees and wings (SD).
- A workshop with as subject “The secret” will be organized by the youth with the support of the helpersgroup.
- Looking for a place in Lelydorp for doing the latihan.
- Working to bring Subud in Commewijne.

SICA Information, Puebla 2011 Rosario's Moir and Latifa Taomina

Our Inspiration

The latihan kejiwaan is first
of all the awakening of the
human soul according to
the will of God Almighty, and second,
it is the awakening of human culture.

— *Bapak Mhd. Subuh, London, England, May 23, 1976*

NEXT WORLD CONGRESS

SICA would like to express its commitment to participate in the preparation of the next world congress by organizing events, public cultural events.

Public cultural events with the participation not only of Subud members but also with the participation of the people of Puebla. We may call it a festival of cultures.

These public events give not only value to SICA but put SUBUD into the world.

Congress events. Once we know about the spaces and technical capabilities, we can begin planning and setting up a team for the cultural programs. Traditionally this includes an opening ceremony, some professional caliber events open to the public, smaller events for Subud members only.

In the past we've also had Zone Days where each zone prepares a series of activities that allow others to experience something of their culture on those days. We don't have to do this if people don't want to do this.

It's important that Mexico, as the host country, have an important role in all this and that their culture is honored.

These things stand out as elements of what we our cultural program will include:

FOOD

PERFORMANCES & CELEBRATIONS

--DANCE

--MUSIC

--THEATRE

EXHIBITIONS

CRAFTS - PARTICULARLY FABRIC ART AND CERAMIC ART

PUPPETS

FIESTA

FILM, LIGHT, MULTIMEDIA

ANGELS

SOCCER

Some things are impressive and some things are informal, fun and light-hearted. Laughter is also good.

Re Zone 7: Canada, US, Mexico, and Cuba: For the congress, let's look at something with FOOD: The Great Zone 7 Potluck? All our countries were already inhabited when the Europeans came. And Puebla was one of the first places — in North or Central America — to feel the impact of European notions of food. Puebla's famed poblano mole happened with from this exchange -- thanks also to the nuns. So we should explore this more: the culture of food and how it affects and influences our own cultures. It could be a lot of fun.

SICA Goals

- Restructure and refocus SICA to inspire and enable engagement, excitement, growth, and ACTION.
- Articulate clear Guiding Principles and Core Values for SICA.

- Grow a self-sufficient and self-funded SICA.

Our Strategy

- Develop and implement an integrated SUBUD Cultural Enterprise that has as its central focus the globalization of SICA's higher principles and values;
- Involve SICA zone, regional and local people in the “cultural enterprise management processes;”
- Generate income to fund "cultural expression" in whatever form and wherever it chooses.

Donations

(1) Three individuals in USA have contributed money to SICA since I took office. (We have made no appeal for funds, however.) (2) We also had a small sum of money to begin our work that came from the last distribution of Widjojo funds. Some individuals earmarked funds from that to go to SICA. Some money from that distribution had been spent before we took office.

Funding Programs

We have just put in place a new funding program called CREATING PUBLIC VALUE THROUGH ART, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY. The program is designed to promote a framework for thinking about the public benefit of art, culture, and creativity — and for recognizing the value of developing individual talent. The program will provide seed funding for fresh and original cultural endeavors that spring from an individual's talent, reflect an inner content, and touch the feelings of others.

Our goal is to fund at least one project in each zone, and to have the projects be of such caliber that the program attracts more support and money so that we can sponsor more projects.

The first project to benefit from this is a project in Zone 7—in USA. It is a CD by Benjamin Drazen called INNER FLIGHTS. Benjamin is a jazz saxophone artist, and I happen to know Dr. Kelland Thomas, an outstanding professor at the University of Arizona. Dr. Thomas is not a Subud member, but, as part of the application review process, I shared some of Benjamin's music to get his opinion. He felt his music was quite outstanding, and very much worth encouraging. The grant, \$1200, made it possible for Jacob to have the CD printed so that it could be distributed to the public. On the inside of the CD jacket, it says, "I would like to thank the Subud International Cultural Association for their generous grant in support of this record." More on this CD:
<http://www.benjamindrazen.com/>

IRS

We have updated the designation/classification of SICA within the 501 c 3 designation with the IRS in the USA. This will allow us to receive money from the general public. The way we were set up before did not allow to this.

Special deal with Fractured Atlas

Here's the deal: We have an arrangement whereby SICA members (Subud folks) can avail themselves of the attached benefits via Fractured Atlas, an arts service organization in New York City. Most of these benefits will be useful for folks here in the USA, but some of the benefits, such as the online learning courses, networking, etc., can be useful for anyone anywhere. See At

SICA things now or almost ready

1. **SICA site to launch soon.** Will have many cultural resources, an online cultural magazine, guidance from Bapak and Ibu re culture an SICA, ways to share films, music etc. online.

We received a grant from MSF to help us do that. Marcus Bolt in UK is doing the graphic design. Emmanuel Williams in US is the editor and gathering material. Farah and Hassan Czwiertnia of Austria are doing the IT for the site. They also do the Subud World News site. We hope the site will be live by the time of the international meetings this summer. SICA France has created its own website, and as other countries create local SICA presences, we can connect with those other websites as well.

2. **Grant program set up to provide seed funding for cultural projects.** Projects need to serve the public benefit and originate with an individual's real talent. The goal is to fund at least one project in each zone by time of the world

Congress. National SICA organizations and/or national SICA coordinators will need to also endorse applications from members/groups in their countries.

3. **Film/Video project in collaboration with SYA and other wings. Goal is to get small video cameras to qualified young people (18 - 30 years old) in every country.** We hope SICA in the different countries will determine a selection process for who gets a camera. (In some countries, people will already have cameras.) SICA will work to help those countries with less money get the cameras they need. Filmmakers will interview people in their groups about how they got opened, what Subud means to them, their experience. If they have Subud names, ask about that. This is about documenting our Subud culture. We will edit and put this together. But it will also go into archives. We intend to launch this with more info after the WSA meetings this summer.

4. Fiscal sponsorship program for USA members. Other countries can copy after they set up a similar local mechanism for SICA.

5. **A SICA credit card (through Capital One Bank.) SICA will get \$50 from the first purchase on the card and 2% of all petrol/gasoline charges on the card.**

6. We would like SICA groups to do at least one fundraiser for Archives in the next two years.

NEEDED:

We need countries to set up national SICA organizations — or at least a national SICA coordinator — to help inspire and funnel programs to their members -- and that we can turn to for information. Ideal SICA chairs are good communicators, have an understanding of arts and cultural management, a passion for the role of culture in the development of human beings and our world, and a firm commitment to Subud. This is our future.

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