

ANNUAL MEETING, NGO SUSTAINABILITY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

Welcome, we are so happy to see you. For the first time we have had to turn away prospective attendees. However, with the zoom link it was not so arduous a task.

We have another first in the number of interns with us now, from all over the US and even Europe. Again, we had to start rejecting applicants.

We have just published the 2nd edition of the "University Sustainability Report" the first one of which is circulating around the room. We are also in the process of finalizing the Sustainable Fashion Guide, which should be published during the summer, and we have 3 copies circulating in the room. All of you have before you the latest edition of our newsletter, "Global Warning." Coincidentally, featured on the front page is Ambassador Rena Lee, who served as President of the historic UN Conference on Biological Diversity in Area Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), the outcome of which one of our speakers this evening will be discussing.

Our greatest weakness is in fundraising, so we encourage all present to become members, and also if it applies, Corporate Sponsors. All is explained in the Brochure before you. We have a particular responsibility to fund our UNEP Office in Nairobi, Kenya, as students there cannot afford to intern without some form of stipend. This is particularly important as we now also have Habitat to cover there too with our board member, the Ambassador of Slovakia, serving since April as Deputy Director.

As we look towards the Fall season NGO Sustainability has an invitation from the Austrian Cultural Forum to do a joint program at their headquarters on East 52 on the Austrian and EU climate change Agenda. We will also have a Side Event at the UN, on Thursday, November 16th, 2023.

Introduction of CEO of Roth MKM, Sagar Sheth

Closing:

It is World Oceans Day, tomorrow June 8 (unworldoceansday.org) - Today, NGO Sustainability, with our scheduled speakers, is contributing to ocean literacy.