

Minutes of the Ordinary General Assembly of Associates of Latin American Population Association - LAPA

Montevideo, Uruguay, October 25th, 2012

Being the twenty hours and ten minutes of the twenty-fifth day of October in the year two thousand and twelve, Montevideo, Uruguay, Fernando Lozano in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors 2011-2012 of the Latin American Population Association - LAPA - opened the Ordinary General Assembly of Associates, and requests the Assembly that one of its members be appointed to preside over the Assembly and another member to act as its secretary. Brígida Garcia suggests the name of Juan José Calvo for President which received unanimous approval of the present. Then, Carlos Echarri suggests the name of Ana Maria Nogales Vasconcelos for the role of Secretary, which also was approved by unanimous vote of those present. The opening of the Assembly is formally given. Its President submits to consideration the respective agenda, proposing a change in the order of paragraphs 6 (six) and seven (7) of the points set out in Public Notice previously announced. Considering this change, the topics on the agenda are proposed according to the following order: 1. Election of Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly 2. Agreement of associates with the proposed Agenda 3. Selecting the form of voting for lists for the Board of Directors 2013-2014 (open or secret ballot) 4. Presentation of the General Report of the Board of Directors 2011-2012 5. Report of the Supervisory Committee 2011-2012 6. Reading and referral of ALAP's pronouncement on the future agenda for population and development; 7. Vote or disclosure of the outcome of the election for the period 2013-2014; 8. General issues. The Assembly unanimously approved the new Agenda. Then, the President opened the debate about the way of voting lists for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee and the Electoral Committee. Alternatives are presented as: secret ballot, during the realization of the Assembly, or opened, by hand raised, at the end of

the Assembly, since only a complete list of candidates had been entered for the elected offices of ALAP Board of 2013-2014. It was requested the reading of the names that make the list of candidates for Board of Directors of LAPA. After that, the President put to a vote the voting mechanism. By a large majority, with two votes against and no abstentions, the participants decided to vote for the Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee and Election Committee openly, by raising of hands. As the next point on the Agenda, the President of the Assembly invited the Chairman of the Board of Direction, Fernando Lozano Ascencio, for the presentation of the General Report of the Board of Directors. The report covered the following topics: 1) Organizational aspects of the Committee of Direction (management structure); 2) Administrative operation; 3) Publications; 4) Events; 5) Affiliation; 6) LAPA Networks; 7) Communication with associates; 8) Finance; 9) Conclusions. With respect to the management structure, the President informed about the changes occurred over the period of management on the composition of the Committee of Direction 2011-2012. Due to work commitments after the election which would not enable to dedicate time to the activities of LAPA, Vice President Enrique Peláez and Finance Secretary Paul Jannuzzi requested removal. As provided in the statutes of the Association, they were replaced by Alejandra Silva Pizarro, as Vice President, and Roberto Luiz do Carmo, as Secretary of Finance, both elected as Vocal members of the Board of Direction. Fernando Lozano followed with exposing the decentralized management of the Association, and spoke about the administrative operation called "institutional solidarity scheme." With the support of the home institutions of the President (CRIM-UNAM Mexico), of the Secretary of Finance (NEPO-Unicamp Brazil) and of the General Secretary (UDELAR Uruguay), were established three executive secretaries who worked in a coordinated manner during the period of administration. Publications conducted by ALAP in 2011-2012 (Relap and Serie Investigaciones) were presented and their editors, Marcela Cerrutti of RELAP and Jorge Rodríguez Vignoli of the Serie Investigaciones, were congratulated for the job done. Fernando Lozano also highlighted the

institutional participation of ALAP at various events and international and regional meetings, highlighting the strengthening of relations with associations of regional population studies, including the African Union for Population Studies and the Asian Association of Population. Then, he discussed the organization of the V Congress of LAPA, highlighting the alliance and close collaboration with the Uruguayan Association of Population Studies (UAPE) and the intensive work with local authorities at the federal level, and directly with the Presidency of the Republic, that issued resolution declaring of national interest the realization of the V Congress of LAPA in Montevideo. On learning about the Presidency of the Republic resolution, the Assembly applauded enthusiastically. Continuing the report, Fernando Lozano presented the list of sponsors and collaborators of the V Congress of LAPA thanking everyone, and especially to the offices of Uruguay and of New York of the Regional Fund for Population of the United Nations (LACRO), for the financial support received. Turning to the topic of affiliation, Fernando Lozano showed the evolution of the number of associates since the founding of LAPA in 2004, and currently counting 668 members. This number was presented according to nationality. To finalize the report, Fernando Lozano presented the strengths and weaknesses of LAPA Networks, the financial situation of the Association, with the number of members with dues on time and the main sources of funding for the operation of the Association and for the realization of the V Congress; and future challenges, including: greater international presence, strengthening institutional affiliations, strengthening institutional solidarity schemes and diversification of sources of funding. The Assembly approved the General Report of the Board of Directors by acclamation. Then, the President of the Assembly invited the Supervisory Committee, comprised of Hugo Oddone and Jorge Dehay, to present its report. The report read by Hugo Oddone approved the biennial Balance presented by the Board of Directors 2011-2012, and was formally handed over to the General Secretary for consultation of the associates. The Financial Report was put to a vote and the Assembly approved it by acclamation. To present the LAPA pronouncement on

the future agenda of population and development, the Assembly President invited Fernando Lozano to read the document and to give explanations of referrals. After the reading, the following proposal of forwarding was put to a vote: reading the document at the closing session of the V Congress and forwarding the document to associates for consultation, being the term of this consultation to be set out at time of dispatch. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Assembly. Before the chairman of the meeting initiated the voting process, Suzana Cavenaghi proposed reversal of the last two points of the Agenda in order that discussion on the value of the annuity, included in General Issues, could be held prior to the vote for the Board of Directors 2013-2014. The proposal to maintain the Agenda adopted at the beginning of the Assembly was put to a vote and was approved by majority. Thus, continuation was given for the voting process for the different organs of the direction of 2013-2014 LAPA management (Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee and Election Committee). To read the list and presentation of candidates, the President invited Rofilia Ramírez, member of the Electoral Commission. The full list is presented below: **Board of Directors:** President: *Laura Rodriguez Wong*, Brazilian researcher, separated, residing at Rua Itabira 841, apartment 302, Lagoinha, Belo Horizonte, CEP: 31100-340, 5481109 CPF No. 01054772819, Vice President: *Rogelio Fernandez Castilla*, Argentine, professor, married, residing at Sarmiento 869 Torre E. Dpto. 7-F, San Fernando del Valle de Catamarca, Catamarca, Republic of Argentina, Passport No. 13.539.891. General Secretary: *María Alejandra Silva Pizarro*, Chilean, program assistant, single, residing at Montecassino 930, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile, Passport No. 6.964.534-8, Financial Secretary / Administrative Secretary: *José Eustaquio Diniz Alves*, Brazilian, researcher, divorced, residing at Praia do Flamengo, 98, apt 209, CEP 22210-030, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, Brazil, Passport No. FB411097, CPF: 231314896-34. Vocals: *Carlos Javier Echarri Cánovas*, Mexican, professor, married, residing at Insurgentes sur 3493 Edificio 29 Dept. 102, Villa Olimpica, Delegación Tlalpan, Mexico, D.F. 14020, Passport No. G07150867. *Arodis Robles*, Costa

Rican, profesor, married, address Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, 2060, Costa Rica, Passport No. 800650522, *Carmen Elisa Flores*, Colombian, married, residing at Calle 64 No. 3B - 52, apartment 804, Bogota, Colombia, Passport No. P058287, Deputy Vocals: *Carmen Varela Petito*, Uruguayan, professor and researcher, married, resident at Br. España 2584 apartment 004, Montevideo, Uruguay, passport No.12981125, *Dina Carmen Li Suárez*, Peruvian, widow, residing at Edificio Los Olmos 701 - Residencial San Felipe, Jesus Maria Lima 11, Lima, Peru, Passport No. 4457754. *Leandro González*, Argentine, professor, married, residing at Av Cárcano 336, Mendiolaza, CP 5107, Cordoba, Argentina, Passport No. 21099431. **Election Committee**: *Victor Arocena*, Peruvian, professor, divorced, residing at Av Arnaldo Márquez 1053, dpto 302 A, Lima, Peru, Passport No. 3341970. *Didimo Castillo*, Mexican, professor, single, residing at Saratoga 1014, Dpto. 402, Col. Portales, Del. Benito Juárez, Mexico, D.F. CP 03300, Mexico, Passport No. 1666943. *Daylin Javique Rodriguez*, Cuban, pequisadora, single, residing at Calle 168, Edificio BDE-2, Apt. 7. Reparto Flores, Playa, La Habana, Cuba, Passport No. 0958213. *Brenda Yopez*, Venezuelan researcher, single, residing at Calle 3rd Residencias Alba. Piso 6, Apt. 31, La Urbina 1073, Caracas, Venezuela, Passport No. 040934105. *Edith Marlene Arrua Sosa*, Paraguayan, single, residing at Paraguari 1080 c / RCA Colombia, Asuncion, Paraguay, Passport No. 002282096. **Fiscal Committee**: *Anitza Freitez*, Venezuelan, professor, single, residing at Urb Juan Pablo II Parque 2, Apt. 1^a-10, Montalbán, Caracas, Venezuela, Passport No. 51072575. *Juan José Calvo Silva*, Uruguayan, single, economist, residing at calle Maciel 1388 apto 4, Montevideo, Uruguay, Passport No. 1.912.903-9. It is also mentioned names of other collaborators who are not part of the list of candidates, Jorge Rodriguez (Chile) as adviser to the committee of publications, Marcela Cerrutti and Georgina Binstock as editors of RELAP. According to what had been previously established by the Assembly, the President submitted to vote the nominal list of candidates, which was unanimously approved by raised hand. The elected president of the Board of Directors, Laura Wong, requests permission to speak to

thank her colleagues that together with her take the direction of LAPA beginning 2013 and to announce the work plan that will be presented at the closing session of the V Congress. The President of the Assembly continues the Agenda with General Issues. The theme of the amount of LAPA annuity is submitted to discussion. Suzana Cavenaghi proposes to maintain the amount of annuities charged in 2011-2012. It is proposed by Fabiana del Popolo that LAPA seeks other forms of payment, with other credit cards. The president explained that this latest proposal will only be implemented if it does not generate any additional costs to the Association. The President made the proposal to the new Board of Directors to seek alternatives to improve the method of payment of annuities in order to facilitate such payments to associates resident in countries that have restrictions for the purchase / sale of foreign currencies. This proposal was approved by majority. Regarding the amounts of annuities it is approved the maintenance of the amount of US\$40 American dollars for individual annuities for associates residing in countries with high and average income per capita and US\$30 American dollars for residents in countries with low income per capita and US\$20 American dollars for students. The institutional annuity remains at US\$150 American dollars. Also in General Issues, Alejandro Giusti demanded LAPA position on the issue of elimination of Spanish as the official language of the next Congress of the IUSSP. Maria Eugenia Cosio Zavala commented on the difficulty of maintaining French language as an official language of that Congress and on steps being taken to ensure simultaneous translation into French also. Fátima Juárez, a member of the organizing committee of the IUSSP Congress, comments that the Spanish language was never official, saying that it was used in France since the local organizing committee had been able to afford such use. She commented the difficulties encountered in Busan, South Korea, to obtain simultaneous translation into languages other than English and Chinese. After several comments on this issue, the Assembly approved, by majority, that LAPA forward request to IUSSP in order that Spanish be considered official language in their Congresses. Nothing further to discuss, at

21h53min of the twenty-fifth day of October in the year two thousand and twelve, the Assembly is declared finalized.

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