From the Conference Chair

Planning for the 2009 NAFSA Regional Conference in Cincinnati is well underway, and we are excited to share the preliminary details with you.

Our theme, “International Education: No Longer Underground,” celebrates the movement of international education from “afterthought” to a more prominent position at US institutions. Stakeholders ranging from incoming students to government officials have begun to recognize the value of international education, and as practitioners in the field, we will continue to advocate for the internationalization of our campuses and communities.

The theme also relates closely to our special event at Cincinnati’s National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and we hope that it will spark sessions and discussions that explore the role of international educators in preparing students to improve the human condition through global citizenship.

Our keynote speaker, Susan A. Mboya, will echo this theme. Mboya founded the Zawadi Africa Education Fund to provide academically gifted girls from disadvantaged backgrounds in Africa with scholarships to pursue higher education in the United States. Graduates of the program return to their communities to lobby for jobs, improved education and enhanced healthcare. (www.zawadifafrica.org/)

Finally, we are working to make your conference experience a “greener” one. From the registration process to conference clean up, our goal is to reduce the size of our carbon footprint on our host city.

James Tenney (Local Arrangements co-Chair, University of Cincinnati), Lea Minniti (Local Arrangements co-Chair, Xavier University), and a team of local volunteers have already put in many hours to develop a first-class conference for you. We hope that you will mark your calendar to join us in Cincinnati, November 7-10, to celebrate and explore international education.

Until then...enjoy the Spring!
Jodie

Jodie Beatty
Conference Chair
From the Chair

“International Education: No Longer Underground” will provide you with top notch professional development workshops and sessions in an atmosphere that underscores the shared values of our organization.

Everything I have seen from the planning committee tells me that we are going to leave Cincinnati inspired. The committee has taken themes like “social justice,” “service,” and “environmental responsibility,” that are often the subject of conference sessions and actualized them into activities, and events throughout the conference. It is really quite exciting and I really look forward to the Cincinnati Conference.

With travel budgets cut this year, it is comforting to know that you do not have to go to the National Conference in order to get important information that you need to do your job. We will have government updates on SEVIS II from Department of Homeland Security officials that will include vital information for our students and institutions this year. For many of us, getting information on the roll out of this program in October is reason enough to justify attendance at the conference. We will have sessions on Study Abroad, Recruitment, Credentials, International Education Leadership and sessions from our newest Knowledge Community, Teaching, Learning and Scholarship. As usual, we will have sessions of interest to those new, or just entering the field of International Education and seasoned professionals alike.

Professional development workshops will be offered Sunday. We have three workshops at this time; F-1 Student Advising Intermediate, J-1 Regulations - Advanced, and Academic Ethics Across Cultures. The latter is a workshop created by our own International Educational Leadership Knowledge Community Representative and former Chair, Opal Leeman-Bartzis. Students traveling across cultures encounter concepts of ‘cheating’ and ‘plagiarism’ that can lead --often unwittingly-- to serious consequences. The goal of the workshop is to learn how to train students and faculty to prevent crises with the tools and resources provided. Finally, look forward to Beginners Immigration stand-alone workshops this summer in July.

The conference will also highlight exhibitors who have up-to-date information about services and programs important to international education professionals.

Come to the Regional Conference to retool and reconnect. Plan on having lots of opportunities to develop and maintain the relationships that make you an effective international education professional. From our Sunday evening Opening Reception, to the Newcomer’s Breakfast, or Past Chairs Breakfast, Experienced Professional Colloquium, No-Host Dinners, Coffee Breaks, Keynote Luncheons and Special Events. Camaraderie and networking are important to your NAFSA Region VI Conference experience and all of our events will give you the opportunity to meet new colleagues and reconnect with old friends.

See you in Cincy!
Jennifer Marinello
NAFSA Region VI Chair
Greetings Hoosier NAFSAns.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the 2009 Indiana State Drive-In Meeting at the Purdue University Conference Center a great success! Over 85 people from around the state and the region attended the Indiana drive-in meeting on April 27. We had many great sessions and I would like to thank all the presenters for their hard work and insight. The highlight of the meeting, in my opinion, was the Speed Networking exercise, which was the brain-child of Darrin Eaton from Ball State University. In lieu of a keynote speaker, we took about 25 minutes before the start of lunch to do “facilitated networking,” by introducing ourselves to our table mates, answering a pre-arranged question about ourselves, and then changing tables every 5 minutes for four different rounds. I want to thank Darrin for his great idea and for putting together a fun and refreshing opportunity to meet fellow colleagues.

As I look to the next academic year already, I think it is time to bring the state meeting back to Central Indiana after our most recent state meetings in West Lafayette, Bloomington, and Terre Haute. So I am looking for a host around the Indianapolis area for the 2010 State Meeting. We also always need more Education Abroad and International Admissions session proposals at the state level. Please let me know if you can help.

I also hope to see many Hoosiers at the NAFSA Regional Conference in Cincinnati in November, 2009. Let me know if I can help with session proposal ideas or finding co-presenters. I hope to see you there.

Finally, if you have a question or concern, whatever it may be, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at torahood@indiana.edu or you can call me at 812-855-2614. I look forward to another busy and productive year!

Tammy Orahood
Indiana State Representative

Congratulations 2008 Region VI Award Recipients!

Leo Dowling Award of Excellence

Deb Lyons
Kent State University

George Hertrich Advocacy Award

Karen DeGrange
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Dorothy Brickman Award for Outstanding New Professional

Amanda Yusko
Ohio University

Mt. Adams view of Cincinnati

Photo courtesy of Aaron Davidson, Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network
Dear Ohio NAFSAn's:

As I checked into my hotel, the day before the 2009 Ohio State Meeting, I was welcomed by a really pretty and cheerful twenty something young woman at the front desk. Mara had interrupted her college education to go back to work. One of the first things she asked me was if I would teach her a few words of Hindi. Her request took me by surprise. Here was a young woman who’d never had an opportunity to travel abroad or complete her education but who seemed to have an intense curiosity to learn a foreign language! I had not given her any information about my ethnic background at all, yet she was discerning enough to gather that as a person of Indian descent I probably spoke Hindi. I was struck by her genuine curiosity and respect for my culture and ethnicity.

To make her point, Mara quickly recited a few words of Hindi that she had learned from a friend and followed it up with a chant in Sanskrit invoking Lord Ganesh! Obviously we hit it off instantly. Our conversation eventually led up to a brief talk about the Simon Study Abroad Bill and its potential to provide community college students learning experiences abroad. Mara was delighted to hear about the bill and assured me that she would look into studying abroad as soon as she has a chance to continue her education.

This brief but delightful encounter gave me an added impetus to immerse myself in the 2009 Ohio State Meeting the next day. I was determined to encourage more young professionals in Ohio to pursue careers in international education.

Each and every one of our nearly 120 attendees brought the same level of enthusiasm and passion to the State Meeting once again this year. With 42 presenters and volunteers offering eighteen sessions on diverse international education topics, the unprecedented level of collaboration made it an incredible day! I extend my sincere thanks to our sponsors Gallagher Koster and Everyday English as well as our presenters whose contributions made the meeting a success.

For your convenient referral, we will be posting some of the presentations on the Region 6 website in the near future. Please be sure to visit the website in a few weeks to see a sampling of the sessions offered and continue the dialogue initiated at the State Meeting. Also the planning for the 2010 Ohio State Meeting has already begun. I encourage all Ohio and Region 6 members to consider attending next year.

To close, I invite you to think about how your work in international education can impact more students like Mara in Ohio. Each of us can find one little thing that we could add or change at our institutions to create more opportunities for every Ohio student that has a desire to experience and international education. The synergies created by our individual actions, I am certain, will help catapult our State into being a leader in international education!

Happy Spring!

Natalie Leek

NAFSA Region 6 Ohio State Representative
Join us on Friday, 26 June, for the 2009 NAFSA Region VI Kentucky State Meeting at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky (just north of Lexington). We hope that all international educators in Kentucky will consider attending, and those of you in southern Indiana and southwestern Ohio are welcome, too! Due in part to budget cuts that many of our institutions are facing, we will be trying out a slightly new format for this year: a one-day "drive-in" meeting (instead of the day-and-a-half or two-day format from previous years). Look for schedule and registration information on the Kentucky page of the Region VI website.

Soren Peterson
Kentucky State Representative
Dear KC-ISSS Colleagues,

We hope that you are all having a good spring term. It is hard to believe that another school year is almost ending and that we are preparing for the next national NAFSA conference and our fall regional conference. While Sandi and I will be unable to attend the national conference this year due to other work commitments, we are sure that those of you who are able to attend will gain a great deal of knowledge. We hope that you attend some sessions that inspire you to present at our regional conference this fall.

Our theme of “International Education: No Longer Underground” can be related to many of the issues, challenges, and joys we face working with international students and scholars. Please contact us if you need help brainstorming presentation topics or would like us to help find you a co-presenter. Every conference, members of our knowledge community do a great job sharing their wisdom and we know we will continue that tradition in Cincinnati next year! As your year winds down, remember that you can contact Melissa or Sandi with immigration questions or issues that may arise. Or if you need help brainstorming some new ideas for orientation and programming for next year over the summer, please contact Sandi. As reminder, there are online NAFSA networks specifically designed to meet our needs: International Student Advising, International Scholar Advising and Campus and Community Programming. Log on and join today! For more information please visit http://www.nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec. We will see you in Cincinnati!

Best regards,

Sandra Lemons
Melissa Ochal
From the Regbud for Student Issues

Greetings Region VIers! The past several months have seen significant developments in DHS policy and practice.

A highlight for many DSO’s is the long-anticipated OPT Policy Guidance released by SEVP on April 6, 2009. This updated version of the previous document of the same title (released in April 2008) contains new and updated information that had been left out of the previous document. The new version contains keys within the document that indicate to the reader which sections are new, which have been updated and which remain unchanged. The new version is available on the NAFSA web site at: http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec/regulatory_document_library.dlib/f_and_m_students/sevp_policy_guidance

SEVP also recently announced new measures to combat fraudulent SEVIS fee refund requests. These measures may ultimately affect many incoming and even current students. Students whose SEVIS fee was paid using another individual’s credit card—such as an agent who may have paid the fee on the student’s behalf and subsequently requested a refund from the issuing bank of credit card company—are particularly vulnerable. Potential consequences may include cancellation of initial SEVIS records or termination of current SEVIS records. SEVP will notify schools of any students whose records are threatened by these measures prior to taking any action. Complete information is available on the NAFSA web site at: http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec/regulatory_document_library.dlib/sevis/sevis_i901_chargeback

It was great to see colleagues at the recent Indiana and Ohio NAFSA State Meetings. For those of you who missed the SEVP Updates and other regulatory sessions, the slide presentation used and many of the resources cited in those sessions are available on the NAFSA Regulatory Resources pages at: http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec/get_sevis_information

Thanks to all the advisors who have submitted cases through IssueNet. Please remember that IssueNet does not require NAFSA membership to submit a case and allows the user to choose between two options: Get Liaison Help—to submit a case to a Regbud for assistance, and Report An Issue—to notify the NAFSA Regulatory Practice Subcommittee of issues that do not require or will not benefit from Regbud assistance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in L.A. later this month and at the Kentucky State meeting in June!

Sam Lockhart
Region VI Regulatory Ombud for Student Issues
Spring Greetings from your KC-RAP representatives! The Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation (RAP) Knowledge Community addresses the needs of professionals working in admissions, recruitment, enrollment management, marketing, credential evaluation, intensive English programs, sponsored program agencies, and overseas advising.

The NAFSA Annual Conference in Los Angeles promises to offer many great professional development opportunities for members of the RAP community. In addition to the Networking Reception to be held on Monday evening from 5-7pm, a networking lounge in Los Angeles Convention Center, Concourse Hall 150/151 has been reserved for the use of the RAP community throughout the conference. A listing of all RAP-related concurrent sessions is available at http://acsearch.nafsa.org/KCSessions.aspx?KC=RAP. Sessions topics include: online recruitment and marketing, English proficiency standards, international enrollment management strategies, recruiting in Latin America, international competition, the use of agents, and region-specific sessions on the Caribbean, Middle East, and Sub-Saharan Africa as well as country-specific sessions about China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Cameroon, Korea, and Turkey.

Over 120 EducationUSA advisers and 14 REACs (Regional Educational Advising Coordinators) will be attending the annual conference. Look for them at booth 1107 (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs). Also make a special note to join them during the annual Country Fair on Wednesday, May 27th, between 3 and 5 pm, in the Exhibit Hall. At the fair, they will distribute flash drives (memory sticks) with country profiles for all countries where there is an EducationUSA advising center. This new resource will include data on what services the centers provide to US institutions, recent trends for each country related to international mobility, important web links for information on higher education in those countries, and much more.

Please think about sharing your experiences and expertise with your colleagues by proposing a session for the Region VI Annual Conference to be held in Cincinnati this November. The regional conference can be a great opportunity for professional development and networking on a smaller scale than the annual NAFSA conference. It also provides a cost-effective alternative for those of us who are watching our budgets in this tough economic climate. Sessions on recruitment practices, credentials evaluation, marketing, and other RAP-related topics are strongly encouraged. If you are interested in presenting or serving on a panel presentation, please let us know. We would be happy to help find co-presenters or talk through any presentation ideas with you.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the national conference in L.A. and at the regional conference this fall!

Marlin Howard
Sarah Hughes
RAP representatives
Hello Region VI!

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and health. The Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship (TLS) Knowledge Community Representative position was recently added to Region VI’s Knowledge Community team, and I am proud and honored to be Region VI’s first TLS Knowledge Community Representative. As the TLS representative I have many things to share with you.

For those of you new to NAFSA or not familiar with this Knowledge Community, TLS’ mission is to provide members and other international educators with the knowledge, research, and skills to encourage and support positive change in organizational culture and practice. To accomplish this mission, TLS helps to identify and make accessible new and existing theoretical and empirical research to members and those outside of NAFSA, brings thoughts and ideas relevant to international education to NAFSA conferences and educational programming, works with others to identify needed research on international education, helps to assist in finding members to conduct this research, and promotes communication that will inspire members to work together to internationalize their organizations. Three networks exist in the TLS KC: research/scholarship, intercultural communication and training, and internationalizing the curriculum and campus. If teaching, learning, and scholarship interest you, please feel free to join our Knowledge Community, even if you associate primarily with another Knowledge Community.

TLS has many resources available to graduate students, researchers, and practitioners. Are you searching for money to help pay the cost of a research project? TLS is there to help you. A list of international education research grants is available at [http://nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/teaching_learning_and/graduate_students/practice_resources_10/trends_research_needs/international_education_22](http://nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/teaching_learning_and/graduate_students/practice_resources_10/trends_research_needs/international_education_22). Are you in need of cross-cultural orientation resources? If so, please peruse the following website: [http://nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/teaching_learning_and/intercultural_communications/practice_resources/orientation_programs](http://nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/teaching_learning_and/intercultural_communications/practice_resources/orientation_programs). These are just a couple of the resources available to members on the TLS Knowledge Community website.

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If you are planning to attending the annual conference in Los Angeles in May, please feel free to attend TLS sessions. A list of sessions is available at:

http://www.nafsa.org/annual_conference/ac09networking/ac09_tls_experience. For those interested in public diplomacy, citizenship, and global relations research, you are invited to an “open meeting” Wednesday, May 27th, 10:00am- 11:00am, Teaching, Learning, Scholarship (TLS) lounge, LA Convention Center, Concourse Hall 152/153. Two half day colloquia focusing on the internationalization of schools of business and education will occur May 27th at the conference. You must pre-register to attend these events.

I also encourage you to start thinking about submitting session proposals for Region VI’s Regional Conference, November 7-10, 2009. The deadline for submission of proposals is June 26, 2009. Please feel free to contact me with ideas on how the TLS Knowledge Community can best serve you at the regional conference.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ice-Wedding
TLS Knowledge Community Representative
From the International Education Leadership Rep:

Greetings, Region VI.

Some exciting developments are taking place within NAFSA’s International Education Leadership knowledge community (IEL-KC). On the national level, the KC is discussing collaborative work with other professional organizations in the area of internationalization. Also, there is now a determined effort to work more closely with the Teaching, Learning and Scholarship knowledge community (TLS-KC). You should be hearing more about this as the year progresses.

The IEL-KC professional networks are up and running, and some thought-provoking discussions as well as much information sharing is happening in these forums. There are two IEL-KC networks: First, the Senior International Officer network provides a central location for basic information relevant to SIOs, but also assists those who may be new to their positions with the resources necessary to ease the transition. And, the International Education Leadership Development network serves professionals who have substantial experience in the field and seek to continue their professional development through sustaining or advancing their careers. You are encouraged to join either or both at http://www.nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/international_education_4.

Please remember that, as announced last year, the IEL-KC has broadened its scope to include mid-career professionals. This opportunity to be included on SIO-level conversations may resonate with those of you who either aspire to be SIOs or who simply wish to learn from these individuals. Please know that you are welcome to participate in IEL events.

There will be many IEL-related sessions, including a general IEL-KC meeting, at the annual conference in Los Angeles. Also, the Region VI leadership team is in the early planning stages for the Cincinnati conference’s International Education Leadership colloquium; so, if you have discussion topic ideas, please let me know.

Region VI is pleased to have Susan Buck Sutton from IUPUI serving as the national chair for the IEL-KC, as well as Yating Chang from Purdue University in the capacity of International Education Leadership Development professional network leader. We appreciate their work, and yours, in keeping internationalization in the forefront of campus discussions.

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NAFSA Region VI Grant Application

Please complete this form and submit with required attachments to the Current Chair of Region VI. Current Region VI Team Members are not eligible.

I am applying for (check one):
- Student Presenter Grant, Regional Conference
- Newcomer Travel Grant, Regional Conference
- Experienced Professional Grant, National Conference
- CEP Workshop Travel Grant, Regional Conference
- National Conference Travel Grant (for Professionals & Community Volunteers)
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Check all that apply:
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- [ ] I am employed full-time at an educational institution/organization.
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- [ ] I am a student: [ ] undergraduate; [ ] graduate at ____________________________
- [ ] I am a regular volunteer with a community organization serving international students. (Please specify number of hours volunteering per week: ____________________________)

My institution can be described as (check all that apply):
- 4 year  [ ] 2 year  [ ] State  [ ] Private  [ ] HBCU  [ ] Nonprofit  [ ] Other: ____________________________

Student Presenter Grant Applicants: You are not required to complete Parts II & III. Please indicate your session that has been accepted for presentation: ____________________________

Part II: Objectives & Resume
Please attach a State of Objectives that addresses the following questions:
1. Why do you want to participate in this conference? What are your learning objectives?
2. How will your participation in the conference help you in your work?
3. Please attach a copy of your resume.

Part III: Letter of Support
Please obtain a letter of support from a colleague, supervisor, or professor. This letter should address:
1. Your role and responsibilities in international education at the campus or applicant’s organization
2. The benefits your office/organization/institution will receive through your participation in the conference.
3. Any other issues, such as financial need.