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Mid-Atlantic Region

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Marielle Ali

UNA Affiliation: Southern NY State Division

Years a Member: 5

Biography

A born and raised New Yorker, Marielle is a global citizen who strives for social justice impact both locally and internationally and is the current Chair of the Southern New York Division Young Professionals Program. She is a young professional with over six years of experience working in government and non-profit roles working at Open Society Foundations, the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations, the United States Mission to the United Nations, UNICEF among other places. A passionate human rights advocate, Marielle has advocated on the local, national and international levels on topics ranging from education to the ban of nuclear weapons. Also, Marielle has advised non-profits in their United Nations' engagement leading to strategic partnerships within the United Nations system. She is an Honorary Advisor to the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development. Marielle is also a RESULTS volunteer and former Organizing for Action Fellows Manager. Additionally, Marielle is a Global Youth Ambassador with A World At School. Currently, Marielle works at LitWorld, a non-profit promoting the right to literacy for children all over the world. She is also mother to a joyous toddler boy.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

After learning about United Nations Association, I became a member. I immediately became involved by joining the Southern New York Division's Young Professionals group. Beginning in 2013, I volunteered and supported the YP's African Affairs Committee. In November 2015, I joined the Young Professionals board as the Director of Social and Humanitarian Affairs, where I led a committee of over 20 people and planned and hosted several events, such as an advocacy event, career fair, and two side events during the Commission on the Status of Women. In May 2017, I was appointed Chair of the Young Professionals in the Southern New York Division. Currently, I lead a ten-person Young Professional Board of Directors. I manage and strategize the YP programming to ensure an active and engaging program is available to the Southern New York Young Professionals' network of over 4,000 young professionals in the New York City tri-state area.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Young Professional Chair

Committee Member

Leadership positions in other organizations

REAL Change Fellow - 2014, RESULTS

Fellows Manager, Organizing for Action

Global Youth Ambassador, A World At School

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

I am interested in serving as a regional representative because I would like to take my leadership within UNA USA to the next level. As the Chair of the Southern New York Division Young Professionals, I can directly share and implement procedures and guidance from the national level to the YP programming in my area. Also, the region should continue to have young professionals on the National Council.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?



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I have over six years of direct experience working in and around the United Nations through many different positions. I worked at UNICEF, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and several non-profits with accreditation to the UN. Due to this, my intimate knowledge of this United Nations along with my network of contacts is beneficial. Additionally, I am a member of the SNY Division and am the Chair of the Young Professionals program.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

I would be able to contribute to the advocacy committee. My prior experience in advocacy at the United Nations and on Capitol Hill would be beneficial to the committee. I have over six years of experience working in and at the United Nations, and I am familiar with the various systems and mechanisms available for civil society to advocate at the United Nations. I would also be interested in the education committee. I would like to support continuing efforts to inform the general public of the United Nations and the importance of a positive and engaging US-UN relationship.



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Marcia Brewster

UNA Affiliation: Westchester Chapter

Years a Member: 13

Biography

Marcia M. Brewster has been President of UNA-Westchester (NY) for the last six year, also serving on the board of the Southern NY State Division. She has participated in organizing the annual Members Day Summit in New York, in UNA-Women and UNA-Alums. She devoted most of her career to United Nations programs related to water, sustainable development and gender. Until 2006 she was Senior Officer for water resources in the Sustainable Development Division at United Nations headquarters in New York. She worked for the UN for over 30 years, both in New York and at the regional UN office for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, Thailand. She served as Manager of the UN's Interagency Task Force on Gender and Water, and is deeply concerned about gender equality and women's empowerment. She is currently a senior consultant with Nautilus International Development Consulting in New York, and has recently undertaken assignments with the World Water Council and the Global Environment Facility. She has an MSc from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and spent 13 years living and working in Asia. She lives in Hastings on Hudson, NY and is the mother of twin boys.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Has served as President for 6 years and on the board before that for 6 years, as VP and newsletter editor. She has been responsible for organizing 4 or more community events each year. She also belongs to the UNA-Woman and UNA-Alums affinity groups.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member
Committee Member
President
Vice President

UNA Women Lead
Program Chair
Newsletter editor

Leadership positions in other organizations

President, Group on Equal Rights for Women in the UN
Board Member, Town of Greenburgh Water Advisory Committee
Board Member, Earth Society Foundation

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

As she will be stepping down as President of the chapter, members of the board requested that she run for regional representative in order to continue to serve UNA-USA in a broader capacity.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

Broad and deep knowledge of the work of the United Nations, long service with UNA-USA, commitment to the ideals of both organizations, public speaking and communications.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?



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Marcia Brewster

Communications, education (Global Classrooms), partner development. The Westchester chapter has developed very close working relationships with AKA, the Links, Rotary, local colleges and many other community organizations.



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Eustache Clerveaux

UNA Affiliation: Southern NY State Division

Years a Member: 2

Biography

Eustache Clerveaux is a Financial Planner who works exclusively with the generation X and generation Y. A proud alum of Hagan School of Business at Iona College where Eustache received his MBA focus in Financial Management. Eustache also received his BA in Liberal Arts at Purchase College and currently serves as a Board of Director of the United Nations Association of the New York Southern Division.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Eustache is currently serving as a Board of Director of the UNA-SNY and a former committee member of the UNA-SNY YP Sustainability and Economic Development committee.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Committee Member

Leadership positions in other organizations

Advisory Board Member, Saint Philip and James School in the Bronx

HACSO Community Center, Inc, Board Member

Civic & Economic Committee Member, New York Urban League Young Professional

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

Eustache is interested in serving as a regional representative to serve as liaison between the Mid Atlantic region and the national office. Eustache will promote membership and assist the chapters in the Mid Atlantic region in strengthening their effectiveness and compliance with national standards.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

Eustache greatest contribution to the National Council will be in advocacy and educational programs.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

Eustache would contribute the most in the area of Advocacy and Education. Eustache will bring his vast experience and skills gained from other organizations to make the areas where he would be working successful.



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Hugh T. Dugan

UNA Affiliation: Princeton-Trenton Chapter

Years a Member: 3

Biography

Hugh Dugan has developed a distinguished career in diplomatic representation, negotiation, and corporate governance. He is an international affairs scholar and an expert on US participation in the UN Organization. He served in the US Diplomatic Corps from 1983 to 2015, including as senior adviser to eleven US Permanent Representatives to the UN and as US Delegate to the UN for 26 years until 1989. Through expert assessment and management of international political dynamics as played out at the UN, Mr. Dugan initiated and negotiated many significant agreements, such as normative, technical, and operational items within the evolution of North-South relations. Expert at effective, strategic US participation at the UN, he spearheaded the resolution of \$1 billion in US arrears to the UN in 2000. Mr. Dugan served as the lead negotiator on many US Delegations to the UN, including the UN's Peacebuilding Commission, Economic and Social Council, and Committee on NGOs. He coordinated the US Delegation to many sessions of the UNGA and of ECOSOC and served as the US senior expert for elections to UN bodies. He served in 2002 as senior fellow to US Senator Enzi, Ranking Member on the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism. The State Department honored his performance with five commendations. Mr. Dugan is adjunct professor and Director of UN Engagement at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy. He appears TV news programs as an opinion leader on issues related to multilateral diplomacy. Mr. Dugan served on the board of the Academic Council of the UN System and is a member of UNA-USA Trenton/Princeton Chapter. Education: The School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (BSFS), The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (MALD) as S. Pinkney Tuck Fellow, and the Wharton School of Business (MBA) as a State Department Fellow.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Since 1989 I have advocated for UNA while serving as US Delegate to the UN and beyond, including attending annual gala events, speaking to UNA groups including national Model UN gatherings, and meeting with UNA leadership on current issues. At Seton Hall University, I support the campus UNA chapter and the campus Model UN at which I spoke as keynote for its 2017 conference. I spoke at UNA's National Leadership Summit in Washington in 2017 at was keynote speaker at Houston's UN Day 2017 program of activities.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Leadership positions in other organizations

Board Member, Academic Council of the UN System
President, Fletcher School Alumni Association of New York
Chair, Vanderbilt YMCA (NYC)

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

Hailing from membership in UNA-USA Princeton-Trenton and active with Seton Hall's chapter and its Model UN program, I would be able to engage various constituencies, reflect their views, and advise them accordingly. My frequent interaction with UN officials continues in my current role as Director of UN Engagement for Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy, many of whom are also UNA-USA members or



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supporters. I already reach many with my routine twitter items @profhughdugan and TV commentary appearances, enabling me to bring the region's concerns to larger audiences.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

I bring one of the longest tenures of service at the US Mission to the UN - 26 years - spanning the 44th to the 71st General Assemblies. All the while I engaged with academia and civil society to understand and promote a balanced representation of US interests for its effective participation at the UN Organization. I would bring that institutional knowledge and invest it among UNA-USA colleagues for increased returns to the work of the National Council.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

My skill set and experiences would be at the disposal of the National Council's evolving program of work. My contribution would provide more insight to National Council considerations in prioritizing what would and would not be practicable to pursue from an operational perspective set against the realities of the environments in which I have developed my professional career. My wide range of contacts within the Turtle Bay community would introduce more partners for developing mutual interests in support of the UN Charter.



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Perry Elbadrawi

UNA Affiliation: National Member

Years a Member: 8

Biography

Perry Elbadrawi is an Analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co in the Office of Regulatory Affairs in New York. She is a graduate of the University of Miami, with a BA in Economics, International Studies and Political Science. At UM, she was active on campus in promoting an awareness of International affairs as, among other things, Head Delegate of the Model United Nations team and Secretary General of the Miami International Conference for the Simulation of the United Nations, a high school model UN conference. Perry is passionate about international politics and meticulously keeps up with the latest global news. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, exploring NYC's diverse food-scene, and photography. Perry speaks French and Arabic.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

I have been a member of UNA-USA for over 8 years, beginning as a delegate at Global Classrooms Miami, a Model United Nations conference hosted by UNA-USA. I later served as a chair at both Global Classrooms Miami and Global Classrooms International for several years in New York. I also served on the Board of the UNA-USA Miami Chapter as PR Chair, where I planned a number of events to engage the local community and raise awareness about the US's role in the UN. For example, I planned a UN Day event at the University of Miami where student's played games and heard from a UN Foundation speaker commemorating the adoption of the UN SDGs and the 70th 'birthday' of the UN.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Communications/Public Relations Chair

Leadership positions in other organizations

Head Delegate, University of Miami Model United Nations

Secretary General, Miami International Conference for the Simulation of the United Nations

President, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society - Miami Chapter

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

I am interested in serving as a representative for the Mid-Atlantic to promote a greater understanding and awareness of UNA's initiatives in the region. Given the role of NYC as the HQ the UN, the vast number of resources available, and diversity of opinions and interest, I would hope to connect members in the region with international professionals and experts. In particular, I would seek to get more young professionals involved with UNA-USA and encourage them to stay active and contribute their ideas for the growth and success of the organization.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

I am passionate about international affairs and the United Nations. I have spent over 8 years participating in or advising Model United Nations teams - learning from and educating others about the importance of international diplomacy. I would hope to bring this excitement and enthusiasm to the National Council to plan events and engage chapters across the country in UNA-USA's efforts.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?



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While I would be interested in working in each of these areas, I would be most interested in contributing to UNA's advocacy initiatives. I have substantive knowledge of how the UN operates, its mission, and the US's role in the UN. Now, more than ever, advocacy work is necessary to further the mission of the UN and ensure the US maintains its voice and influence. I would be delighted to contribute to UNA-USA's pivotal role in this work.



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Haris Melendez

UNA Affiliation: Northern New Jersey Chapter

Years a Member: 7

Biography

Haris Melendez has over a decade worth of experience leading cause-related and purpose driven initiatives for brands and non-profits. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from Baruch College – Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs | CUNY and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and History from Rutgers University | New Brunswick. She is most proud of her philanthropic work championing the arts and volunteering extensively for causes that she cares about such as, gender empowerment, global youth education, and disability advocacy.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Elected to coordinate virtual and in-person events and special programs. Working with the President to oversee activities which include fundraising, awareness campaigns, UN Day programs, partnerships with other organizations, and informational programs on key topics.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Program Chair

Leadership positions in other organizations

Board Member | VP, Marketing, Prospanica

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

I am interested in serving as a regional representative to assist chapters in developing strategic partnerships with businesses, government and community organizations.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

My eagerness to promote UNA-USA membership, advocacy and educational programs and campaigns to new community partners.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

Partnership development will be an area of most contribution, given that I enjoy network weaving and exploring opportunities to collaborate naturally.



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Donna Rosa

UNA Affiliation: Northern New Jersey Chapter

Years a Member: 8

Biography

I have enjoyed active and continuous leadership roles in UNA-USA since I joined in 2010. I formed the Northern New Jersey Chapter from two inactive chapters and continue to serve as the NNJ president. In 2017 our chapter was the proud winner of the Earl W. Eames, Jr. Communications Award. My previous national-level UNA experience includes serving two terms on the Steering Committee (as the National Council was then called). During my first term I chaired the Membership Task Force, and in my second term I held the office of Secretary. I am also a board member of the Southern New York State Division since 2011. In that role I have been an active member of the planning committee for the Global Engagement Summit (formerly Members' Day/Regional Conference) and have moderated panels twice at the event. In 2014 I was honored to receive the division's Lee H. Bloom Leadership Award. Professionally I am an international business development services (BDS) consultant who provides business support to micro- and small enterprises in developing countries. Following an extensive corporate career, I now leverage my business expertise in international development and aid work. I have worked in 27 countries under USAID, DFID, UNDP, and private assignments.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

I founded the Northern New Jersey Chapter and continue to serve as president. In 2017 our chapter was the proud winner of the Earl W. Eames, Jr. Communications Award. On the national level I served two terms on the Steering Committee (now National Council). During my first term I chaired the Membership Task Force, and in my second term I held the office of Secretary. I also serve as a board member of the Southern New York State Division, having done so since 2011. I have been an active member of the planning committee for the Global Engagement Summit and moderated two panels for the event.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

President

Leadership positions in other organizations

Board Member (current), Public Private Alliance Foundation

International Division Leadership Team (current), Institute of Food Technologists

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

Having served as a regional representative in the past I witnessed firsthand the growth and development of UNA, and was appreciative of the opportunity to contribute to the organization. Fantastic progress has been made. I seek to build on that growth and continue to help shape and strengthen UNA. I would represent the Mid-Atlantic Region's interests at the national level and ensure good communication from national back to my chapter and region.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

I feel that my UNA experience at the local, divisional, regional, and national levels creates a well-rounded and balanced viewpoint that would contribute to sound decisions and leadership on the



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Council. My private sector business management and organizational skills will bring a unique perspective to contribute solid, practical, actionable ideas and get things done.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

I have always been someone who pitches in wherever I'm needed, which builds experience in new fields. That said, our chapter has excelled at communications so I will be able to contribute significantly in that area. NNJ has focused on online and editorial contributions to create awareness of UN issues and UNA-USA. I have made presentations at the 2014 and 2016 Leadership Summits on our effective communications strategies, and last year we won the Eames Award for creative use of our daily online newspaper, the UNA-USA NNJ News. This year we've added a podcast series to our lineup in order to expand our reach. These tools can be shared with and taught to other chapters so we can multiply our impact.



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Greg Smith

UNA Affiliation: Upper Mohawk Valley Chapter **Years a Member:** 3

Biography

A former high school social studies teacher and current Computer Education Coordinator at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, Greg oversees the Upper Mohawk Valley (UMV) UNA-USA's Model UN program and helps to coordinate our UN Day program. Under his guidance, the Upper Mohawk Valley Model United Nations (UMVMUN) conference has flourished and earned a reputation as one of the region's finest Model UN conferences. Greg is also responsible for our social media presence, website (www.umvuna.org), newsletter editing, and email blasts. He has been instrumental in helping our UMV GenUN chapter become organized and supports their ambitions. Over the last six months, UMV GenUN has presented to various audiences about the important and valuable role of the United Nations in today's world. Greg actively stays attuned to global affairs and strongly supports UN-based activity as an integral piece needed to improve international relations and many of the problems that we face both locally and globally. Domestic and international travel - including experiencing and promoting multiculturalism - are passions for Mr. Smith. In his professional career, Greg experienced great success in his social studies classroom and took an active leadership role to improve social studies curriculum and educational pedagogy across New York State. He oversees the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES regional social studies, distance learning, and world languages programs. Locally, Greg routinely organizes community events to support cooperation, team play, and healthy activity through sports like basketball and ultimate frisbee. Greg has a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Secondary Education, a Master's degree in Literacy K-12, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Leadership.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Greg Smith has brought new energy to our local UNA-USA Upper Mohawk Valley chapter. His enthusiasm for the United Nations was first noticed by me when Greg energized the Model United Nations team in the local school district of Whitesboro, New York. Greg built the small Whitesboro School MUN team into the largest, very competitive group of high school students in just two years. His students became United Nations advocates beyond compare through Greg's leadership and have started a GenUN local group that includes high school students from several local districts. Greg has created a website for our local UNA-USA chapter which was far beyond the capability of our UNA-USA Board before Greg's arrival. Greg has stimulated and brought new ideas to our UNA-USA chapter which frankly I felt was dying just two years ago. With Greg as our new Vice President we are growing, and we have new hope for the future. Though he has been a member of the Upper Mohawk Valley chapter for just a short time, Greg has been an inspiration and a provider of energy and hope for our UNA local supporters.

UNA Positions Held

PBoard Member
Vice President

Youth Organizer

Leadership positions in other organizations

District Google Trainer, Whitesboro Central School
Technology Committee, Whitesboro Central School
Curriculum Facilitator, Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES



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Greg Smith

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

Greg is a passionate supporter of United Nations values and initiatives. He supports and advocates for our chapter on a variety of levels and to a number of community audiences. He is eager to represent our region with the UNA-USA's national council so that we can further grow support that includes a wider and stronger base of UNA members and UN advocates in our region. Likewise, Greg is determined to connect with other UNA supporters to learn about the many resources that are available to active community members seeking to expand the voice and the reach of the United Nations. Greg is an experienced leader in a number of capacities and would enthusiastically share the perspective of the people in his region, seek to provide guidance when appropriate, and work together as a team to solve common problems that we all face as local UNA leaders.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

Greg's greatest contribution to the National Council would be his communicative abilities, including his ability to listen intently to understand, synthesize ideas from many perspectives, speak articulately, question purposefully, interact diplomatically, and carry forth a message from the council that can be implemented in our local community.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

Greg will contribute to the UNA's work in all four of the areas listed (advocacy, communications, education, partner development) without a doubt. However, with his background in the field of education and his close connection to regional social studies curriculum development that is distributed across New York State, I believe that Greg has the most potential to impact the area of education. Greg is extremely motivated to support UN values and initiatives; he is well organized and detail orientated; he has demonstrated the ability to bring people together for a common cause on numerous occasions, and he has historically integrated with partner organizations to advance common goals. Greg is a very determined person and maintains a positive outlook in the face of challenges.



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Desiree Watson

UNA Affiliation: New York City Chapter

Years a Member: 12

Biography

Desiree Watson is a award winning performance focused Entrepreneur and business woman. She holds a dual B.S. degree in Marketing & Communications and has served on many boards as the Founding Member or Advisory Council, including the prestigious Women President's Organization (Essex County Founding Chapter Chair) She is trained in Complementary & Alternative Medicine, and has used her expertise in the business of marketing wellness to help accelerate women's health issues and to build partnerships between the global business community and non-profit organizations. Desiree's public profile can be found on LinkedIn.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

As Chairperson, I was honored to organize and implement the first UNANYC 60th Anniversary of the United Nations. We raised over 200k which supported the building of schools in Africa. We also launched our young professionals group. In addition we launched a very strong membership campaign and received a chapter membership award. I was proud to serve as the Membership Chair and to receive this award with our dedicated board members.

UNA Positions Held

Board Member

Vice President

Committee Member

Program Chair

Advisory Board Member

Leadership positions in other organizations

Advisory Board, Global Wellness Institute (GWI)

Executive Leadership Council, United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Advisory Board & Charter Member, Leading Women Entrepreneurs

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

I am interested in serving as a regional representative because the relationship and partnerships I have built over the years can help to accelerate and support chapter experience and knowledge on UNA and the great work it represents. My marketing and communications skills can add value in helping chapters to increase membership and impact educational excellence for the purpose of supporting UNA's message.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

My greatest contribution to the National Council is fundraising and helping chapters to accelerate in a digital world.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

Presently I serve as a advocate for UN Women/New York, and as a Champion of Change recipient. As a Entrepreneur I am a communicator and have built relationships on partner development. I served as Chairperson for the UNCF/ New York, fundraiser last summer in the Hamptons and we raised 300k to



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Desiree Watson

educate students in need. I am hoping to support the many causes that UNA represent and where the help is needed most.



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* Jeremy Zullow

UNA Affiliation: Princeton-Trenton Chapter

Years a Member: 6

Biography

I have been passionate about the United Nations since my sophomore year of high school. When I visited the UN for a conference and tour with my high school class, I left eager to bring that experience back to my school. The visit left a lasting memory, and inspired me to study the UN's complex international system. Soon after that visit, I started a chapter in my school to engage peers on the UN and international affairs, more broadly. At the time, the Millennium Development Goals provided an avenue to learn about and support the mission of the UN, so I organized book drives for education, fundraisers for global health NGOs, and hosted speakers at my school.

In college, I followed my passion by pursuing a degree in public policy and international affairs. I studied philanthropy, international development, public health, and other topics that instilled a deeper appreciation for the vast contributions of the UN system. At the same time, I was building my identity as a global citizen and so I pursued cross-cultural experiences and volunteer opportunities. I treasure studying in (and falling in love with) Spain and Argentina, and interning at the UN Women agency. After graduating, I now work in climate science communication, because I believe the looming and certain risks of climate change must be understood and necessitate more urgency in decision-making.

I continue to explore my passion for international affairs through the Princeton-Trenton chapter, and am building relationships with New Jersey students and campus chapters to connect them with UNA opportunities and resources. I am grateful for the opportunities UNA-USA provides me, and now work to engage and mentor students at my alma mater and across my home state to connect students to resources and opportunities as they pursue their interests in international affairs.

Experience with UNA-USA community chapter, campus chapter, affinity group, or as a national member.

Soon after joining the Princeton-Trenton chapter as a high school senior, I took on membership and advocacy responsibilities. The chapter then appointed me the Vice President of Advocacy, and I have had the fortunate to continue serving in that role.

In 2015, I spearheaded a personally significant project to revive UNA-USA's Adlai Stevenson Award through the Princeton-Trenton chapter, and I am proud of my chapter's work to recognize exemplary individuals through the award. For the first three years, we have connected the award to Human Rights Day, which has boosted our local profile and brought attention to Human Rights Day and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I am now working to building stronger relationships between my community chapter and students in Central Jersey. (It does exist!) I am currently helping Princeton students build a campus chapter, and am working with high school students to support educational and leadership opportunities.

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National Council Candidate Biographies Mid-Atlantic Region

** Indicates candidate is an incumbent*

*** Jeremy Zullow**

Why is the nominee interested in serving as a regional representative? How would they assist members in their region?

I ask you to elect me to continue serving on the National Council because I value building relationships with chapters in my region and I am passionately committed to enhancing UNA-USA's profile among, and resources for, youth and young professional. In my first term, I have built relationships with New Jersey chapters to support their work and promote youth engagement. At the regional level, I would facilitate stronger communication between chapters and, in particular, between community chapters and campuses.

I am passionate about youth engagement because UNA-USA has been formational for me: providing professional and growth opportunities, connecting me to like-minded, passionate peers, and instilling a deeper appreciation for, and familiarity with, the UN. The youth and young professional demographics are a critical, growing component of our national movement, and I want to continue supporting our engagement of this demographic in order to inspire and empower new generations of advocates.

What would be the nominee's greatest contribution to the National Council?

I chair the National Council's Youth Engagement Committee, which proposes national strategies for growing youth and young professional membership, supports chapter-level efforts to promote young leadership, and develops resources for chapters that want to build and expand youth and young professional programming.

In my first term, I led the development of a national network to connect our chapters through their young professional representatives. I am working to build this network so that: representatives can share strategies, ideas, and best practices; ask each other questions and collaborate; share updates about their programs; and, share important and relevant information from national staff and the National Council to chapters.

I have also invested time into building individual relationships with chapter representatives, so that I can learn about each chapter's circumstances and work with them on strategies. Ultimately, I aim to have all chapters appoint representatives to engage and connect our entire national network.

Which area of UNA's work would the nominee contribute to the most (e.g. advocacy, communications, education, partner development) and why would they be successful?

As previously stated, I would continue to lead the Youth Engagement Committee and promote greater youth and young professional development in UNA-USA. Our committee has built substantial momentum in the past year: getting more chapters to appoint a young professional representative, identifying common challenges and needs for chapters, building resources and plans to support chapters, and identifying future areas for engagement between the national and community levels.

I hope to continue leading our committee work, so that we can gradually bring every chapter into our young professional network and expand the impact of our resources. The resources we are working on include developing toolkits and webinars to target the young professional demographic with new opportunities for local and national engagement.