



# **GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes from our last meeting (April 2009) were mailed out to members on June 20, 2009. Our next general meeting will be held on August 29, 2009, in Los Angeles. The focus of the agenda will be (1) reports from those present; (2) update on projects/publication of books; and (3) Barrio Book Fest. Please calendar the August meeting and make every effort to attend. If you can't attend, please send your report via e-mail. More details (address of meeting, etc.) will be mailed out in a few days.

## **★ VENCEREMOS (NEWSPAPER FROM UNIVERSITY OF UTAH)**

Venceremos staff attended the Conference For Critical Race Studies (CRS) and presented a workshop titled "Reclaiming The Village Through a Chicana/o Student Newspaper". The conference was held in Tucson, Arizona from May 21 to 23, 2009. Venceremos also participated in the "Free Minds, Free People" Conference held in Houston, Texas, where they presented a workshop titled "We Shall Prevail: Media Justice In The Press". The conference was held in Houston, Texas. Representatives will present a workshop titled "Venceremos: How A Chicana/o Student Newspaper And A Classroom Operates As A Borderland" at the MALCS (Mujeres Activas En Letras y Cambio Social). The conference will take place from July 23 to 26, 2009.

## **★ LUIS MORENO, EDITOR OF GUERRILLERO/AS DE LA PLUMA**

Luis wrote an article and laid-out the Spring 2009 Issue of Guerrillero/as de La Pluma (journal of the RPMA). The focus of the Spring Issue of Guerrillero/as de La Pluma was the 40th Anniversary of Chicana/o Studies. Luis has kept the RPMA web page updated. He presented at the Annual National Association of Chicano/a Studies Conference (NACCS) held in Newark, NJ, from April 8-11, 2009. Work has begun on the Fall Issue (2009) of La Pluma. As agreed upon at our last meeting (see minutes forwarded to all members), the focus of this issue will be on the issue/question of "immigration", especially the marches that took place during the month of May. Please forward all articles, photos, etc. to Luis Moreno (see our web page for address). We will accept all articles related to the Media. A more formal call for articles will be made by end of July 2009.

## **★ OSCAR MICHEL, MOVEMENT PHOTOGRAPHER**

Oscar participated and contributed to the SCIC conference by documenting the events through photography. He is making available his photos for use by RPMA members. Oscar is currently assisting/working on documentation of labor and the border. You can contact at him at: [omichel@urbanresonance.net](mailto:omichel@urbanresonance.net).

## **★ LA VERDAD PUBLICATIONS**

Benjamin Prado is the editor of La Verdad (publication of Unión del Barrio); the latest issue was produced on May 1, 2009, to coincide with "May Day" celebrations that took place throughout the world. La Verdad will be organizing several "talleres" (workshops) on how to write political articles and layout of flyers. La Verdad has also produced several videos posted on youtube (publicity of Somos Raza activities, recent struggle in defense of young Raza deported by ICE, etc.).

## **★ CLAVO EN EL CORAZON (ANTONIO VELAZQUEZ)**

Antonio has written several articles through Clavo En El Corazon Publications. He parti-

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pated at the RPMA workshop held at the A.R.E. conference on Feb. 28, 2009. Antonio also has organized a series of workshops for young people and parents, with the objective of creating a "Cop Watch" to stop police violence in Santa Barbara. During the months of June and July, there have been 8 political-social commentaries posted on the net. Media workshops for youth will take place on the following dates: July 10, 17, and July 24 (in Santa Barbara).

### ★ FRANCISCO ROMERO, MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION COORDINATOR OF RPMA

Francisco presented at the Southern California Immigration Coalition (SCIC) conference held in (South Central) Los Angeles on April 11, 2009, and wrote an article on the conference, which has posted on the net and printed in several publications. Francisco continues to work on his political novel *Luz del Dia*. He continues to write regular commentaries called "The Midnight Special". Francisco and Ernesto Bustillos have transcribed presentations made at 2009 Global Studies Conference: Globalization and the Struggle for Peace and Human Rights, held at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida (May 8 – 10). The workshop was titled: "Raza Media Within The Belly of The Beast". They will be posted soon.

### ★ RADIO CALIPULLI

Oscar Marquez and Rocio Navarro produce Radio Calipulli and also work with MEChA at Cal Poly Pomona. They have re-produced their recordings on CDs. Their focus is youth, culture, and revolutionary politics.

### ★ MARTIN TERRONES (FILM PRODUCER)

Martin Terrones served on the Media Committee for the SCIC conference, helped develop press releases for the conference, and moderated two workshops on the "Role of Media and Immigration Reform" and "Cultural Workers/Artists and Immigration Reform". Martin will also work on a film for the SCIC to be used for Youtube. He has recently directed and produced several stories for the BBC. He has been asked by Middle Eastern media, Al Jazeera, to produce immigration related stories. Martin has also been asked to be a keynote speaker at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA, to be held on May 15, 2009.

### ★ ERNESTO BUSTILLOS, RPMA COORDINATOR

Ernesto presented at the A.R.E. Feb. 28, 2009) conference at a workshop titled, "Deconstruction of the Colonial Mind Through Critical Media Literacy". He also wrote several articles, one, a critique of Chicano Studies, published in the RPMA journal, *Guerrillero/a de La Pluma*, and another, and a contribution for *La Verdad*, which focused on the "40th commemoration of El Plan de Santa Barbara, MEChA, and Chicano Studies". Ernesto presented (along with Francisco Romero) at the Global Studies Conference on May 10, in Boca Raton, Fl. He is currently editing/updating books on Chicano Journalism and Chicano Studies.

For feedback or more information, please see/contact us at:

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