

## Some Ways Local Chapters Benefit from Southern California UNA-USA

- 1. Fostering communication among members and leaders across eleven chapters.
- 2. Promoting your chapter events across SoCal via the division web calendar, social media, member email updates, and regional gatherings.
- 3. Sharing opportunities in our region with SoCal GenUN (student members) and SoCal UNA-USA Young Professionals (members age 20 to 40).
- 4. Holding regular division board meetings and regional events to meet UN and UNA-USA leaders from other chapters and beyond. All division governance (officers, bylaws, programs, and budgets) is decided by your chapter members on the division board. The relationships between your chapter presidents has proven most valuable to our effective UNA-USA presence.
- 5. Working closely with our elected Regional Representatives (to the Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee) to support and represent your chapter on the national steering committee.
- 6. Regional Representatives and SoCal division officers give your chapter a regional voice with the national UNA-USA staff on issues such as chapter governance, membership records, email contacts, keeping your chapter in good standing, tax filings, input to planning the national meeting, and getting the most from the multiple programs of the UN Foundation such as Nothing But Nets).
- 7. Providing a "safe place" for chapter leaders to come together and share best practices and what chapters need from our division and national office.
- 8. Sharing local and regional resources to strengthen your chapter, including board training, event planning, bylaws, chapter governance, fundraising, membership, letters to the editor, op-eds, program ideas, speakers, as well as web and social media techniques.
- 9. Promoting UNA-USA advocacy goals across our chapters, coordinating visits where chapters share representation, and alerting your advocacy leads.
- 10. Working effectively with student interns and sharing successful techniques.
- 11. Model UN and Global Classroom contacts and information to strengthen ties with our local chapters. Experienced Model UN leaders in our region can help your chapter efforts.
- 12. Growing new chapters to strengthen our UNA-USA presence in the region.