

**Dear UNA-Spokane Member and Friends,**

**The organizational and planning committee (from now on known as the planning committee) met Sunday, February 28 at 2 PM. Members present were: Rod Stackelberg, Fran Degerness, Sandra Joe, Kirsten Angell, Mary Stamp, Chuck Kerkering, and Jo Stowell.**

**After introductions we discussed possible statements of purpose. it was decided that our purpose could be stated as follows: To increase public knowledge of global issues and encourage strong US leadership in the United Nations.**

**Our chapter bylaws were then considered and we discussed how we might be able to fulfill these bylaws. We decided that at this time it is impossible to operate within the context of our bylaws. This does not seem to be a problem for national so we will conduct our activities in alignment with our purpose but not necessarily fulfilling the requirement of our bylaws.**

**We do not have a board and Jane Bowen as treasurer is our only officer. I made it clear that while I am happy to continue as coordinator or contact person until January 1, 2011 and Chuck will continue to send communications to UNA members and friends, this does not mean I am the president or Chuck is the secretary. For various reasons, we cannot take on that kind of responsibility.**

**We discussed different ways we might be able to fulfill our purpose. One way is to partner with other like-minded groups such as PJALS , Human Rights Educational Institute, International Women's Day, Unity in the Community,, World Affairs Council etc.**

**We chose three major events for the coming year: Peace One Day, September 21; United Nations Day, October 24; and Human Rights Day, December 10. Our planning committee will meet again on Sunday, April 25, to begin planning for these events**

**In the meantime we welcome your support and suggestions. E-mail us at**

**JCKerkering@MSN.com or phone us at  
624-3608. We would love to hear from you.**

**And if you have not yet joined the UNA-USA  
or need to renew your membership, please do so  
soon as membership fees are our only source of  
income.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jo Stowell**