

JOINT MEETING  
MINNESOTA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church  
Saturday, January 28, 1995  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Present:** Mary Eileen Sorenson, Hank Garwick, Facilitators;  
Stuart Ackman, President, UNA; Alfred Aepli (UNA/WFA),  
Marguerite Benson (UNA), Judy Casserberg (Head of the Lakes UNA),  
Lisa Crum, Lynn Elling (WFA), John Fetzek (Bahai Faith), Dottie Garwick  
(UNA), Sonya Guggemos (UNA), Dave Juncker (UNA), Jeanne Justus (UNA/WFA),  
Mary Jane Munson (UN Rally), Jim Nelson (UNA/WFA), Mary Lou Nelson (UNA/AAUW),  
Chris Obst (UN Rally), Michael O'Laughlin (UNA/WFA), Louise Pardee (WFA),  
Fran Paulu (UNA), Martha Platt (UNA/WFA), Joe Schwartzberg (UNA/WFA),  
Harlan Smith (UNA), Denny Sponsler (Forecast/Mpls. Schools; UNA), Avis  
and Nate Watkins (UNA), Susan Zdon (UN Rally), Randy Zimmermann (UNA)

Introductions: Mary Eileen opened the meeting by requesting roundtable introductions.

SCHEDULED EVENTS CELEBRATING UNA/50: Mary Eileen asked attendees to compile a listing of already-scheduled celebratory events. The following individuals supplied information:

- 1) Chris, Susan: The United Nations Rally will take place on ~~Saturday~~<sup>Wednesday</sup>,  
October 18, 1995 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Tom Morgan,  
President UNA/USA, is committed to speak. Financial support is sought.
- 2) Mary Lou Nelson:
  - 17 minute Stassen video is available at \$10.00 (\$12.50 mailed)
  - Art program will honor Don Fraser
  - Youth Symphony will present special concert
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- 3) John Fetzek
  - Bahai is encouraging members to join UN
  - Youth Dance Group is available for performances
- 4) Denny Sponsler distributed printed material describing 3 major  
projects to be implemented by FORECAST
  - a) A forum, "World Views - Global Issues in Public Art"
  - b) A global arts festival celebrating the UNA-50th
  - c) An annual meeting, with the artist Christo as invited speaker  
(after he wraps the Reichstag in Berlin)

Also:

  - A UN celebration at the Loehman Center with an exhibit of student  
art work in October 1995
  
  - Exhibit of a Denny sculpture in summer 1995
- 5) Zehra Keye is arranging an event honoring Harold Stassen at the  
State Capitol
- 6) Jim Nelson will produce a UN poster to get out word about the UN's  
work and convey the importance of communality

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→ 2nd Tues every month  
Network / Calendar

Wayne Withman Vets  
off

Fund raising

**ALLIANCE OF MN PEACEMAKERS**

meeting held on December 5, 1995

Lyle - HMC Soc Conc  
Committee

Member Org Reports

@ Hennepin Ave UMC  
511 Groveland Ave

Personal intro

Church involvement

Contract Points Committees

**ATTENDANCE:** Catherine Abbott, Tom Atchison, Lyle Christianson, Earl Eames, Jr.,  
Lynn Elling John Fetzek, Marjanne Hamilton, Roger Heegaard, Jerry Jenkins, Mary Mantis,  
David Miller, Mary Lou Nelson, Carol Robertshaw, Joe Schwartzberg, Mary White, Tom White

**MEMBERSHIP:** Tom Atchison reported on the status of received or committed memberships:  
Edina Peacemakers; World Federalists; World Citizen; UNA; Hennepin Ave UMC,  
Outreach Committee; Middle East Peace Now; WAMM, Ground Zero. This will give us  
the six members necessary to call the first annual meeting. However, it was reiterated that we will  
keep the Charter pen until June 1996.

--Tom passed out more envelopes with the invitation letter and sign up certificate and urged all  
present to consider other groups to invite. Forms can be gotten from Hank Garwick.

--Roger Heegaard suggested that we consider forming an Advisory Council to guide us in the  
bigger question of how we should posture the Alliance to be most effective in our Mission.

--The question was raised as to whether we should consider individual memberships. No motion  
was brought forward.

**PEACE FEST:**(reported by Lynn Elling) A meeting was held on Monday, Dec 4, with schools  
that have signed up to be in the Peace Fest.. Each school will Adopt-a-Laureate and will present  
to others schools at Augsburg on Feb 22nd between 1:00 - 4:00 pm. there are 30 schools signed  
up for this event. There is an opportunity for the Alliance and for other organizations to have a  
table at this event to distribute brochures etc. There will be about 1000 students involved. The  
schools would like to approach members of the Alliance for help in researching their Laureate.  
The schedule is still somewhat in flux. There was to be a dinner and later a convocation at  
Augsburg which all could attend. It seems as if the dinner will be canceled but the auditorium  
event is still on schedule.

A resolution was moved by L Christianson and seconded by C Robertshaw, "That the alliance  
encourage each member organization and other appropriate organizations to (a) plan for a Display  
Table and (b) Provide mentors for the schools." Passed.

**PEACE FEST COMMITTEE:** A Peace Fest Committee was formed: Roger Heegaard,  
convenor; John Fetzek, Tom White, Carol Robertshaw, Earl Eames. This Committee will meet  
and consider ways that the Alliance can be most effective.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** The following committee was formed: Mary Lou Nelson,  
Mary White, Lynn Christianson, Earl Eames and Malcolm MacLean.

**NOTES:** Vacation schedules: Tom Atchison, Dec 6 - Jan 5; Jerry Jenkins, till Feb 15;  
Mary Mantis, back Jan 24; Marjanne Hamilton, Jan 7 - Feb 15; Roger Heegaard, Jan 15 - Feb 8.  
Happy vacations, golfing, traveling and loafing.

**NEXT MEETING:** Interim Executive Committee December 19h, 1130-1330, HAUMC;  
Alliance Planning Group: January 9th, Tuesday, 1130-1330, HAUMC

Sub of  
Intrel Pwb  
Soc Comm Org

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Tues 30 11:30  
Feb 20 11:30

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| Organization                               | Name                               | Title          | Cncl Del                | Cncl Alt           | Joined   | Mbshp   |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| <b>OFFICERS</b>                            |                                    |                |                         |                    |          |         |
| Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers          | Lyle Christianson                  | President      |                         |                    |          |         |
|  | Mary White                         | Vice President |                         |                    |          |         |
|  | Tom Atchison                       | Treasurer      |                         |                    |          |         |
|  | Anne Shainline                     | Secretary      |                         |                    |          |         |
| <b>MEMBERS</b>                             |                                    |                |                         |                    |          |         |
| Bahá'í Institute for Peace and Justice     | John Fetzek                        | Organizer      | Carolyn Lonning         | Steve Lonning      | 2/19/96  | Charter |
| X First Unitarian Society-Soc Concerns     | Floyd Pearson                      | Chair          | Mary Lou Nelson         | ??                 | 2/21/96  | Charter |
| First Universalist Church-Soc Jus Cncl     | Nancy Atchison                     | Chair          | ??                      | ??                 | 2/1/97   | Charter |
| X Foundation for Global Community-MN       | Don Gamble                         | Coordinator    | Howard Hass             | Sook Holdridge     | 4/1/96   | Charter |
| → Ground Zero Minnesota                    | Michael Andregg                    | Director       | Elsie Evans             | Michael Andregg    | 12/15/95 | Charter |
| Growing Communities for Peace              | Rebecca Janke                      | President      | Julie Peterson          | Rebecca Janke      | 3/15/96  | Charter |
| → Hennepin Av Un Methodist Soc Cncl Crm    | Henry Garwick                      | Member         | Henry Garwick           | ??                 | 11/25/95 | Charter |
| → Inst for Agriculture and Trade Policy    | Mark Ritchie                       | President      | Mark Ritchie            | Orin Kishner       | 12/6/95  | Charter |
| → Inter-Faith Peacemakers of Edina         | Lou Petersen                       | Secretary      | Tom White               | Fred Ptashne       | 11/13/95 | Charter |
| League of Women Voters of Mpls             | Rosemarie Kelly                    | Exec Director  | Marguerite Benson       | Katie Fournier     | 7/5/96   | Charter |
| X Middle East Peace Now                    | Loren Tesdell                      | President      | Kay Abbott              | Loren Tesdell      | 2/22/96  | Charter |
| Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights       | Nancy Arnison                      | Exec Director  | ??                      | ??                 | 1/29/96  | Charter |
| X Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation   | Mary Seigel                        | State Bd Mem   | Leslie Reindl           | Alex Stach         | 6/25/96  | Charter |
| → Minnesota Veterans For Peace             | Wayne Wittman                      | President      | Patrick Downey          | Wayne Wittman      | 12/14/95 | Charter |
| People of Faith Peacemakers                | Eleanor Yackel                     | Representative | ??                      | ??                 | 5/24/96  | Charter |
| Plymouth Congrtl Chrch-Gl Cncls Cm         | Suzanne Joyce                      | Chair          | David Homans            | Suzanne Joyce      | 10/28/96 | Charter |
| Presbytery of TC Area Peacemaking Cm       | Stephan Van Kuiken                 | Chair          | Maria Brink             | Stephan Van Kuiken | 4/10/96  | Charter |
| X St Joan of Arc-Peace & Justice Cm        | Jim Maurer                         | Director       | Pat Quinlan             | Jim Maurer         | 11/21/96 | Charter |
| X St Luke Prsbyterian Chrch-P&J Fcs Grp    | John Malone                        | Co-Chair       | ??                      | ??                 | 12/31/96 | Charter |
| → United Nations Association of Minnesota  | Stuart Ackman <i>Kimberly Hahn</i> | President      | Ngonje "Emelia" Diebaki | ??                 | 11/14/95 | Charter |
| United Nations Rally                       | Christine Obst                     | President      | Mary Mantis             | Earl Eames         | 8/30/96  | Charter |
| X Walker Community Un Methodist Church     | Roger Lynn                         | Pastor         | Roger Lynn              | ??                 | 11/19/96 | Charter |
| → Women Against Military Madness           | Tammy McKenna                      | Staff          | Sylvia Siggelkow        | ??                 | 12/12/95 | Charter |
| X Women's Intl L-Peace & Freedom-Mn Metro  | Malinda Schmiechen                 | Exec Director  | Diane Knust             | Malinda Schmiechen | 12/23/96 | Charter |
| → World Citizen, Inc.                      | Nancy Baumgartner                  | Exec Director  | Lynn Elling             | Nancy Baumgartner  | 12/13/95 | Charter |
| → World Federalist Assoc-Minnesota Chapter | Joe Schwartzberg                   | President      | Joe Schwartzberg        | Ev Kalambakodis    | 11/20/95 | Charter |
| Minnesota Intl Center                      | Carole Byrne                       | Exec. Director | 625-4421                |                    |          |         |

27 Groups

TCA 3/5/97

↑ TOM ATCHISON  
(?)  
COMPILER.

→ HI-LITED

9 ENROLLED - 1995 (NOV./DGC)

X STILL MEMBERS OF MAP - 2023 <sup>AUG.</sup>

## A BIT OF HISTORY: THE MINNESOTA PEACE AND JUSTICE COALITION

By Louise Pardee

The Minnesota Peace and Justice Coalition was unique. From modest beginnings with a few groups, a borrowed desk and a part-time coordinator, it expanded in a decade to include more than 100 groups that encompassed a range of issues. In fact, it became the longest-running multi-issue coalition in the country.

Early in 1983 a dozen or so groups began to meet, initially to explore how we could combine our efforts to be more effective in confronting the very real nuclear threat. Among them was the World Federalist Association, represented by Louise Pardee, then president of the Minnesota chapter, and her husband Ned, a long-time Federalist and peace activist. Others were the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Nuclear Freeze, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Clergy and Laity Concerned, the United Nations Assn., and the Central America Resource Center.

By spring of 1983, we were publishing a twice-monthly Calendar of Events, and holding monthly meetings to discuss goals and strategies. We had no models for this kind of work: we were inventing the Coalition as we went along. Ginger Ehrman, our part-time coordinator, helped keep it all together with her creativity and organizing skills. At first, our goals were simply networking and supporting one another. We also maintained a list of media contacts and organized workshops on media relations and fundraising.

But we soon began to understand that all issues are connected. You cannot have peace without justice. Thus, our mission expanded to education and action. This included major daylong conferences on the Middle East; U.S.--U.S.S.R Relations; Racism; Militarism and the Economy; and the United Nations. The latter was co-chaired by Louise Pardee. Each member group was invited to explore the ways in which their issues connected with the work of the UN and to prepare a workshop accordingly. We had about 25 such workshops that day and nearly 200 in attendance. Our keynote speaker was John Anderson, former presidential candidate (Independent).

Other issues of importance were Native American fishing rights; education about Native American history during the Columbus Quincentennial in 1992, supporting union workers striking in Austin, and opposing wars supported by the US government in Central America. We also had an action plan to mobilize rallies in the event of some military action. Many times we gathered at Peavey Plaza in downtown Minneapolis to rally and march.

Another notable success was joining with member groups and Parliament Management Co. to develop the Meridel LeSueur Center for Peace and Justice in 1987, where we had an office, a full-time Director and three other staff members.

What happened to it? The most difficult problem was losing financial support as the Cold War ended. Staff changes and some internal problems all combined to make it a formidable challenge to continue. But we had served the cause of peace and justice well and faithfully, and perhaps our day had passed. Could there ever be another like it?

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CITIZENS FOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS MINNESOTA (CGS MN)

by Dick Bernard  
2023

CGS Minnesota is in its 77<sup>th</sup> year as an organization in 2023.

The history of Citizens for Global Solutions (MN) began not long after World War II as the Minnesota Chapter of a national organization called the World Federalist Association (WFA). The roots of the organization were planted in the immediate wake of WWII, and WFA was essentially dedicated to the need for international cooperation to lessen the possibility of future and ever-more deadly wars.

The local organization was founded by **Ron and Clare McLaughlin** as **Americans United for World Government 11-21-46**. Ron was the temporary chair. In WWII Ron was part of the Army Air Force (later Air Force) and later was a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He and Clare were passionate advocates for a peaceful and cooperative world.

On Feb 22, 1947, five groups favoring "world government" merged in Asheville NC under the organization title of United World Federalists. On October 5, 1947, the Minnesota chapter held its first official election, electing **Adelaide Enright** as the Minnesota Chairperson. Ms Enright among other accomplishments, was one of the founders of Minnesota Public Television, and was a close friend of Eleanor Roosevelt.

On November 12-14, 1947, the (second) National Assembly of the United World Federalists was held in Minneapolis at the Nicollet Hotel.

Ron McLaughlin was the second chair in 1949 and Dr Huntley Dupre, Hamline dean, was elected chair in 1950. There followed a long succession of advocates for a better world. Two past-presidents of the local chapter, **Lynn Elling** and **Joe Schwartzberg**, recorded their philosophies in May 2014, and the videos can be watched at <https://www.globalsolutionsmn.org/peacemakers>. The two peacemakers are memorialized at <https://amillioncopies.info>.

In 2003, more than 50 years into its history, the organization changed its name, as described by then President Joe Schwartzberg in its January 2004 newsletter. *"...it became apparent over the years that the word "Federalist" in WFA's old name meant little to most of the potential activists we were trying to attract to our movement. Research revealed that for most of the under-fifty set the word simply had no emotional or intellectual appeal. Some confused WFA with [other totally unrelated organizations and] sad to say, had very little notion of what the concept of federalism was all about, even if they were generally sympathetic to the idea of world law and the necessity for global justice as a prerequisite for global peace. Finally, there were many who...recoiled from promoting "world government," which, they feared, could soon become global tyranny...."*

From the beginning, many, perhaps most, members of WFA/CGS were also members of a totally separate United Nations Association (UNA).

in the Global Solutions MN newsletter in Nov. 2015, long time member of UNA, Jim Nelson, and present Board member of CGS MN, described the two groups thusly: "A local organization called the Association for the United Nations was founded in Minnesota in 1946...During the formative years of the United Nations different individuals and groups emphasized different qualities of international organizations...The so-called "federalist" organization...placed great emphasis on enforceable law."

Over their long and overlapping life spans, CGS MN and UNA MN have independently and cooperatively witnessed to the need for cooperation among people and means to resolve disputes. They sponsored and contributed a great deal to the cause of Peace and Justice, including being the founders of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers, still a functioning coalition of organizations in Minnesota.

CGS MN volunteer leaders have been strong and effective opinion leaders over the years.