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NAFSA Region V - Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin

From the Chair

Patti Jones, Past Chair

A great big THANKS once again to all of the folks who made the Region V conference a great success: the local arrangements team headed up by Becca Chomos and Kate Stoetzner, the program chair, Jay Lokken, the regional team members who worked to get outstanding programming, and the special guests who came from all over the world to contribute their expertise. The hotel where we had the conference, the Crowne Plaza, really worked to make us feel warmly received. We have jokingly said that good food and good programs will make a conference, but it is all the special details that make us greatly appreciate a well-run activity and make NAFSA's return year after year to share their expertise with each other. Many of you were not aware of the work that went into the conference, but it takes thousands of hours from volunteers who already have full time jobs to put on such an outstanding offering. Well done!!!

I want to draw the membership's attention to two important initiatives: the first is a pilot program with the Internal Revenue Service that will benefit our students and any volunteers/staff that are working with them. Rhonda Miller, originally of the Springfield, IL office, but now at the national level is working on a program to train individuals who work with international students in filling out their income tax forms. Rhonda can be contacted at the following e-mail regarding the VITA training program: Rhonda.Miller@irs.gov The region has e-mailed her query to each of the members of record, but please consider this a reminder that we need to provide her with responses to the five questions that were forwarded. There are a number of regulations with which students need to comply, even those who are not paying taxes in the US, so please be sure to check that information.

The second is a membership survey that will be taking place with the Region V constituency. We are seeking input on several levels from PDP offerings to member services. This will be coming in the spring, so please be ready to respond. This is a way for you to have direct input into the planning of the next conference, which will be a bi-regional in Chicago on November 10-12, 2002. We will be joining Region IV (the states to our west) for this occasion. Plan now to attend--it promises to be an outstanding event.

The final comments are personal in nature. I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the Region V team, the membership, and the national office for their support during the time that Region V has been in a leadership transition. We have had a difficult time during the past two years with one chair-elect moving from the region just as she was taking office, and another having to resign for personal reasons. I would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work and dedication that people have given and continue to give on behalf of this region. The strength of NAFSA is in the dedication of its members, and we are sincerely blessed in this region. Have a wonderful start to the New Year and plan to meet with us in San Antonio for the regional update meeting!!!

Region V Update

Jay Lokken Chair

We had a great Regional Conference in Grand Rapids. Thanks again to all of you who attended and to the entire Local Arrangements Team. We set attendance records for workshops and had the largest contingency of community colleges in the region's history. Also in Grand Rapids we had an incredible number of "on site registrations". Thanks to all those who waited patiently for your registrations to be processed and for those of you who wanted to pay by credit card...I can assure you that this will be an agenda item for the Region V Team meeting in February. I would also like to thank the section reps and the session presenters. I am always impressed with the number of quality sessions offered in Region V.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio! Additional information regarding the conference will be arriving soon from Washington. Last year it was great to see how well the region was represented. I know that there is so much going on at the National Conference but please try to attend the Regional Update. This is one of the few times that we have a chance to get together as a Region. It's a great time to connect with friends and colleagues and an excellent opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the region. For those of you interested in being more involved in NAFSA, this is a great time to find out more about possible team vacancies and other areas where you could become more involved in NAFSA.

Patti Jones, Rudie Altamirano and I will be at the Winter Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. from January 18 through the 22. NAFSA National puts together an excellent, intensive program for the leadership team. On Tuesday, January 22 we will spend the day lobbying on behalf of NAFSA. This certainly will be an interesting time to meet with congressional staff regarding international education!

The Region V Team will be meeting in Chicago February 17, 18 19 with Region IV. Plans are moving ahead for the 2002 bi regional conference. It is not too early to start thinking about proposing a session. Talk to your section representatives about ideas. A proposal form is included in this mailing..

I would also like to thank the membership and the team and especially Patti for all the advice and support I received as chair elect. Region V is a great place to be! If you have any concerns or recommendations regarding Region V or NAFSA in general, please feel free to e-mail them to me at Lokken.jay@uwlax.edu.

Message From The Chair-Elect

Rodolfo "Rudie" Altamirano

Greetings NAFSANS! Wishing you a happy 2002! I am Rodolfo "Rudie" Altamirano, the chair elect of NAFSA Region V. Currently, I serve as the director of the International Center at the University of Michigan. Before that, I worked at the Office for International Students and Scholars at Michigan State University.

Prior to being chair, I was the CAFSS representative for the region from 1998-2001. I thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you in many facets of my functions as a sectional representative. Aside from being chair elect-elect, I was also appointed to be part of the national Membership Committee. Hopefully, this duality in my role in NAFSA will contribute to strengthening our region's present and future efforts.

As chair elect, I am looking forward to working in partnership with the esteemed leaders of the regional team, namely: Judy Brodd (past past chair), Patricia Jones (past chair) and Jay Lokken (chair). Collectively these individuals have shaped regional and national initiatives in positive directions for international educators. I am also excited to have the opportunity to work with the other members of the NAFSA region V team as we mold the agenda for the next three years.

For the coming year, the NAFSA Region V Team has a lot in store for all of you. We are gearing up for our team planning meeting this February in Chicago. For the first time in a long time we are doing a bi- regional conference. This year, we will be partnering and collaborating with Region IV in staging one of the best conferences in the nation. We are excited to be planning our bi- regional conference that will be held in the Windy City from November 10-12, 2002 of this year. Our agenda is full in terms of how we can be proactive in meeting the changing needs of our membership and providing opportunities for the professional development of our colleagues. We also want to play active roles in achieving positive legislative outcomes and to be proactive advocates for international education.

I am inviting you to share with us your voices so that we can develop creative strategies and innovative programs to advocate for international education and intercultural learning. And, please let us know how we can meet your needs as NAFSA professionals. Through quality service, good practice, and excellent education and training we are making a difference for Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan!

Community College/ Two Year School News

Jane Harris

NAFSA's Region V Conference in Grand Rapids was great!!! Part of that success was due to the fact that this section, Community College/Two Year Schools, had a fantastic selection of sponsored presentations:

- From Inquiry to Orientation: What Papers to Require, What Papers to Send, And What to Do With Them All
- Connections: Peer Mentors for International Students
- An Emergency Response: When They Need You the Most
- What Can Be Considered "Official" Documentation
- Take a Chill Pill: International Student Advisor Stress
- Rain Forests, Deserts, and Diamonds: An Educational Link
- Anatomy of an Event: How to Plan, Implement and Survive Your First International Event

All of the sessions were well attended and some even had "standing room only" crowds. I would like to personally thank all of the presenters and session chairs for their hard work and professionalism.

Now, we need to think about future NAFSA events. First of all, please attend the state conferences, which will be held this spring. The state conferences are a good opportunity to attend sessions and to meet with your peers for professional and personal development. To reach a higher level of involvement you might consider submitting a presentation proposal or volunteering to assist the local arrangements committee. Next November Regions IV and V will co-host a regional conference in Chicago. If you would like to volunteer to help with local arrangements, please contact Lori Friedman at friedman@iit.edu.

Greetings from your new NAFSA Region V CAFSS Representative!

Kate Zheng

I came to know NAFSA in 1995 when I myself was an international student and working as a Graduate Assistant at the International Center, University of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1997, I started my career as an International Student and Scholar Advisor at University of Louisville. Since 1998, I have been working as an International Student and Scholar Advisor at the University of Michigan.

As your new CAFSS representative, I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you very much” to all the conference presenters for taking the time and effort in sharing their valued expertise and insight with their colleagues. We had 15 sessions and the topics ranged widely. The sessions were very informative and sparked many excellent questions. Most importantly, I think they provided us with useful tools for dealing with issues such as cross cultural communication and workday stress.

Speaking of next year’s conference in Chicago, we need YOU to be involved. This is the time to think about what you liked and disliked about this year’s conference. You can definitely email me your “wish list” to xdzheng@umich.edu. I’d also strongly encourage you to think ahead and brainstorm with colleagues about preparing sessions for next year. Trust me, it will be here before you know it!

TECHSIG Update CIPP-RR Student Database At Your Service

Jin Abe

Region V web site welcomes the upgraded functionality in CIPP-RR (student) database. Through this system, Region V members will be able to submit questions related to student cases to our CIPP-RR representatives and to monitor progress via the web site. Region V would like to thank Ravi Shankar and his students at Illinois Institute of Technology and Northwestern University for developing this system. This new system launched on January 7, 2002 at <http://www.region5.nafsa.org/> (click Immigration). Ravi may also be reached via email at r-shankar@northwestern.edu

Questions related to faculty/staff cases should still be directed to Miriam Schoeman via the above website or schoeman@uic.edu.

Also, for those of you planning to submit a session proposal (or two) for the upcoming Bi-Regional conference, the Proposal Planning Sheet is included in this newsletter and is available at www.region5.nafsa.org/conference.

For Region V’s technology related questions, issues and requests, please feel free to contact me. (contact info on Region V Team Roster page)

CIPP-RR Update

Miriam Schoeman and Ravi Shankar, CIPP-RRs, NAFSA Region V.

Dear Region V Members,

As you know, much is happening legislatively and in law enforcement in the wake of September 11, 2001. This article identifies current issues and points to resources for further information. It also identifies issues unrelated to September 11 that will affect international student and scholar advising in the near future.

1. ADDITIONAL NAMECHECK CLEARANCE FOR CERTAIN

NONIMMIGRANT: On November 13, 2001, the State Department imposed

tougher screening procedures on visa applications for certain Foreign Nationals resulting in delays in visa application processing. This will affect mainly men from specific Middle Eastern countries who are between the ages of 16 and 45. Details including whom is affected by this measure and the following two measures can be found in the NAFSA Practice Advisory entitled "New Travel and Visa Measures Affecting Certain Nonimmigrants" at www.nafsa.org.

2. **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TCN PROCESSING IN MEXICO AND CANADA:** On November 19, 2001 the State Department temporarily suspended third country national (TCN) entry visa application processing in US Embassies and Consulates in Mexico and Canada. Most appointments have been cancelled. Individuals should check with the specific consulate or embassy with which they have an appointment to find out whether their appointment has been cancelled before finalizing travel plans. The Department of State website provides updated information at <http://usembassy.state.gov>.
3. **NEW NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION:** As of November 30, 2001, the standard Nonimmigrant Visa Application form has been redesigned and renamed Form DS-156. This replaces Form OF-156. The new form can be downloaded from the Department of State website at <http://travel.state.gov/ds0156.pdf>.
4. **RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS:** The NAFSA practice advisory on release of student records to government officials has been updated to include the new FERPA exception created by the USA PATRIOT Act. Section 507 of that Act added a new "investigation and prosecution of terrorism" exception to FERPA. The new exception allows the Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General-level Federal officer or employee designated by the Attorney General, to apply to "a court of competent jurisdiction" for an ex parte court order requiring an educational agency or institution to permit the designated Federal official to collect and use "education records" that are "relevant to an authorized investigation or prosecution" of an act of terrorism or an offense associated with terrorism. To view the advisory, access: www.nafsa.org/content/aboutinternationaleducation/resources/foreignstudentscholar.htm. (This information is quoted directly from NAFSA news 11/16/2001)
5. **NONIMMIGRANT RIGHTS BROCHURE:** The American Civil Liberties Union has written a brochure entitled "Know Your Rights" designed to help nonimmigrants understand what to do in the event of questioning by government officials. It may be useful to download this document and make it available to your clients. This brochure may be found on the ACLU website and is available in PDF format at http://www.aclu.org/library/know_your_rights.pdf.
6. **FEE INCREASES:** The Immigration and Naturalization Service has proposed a rule to increase fees for certain applications and petitions. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on August 8, 2001. The new fees will take effect after a final Notice is published (see below). Please see http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html to access the Federal Register of August 8, 2001 to see proposed fee increases for each type of application or petition. Look for the final Notice in an upcoming Federal Register. **Newsflash:** The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has published a final rule in the Federal Register that increases processing fees (66 Fed. Reg. 65811). The new rule takes effect on February 19, 2002. The new final rule would raise I-129 fees to \$130, I-140 fees to \$135, and I-485 fees to \$255. Any applications or petitions mailed,

postmarked, or otherwise filed, on or after February 19, 2002 will require the new fee. According to INS, the "fees need to be adjusted to recover the full cost of the benefits provided."

7. **INS INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING:** On November 14, 2001 the INS announced that it has developed a restructuring plan "that fulfills President Bush's pledge to fundamentally reform the agency by creating a clear division between INS' two vital missions -- service and enforcement. The separation of these functions, while retaining a single agency head to ensure appropriate coordination, balance and policy leadership, will help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency and, in turn, the nation's immigration system."

According to the INS, "the restructuring plan can be implemented administratively without requiring legislation. As a result, with the support of Congress, the reform can begin promptly and can be accomplished by the end of FY 2003."

Major Elements of the Plan

- 1) Maintains a Single Agency Leader
- 2) Separates INS Enforcement and Services
- 3) Creates Separate Services and Enforcement Field Structures
- 4) Increases Accountability
- 5) Addresses Customer Concerns
- 6) Protects Children
- 7) Enhances Enforcement
- 8) Focuses Customer Service
- 9) Preserves Vital Service and Enforcement Links Necessary to Screen Individuals and Enhance Security
- 10) Improves Data Systems and Interagency Information Sharing
- 11) Fosters Strategic Intergovernmental Relationships

This information comes (almost verbatim) from the INS website

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/index.htm> where the proposal is announced. A fact sheet and the full restructuring plan are also available for your reading pleasure.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your CIPP-RRs for assistance with case specific problems with the INS. Cases in the Faculty/Staff or Scholar area (all non-student issues) should be directed to Miriam Schoeman by e-mail at schoeman@uic.edu. The name of the person in question should appear in the title line. Student cases should be directed to Ravi Shankar at r-shankar@northwestern.edu For information on the CIPP-RR STUDENT DATABASE please see the TECHSIG article above.

Our ADSEC Presence at the Regional Conference, and other assorted sundries

By Marybeth Gruenewald, ADSEC Region V Representative

Greetings once again! I imagine many of you are handling your spring admissions, holiday break details, and the usual miscellaneous tasks, which consume us daily. In this **Lakeline** issue, I would like to take a moment of your time and provide a brief review of the recent NAFSA Region V conference held in Grand Rapids. Our ADSEC presence was plentiful and diverse. Many of the ADSEC sessions were filled to capacity. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you for the first time. If any of you "newcomers" made at least one helpful contact or garnered one new bit of information, then consider your attendance highly profitable!

We were extremely fortunate to learn about the Brazilian Educational System and the Brazilian Student from Julieta Jacob, OSEAS representative from Brazil. In addition, she also presented a Poster Session explaining “a day in the life” of an OSEAS office. Having an OSEAS presence at our regional conference is incredibly rewarding. Julieta’s attendance was a perfect opportunity to experience the ADSEC-OSEAS Liaison Project first hand. Not only do ADSEC members learn about a foreign educational system and OSEAS members learn what information we need to do our job, we all learn how we can help each other to promote NAFSA’s and our own institutions’ goals.

Graduate Admission officers benefited from a session, which covered U.S. university eligibility for graduates of foreign medical programs of study. There were sessions on Professional Development for the ADSEC member, Indian professional association qualifications, and recruitment overseas. Newcomers were able to freely discuss their concerns and questions at an ADSEC roundtable session. In addition, the ADSEC and Community College groups met in a session to discuss official educational documentation issues. Finally, as always needed, a Governmental Q & A session supervised by our CIPP representatives and INS guests was overflowing with attendees.

Because of the tragedy of September 11th, your regional team organized an early morning session covering NAFSA-related issues. There were, and still are, many concerns regarding U.S. legislation, foreign student visa regulations, and individual campus issues. As we know, news changes from day to day. Therefore, your regional team recommends you check the NAFSA website daily for updates, press releases, and advocacy actions.

On behalf of your Region V team, I would again like to thank all of the presenters and chairs for their hard work preparing and presenting their sessions. I know many attendees were happy to see such a diverse range of sessions offered. It’s that “NAFSA volunteerism” that is outstanding and rewarding for all.

In February 2002, your regional team will begin preparations for our next bi-regional conference. If you have any needs, concerns, or issues, please feel free to contact me. (contact info on Region V Team Roster page) Thank you!

COMSEC - Community Programming Section

COMSEC members come from all kinds of different backgrounds: volunteers, paid staff with community organizations and many others. COMSEC members are primarily involved with the education of international students, scholars (and their families) beyond the classroom. We're equally concerned with what the community can learn from them.

COMSEC is announcing the Hugh Jenkins Award for Excellence in Community Programming. The purpose of the Award is to recognize a person or organization exhibiting outstanding commitment to international educational exchange in the community, providing leadership and an example for building bridges of friendship between Americans and internationals.

Please keep this in mind for next year as nominations for this year were due by January 12, 2002. Please go to <http://comsec.nafsa.org/award.htm> for the nominating and selection process.

At the November Regional Conference, COMSEC joined with other sections in presenting sessions related to responding to emergencies, creating a peer mentor program for students, how to plan an international event and how to bridge the educational link

between the community and the international world. Please contact me with suggestions for future sessions and also visit COMSEC on the web at <http://www.comsec.nafsa.org/>

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Learning in the Light! SECUSSANS Bridge Research and Practice in Grand Rapids

Mary E. McGuinness, SECUSSA Representative

- “It is important to know how to use this information (student outcomes) to gain support of higher-up administration.”
- “Research and Evaluation of this type gives credibility to us all as professionals; rather than [to be seen merely as] travel agents.”
- “Good to see research presented and discussed!! We need more of this!”
- “Excellent Session! NAFSA needs more of these country-specific sessions, especially when presented by natives of that country. The more we advisors know about the world, the better prepared we are to send our students out into it! Thank you!!”

Formal evaluations from The NAFSA Region V Conference in Grand Rapids were exceedingly positive. Feedback suggested that presenters were talented professionals who combined research and practice to deliver timely and relevant topics.

The informal collection of comments and feedback that buzzed across the floor of the conference hotel centered on:

- The Wake Of The September 11 Tragedy And The Impacts On Education Abroad Offices
- The Development Of A Strong Research & Practice Ethic That Contributes To Advocacy Efforts
- NAFSA’S Role In Professional Training
- Opportunities to Volunteer with SECUSSA Regional Activities

911 Impact: The Study Abroad 101 Workshop welcomed 16 professionals to an 8-hour training session on study abroad advising and administration. Many of the participants have been in the field fewer than 6 months or have been assigned the task of “starting-up” an education abroad office within their institution. The presenters commented that they have witnessed considerable growth in the field over the past several years, and have seen changing standards and competencies for entry-level professionals related to experience, education and technical skills. We were fortunate to have Maureen Powers (Dean of Students, IES) and Louisa Wales (Student Services Coordinator, IES) deliver a fast, furious and fruitful segment on health and safety at the 101 session. IES is a model institution for the development of policies and procedures

not only in safety but also in assessment (The IES Map for Study Abroad: Charting a Course for Quality). Bill Nolting, SECUSSA National Chair and many SECUSSA Colleagues have put together an awesome web site, *Promoting Health and Safety in Study Abroad*. It is available at: <http://www.secuSSA.nafsa.org/safetyabroad/default.html>

The Region wishes to thank Joe Kinsella (co-chair), Tom Howard (co-chair), Gloria Barr, Brad Lauman, Maureen Powers and Louisa Wales for their hard work as volunteers who prepared and delivered this daylong workshop. THANKS!

Developing Strong Research and Practice Ethics: Many SECUSSANS and NAFSANS mentioned that they were happy to attend sessions that not only discussed good practices, but also based these practices on solid, timely research (primary or secondary). *Taming the Tiger of Data Collection* and *Study Abroad and the Faculty Perspective* were two very strong sessions that sharpened our assessment and evaluation skills (wipe the dust off of those stats books!) and provided excellent models for data collection and how to use research in practice.

Building a Study Abroad Office: Two Experiences, One Rotten Apple: Group Dynamics in Study Abroad and *Study Abroad: Plans, Pains & Progress* offered us experiences, somewhat “harrowing” at times, that demonstrated our capacity as professionals to reflect, strategize and improve while working in an environment of constant change.

Finally, *Study Abroad in the Rainbow Nation* received evaluation accolades of “THANK YOU SO MUCH!” “Excellent!” “Great Session!” This presentation complemented Consul General Kisten Rajoo’s opening keynote, by offering first-hand experiences and insights to South Africa’s transition to democracy, from a South African native and a returned Peace Corps volunteer/Education Abroad Administrator.

The Region wishes to thank all of the volunteer chairs and presenters who made the conference a success.

Professional Training: The Study Abroad 101 workshop was very successful. Participants, however, commented that the time is pressured and that there are areas that might be better covered in an extended workshop or in a conference session. Traditionally, the Region has offered 101, apart from the Professional Practice Workshops (PPW’s) offered by NAFSA Central. The Region is in the process of considering which PPW’s might be offered at future conferences. I am interested to hear your thoughts and feedback related to professional development needs so that I may communicate them to the Region and to the Central Office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER IN SECUSSA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewers Needed!

Region V needs SECUSSANS to review curriculum materials for possible implementation at future conferences.

Presenters Needed!

NAFSA will be offering two Certificate Programs April 4-6, 2002 in Chicago. “Education Abroad Advising” and “Administration of Education Abroad Programs.” Education Abroad Administrators Directors and Deans are needed to serve on the panel of presenters.

(Travel Costs and Per-diem Reimbursed by NAFSA)

If you have an interest in the above announcements, please contact

Mary McGuinness at 708.386.1759

Local Arrangements Committee Members for 2002 Bi-Regional Conference Needed!

For further information contact:
Lori Friedman friedmanl@iit.edu or
Megan Ward wardma@aui.edu

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAFSA will be offering two Professional Development Workshop Certificate Programs
April 4-6, 2002 in Chicago.

“Education Abroad Advising”

“Administration of Education Abroad Programs.”

For registration information, contact Jean Tanimoto or Wes Makiya at 202.737.3699.

ATSEL Update

G. Lee Fair

What a wonderful time we all had in Grand Rapids! Despite the foreboding fears of reduced numbers of ESL students coming to the United States, the ATESL participants were eager to share the skills and knowledge of language instruction at all workshops and sessions. As educators of students of English as a Second Language, we are at the front line in receiving students into our institutions and preparing them for success. Our work with the community connects us to COMSEC as well as the COMMUNITY COLLEGE sections of NAFSA and we have often shared presentations. It is imperative however that we begin to develop a stronger sectional identity and I ask both teachers and administrators to develop workshops and presentations for future Regional, State and National Conferences.

Our sections in Grand Rapids were well attended and extremely insightful as we prepare for the emerging market of Chinese students. In “Intercultural Interactions....” we were able to compare Asian learning styles and in “Basic Aspects....” we not only came to understand the Chinese learner better but also had the opportunity to learn the Chinese language. We are eager to sponsor quality programs such as these in our upcoming Regional and State Conferences. Let us all make it our task to enhance the ATSEL section with more programs and greater attendance by our instructional staff.

Please email me and let’s discuss how we can make 2002 a new millennium year for ATESL.

MAFSA Annual Conference

James Crawley, Chair and Scott Cooper, Chair-elect

MAFSA will hold its annual conference at the **Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant March 20-22**. Sessions covering all sectional interest areas, pre-conference workshops on student and exchange visitor visa programs, government Q&A, and a special session focusing on post 9/11 issues are planned. Watch for a conference email and mailing in January. MAFSA has several types of grants available to those wishing to attend the conference. The first type, the ***Newcomer Professional Development Grant***, is open to people who have been in the field of international education exchange for less than one year and who have never attended a MAFSA conference. This grant was established to encourage individuals to attend the conference and to assist them in getting professionally oriented. Individuals who meet the qualifications and who are interested in applying for the grant should submit a one-page proposal on why they believe they qualify and how

obtaining this grant will contribute to their professional growth. Two recipients of the Newcomer Professional Development Grant will be selected and awarded up to \$150.00 to cover direct conference costs (travel, hotel, registration fee, and meals). The second type of grant is for the conference presenter(s) whose presentation is chosen for ***Best of State***. If their session is accepted at NAFSA Regional, MAFSA will help defray the costs by providing conference-related expenses (not to exceed \$150.00). The third type is a ***Student Grant***. This grant is for students who are currently working or volunteering with an international office and are interested in a career in international education. MAFSA will waive conference registration. The last type of assistance is for ***faculty*** who wish to participate in a conference session. This can include a fee waiver and travel assistance. We encourage all those qualified to apply. If any “veterans” know of anyone who may qualify, please encourage them by sharing this information. **Please send your application by February 15, 2002 to:** Scott F. Cooper, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, PLLC, 2301 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 225, Troy, MI 48084

MAFSA is also seeking nominations for a newly created award for exceptional service to MAFSA. The award will be given at the annual conference. Nominations must be forwarded to Scott Cooper at scooper@fragomen.com by February 15, 2002.

Information on the conference may be accessed through the Region’s web page [<www.region5.nafsa.org/>](http://www.region5.nafsa.org/)

FBI interviews in Michigan

Due greatly to the large Arab-American and foreign student populations in Southeast Michigan, a number of students at Michigan colleges received letters from the FBI to participate in its voluntary interview program related to the government’s anti-terrorist efforts. School officials dealt with an array of concerns and questions and helped students to find legal assistance and other resources such as the American Civil Liberties’ Union and the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee. The ACLU of Michigan prepared a brochure on student’s rights related to interviews or detention which is on the ACLU web site in English, Arabic and Spanish at <http://www.aclumich.org/issues/question.htm>.

Kay Clifford at the U of M Ann Arbor indicated that around 80 U of M students and staff received letters. U of M faculty and lawyers offered and provided accompaniment to students at the interviews. One of the students interviewed indicated that the interview was an easy and relaxing event. The students greatly appreciated the support from the university community and area organizations. David Kent at the University of Detroit accompanied two students to interviews. David said the officials were very respectful in their questioning and that the students were pleased with the way the interviews went. Questioning focused on student, employment and contribution activities; whether they were targeted for harassment because of their background; did they know anyone who showed interest in the September 11 events or were encouraging “jihad” or U.S. government overthrow; and whether they owned firearms. David said the interviews took only 15-20 minutes. David had also provided information and emailed to students regarding sources of assistance. Congratulations to Kay, David and the many other Michigan university officials who helped these individuals through this experience.



Bridging States, Bridging the World
Your Colleagues from Illinois and Iowa Invite You to the Quad Cities

Dear International Educators:

The days are gradually getting longer again, winter is treating us with some kindness (I hope I will not regret these words...) and a new year has begun. With that comes the 2002 Illinois State NAFSA Conference, and we are planning an exciting event for you! The conference will be March 22nd and 23rd, with pre-conference workshops in the afternoon of March 21st, at the Four Points Sheraton in downtown Rock Island.

Session topics will include credential evaluation, Asian cultures, ethics, immigration basics, legal issues, the impact of 9/11, the legislative future of international education, issues in K-12 education of international students, and much, much more. Our State NAFSA meeting has elections, amendments to the constitution, and the future structure of the Illinois state section on the agenda. All of this located right in the center of "the District" of Rock Island, an area of restaurants, art galleries, entertainment, and less than one block from the casino and related activities! There will be a restaurant hop and a tour of nearby attractions, and you may be surprised at what the Quad Cities have to offer! Since we are right on the border with Iowa, we hope that many of our Iowa colleagues will join us and connections between states and regions will be forged.

Information on the conference has been sent electronically and is available through the conference web site. You can access the site via the Region's web site <www.region5.nafsa.org/> or directly at <www.bhc.edu/international/intl/nafsa/main.> In the meantime, I urge you to consider proposing a presentation, session or workshop. We still have a number of topics to fill, and your expertise is very much needed. Please contact me at feldent@bhc1.bhc.edu or at kctf@revealed.net for a proposal form. I look forward to hearing from you soon and to seeing you in the Quad Cities in March!

With best wishes for a happy New Year!
Tamara Felden, Chair
Illinois NAFSA

Wisconsin News and Notes

Tom Danner, chair and Karl Markgraf, chair-elect

Karl and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! What a winter. The southern part of the state is snow-less and even the snow received in northern Wisconsin is diminishing. Folks in North Carolina already have more snow than we do.

Well, the state conference will be held in Milwaukee this year at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday and Monday, April 14-15 (the main post office in Milwaukee is open until midnight on the 15th for all those last minute tax filers!). The conference is shaping up to be a good one, and session proposals are coming in as this newsletter goes to print. The conference itself will have some very special guests. Mickey Slind, SECUSSA national chair-elect will come, as will Region V CIPP representatives Miriam Schoeman and Ravi Shankar. I'm hoping to get the dynamic Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee, Nancy Zimpher, to be our guest speaker but scheduling for a "chancellor-in-demand" is tough.

Something special that is unique to the Milwaukee conference is the participation and support of the Milwaukee Council on International Education (MCIE), a loosely coordinated group of international education representatives from public and private colleges, universities, and support organizations in the metro Milwaukee area. Marquette University, Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), and others are willing to hold an “open house” of their facilities, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) will host the conference reception Sunday night. The Medical College of Wisconsin is putting together a booklet about the MCIE, a group too large to mention all its members here. Other local arrangements help will be easy to come by!

Karl Markgraf, from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, will take over as Wisconsin state NAFSA chair in April. I am pleased to pass the baton to such capable leadership. Karl was the Region V SECUSSA representative for the last three years and I welcome him to the state team!

Openings on the Team

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Region V Team, there are several openings upcoming.

COMSEC Representative

The COMSEC representative represents the interests of the Community Section, one of the five sections of NAFSA for our region. The COMSEC representative is expected to have knowledge and experience working with community volunteers. The COMSEC representative plans program sessions for the regional conference and other activities for the membership in the region. The representative also serves as a liaison between regional COMSEC members and the COMSEC national team, facilitating a two-way flow of information. This is initially a one year position, renewable annually for up to two additional years. Prior service on a state team may be helpful. Attending both the annual regional conference and spring planning meeting, and contributing to each newsletter are essential. NAFSA membership is required.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for: 1) managing the assets of the Region and maintaining appropriate financial records in accordance with the regional bylaws and national standing rules. 2) Ensuring that all accounts payable are closed in a timely manner after approval of the Regional chair. 3) Managing the Region’s financial reserves in such a way as to maximize the interest generated. 4) Ensuring that the income/expenses ratio remains favorable. Otherwise, notify the Regional Team so the appropriate measures can be taken to ensure the Region's financial solvency. 5) Preparing an annual budget and presenting it to the Regional team for approval. 6) Preparing quarterly and annual financial reports to the Regional Team including a financial report of the regional conference. 7) Submitting an annual financial report to NAFSA by July 1, including a financial report of the regional conference, in compliance with the National Office requirements. 8) Ensuring that regional fundraising conforms to the NAFSA Guidelines for Fundraising. 9) Paying the regional expenses with the approval of the chair. Previous experience in managing sizable budgets is required. Attending both the annual regional conference and spring planning meeting is essential. NAFSA membership is required.

TECHSIG Liaison

The TECHSIG Regional Liaison will 1) identify relevant computer topics and coordinate the organization of computer-related sessions for the annual regional conference, 2) identify individuals at the regional level who can contribute to regional conference sessions and training efforts, 3) arrange for the distribution of TECHSIG and other computer-related information and training materials at the regional conference, 4) serve as a regional resource for those with questions about access to and/or use of Inter-L and other electronic forums of interest to international educators, 5) identify technical issues at the regional level to bring to the attention of the national TECHSIG Steering Committee, 6) advise the Regional Team on technical issues related to conference planning and other team efforts and initiatives, 7) assist with the creation of a regional web site, in coordination with the regional team, 8) help the Region to utilize available technology to a greater degree than at present. Requirements: The TECHSIG Regional Liaison must be available by e-mail, as it is via e-mail that communications will be relayed to and from the TECHSIG Steering Committee. This a three-year position. Prior service on a state Team may be helpful. Attending both the annual regional conference and spring planning meeting, and contributing to each newsletter are essential. NAFSA membership is required.

Nomination/Application forms will be included with the pre-conference mailing this August. For more information on the Team please visit the Region V web site <www.region5.nafsa.org/position.htm#chairee> You may also contact the Region's Chair, Jay Lokken (see next page for contact information).

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PRESENTER(S): (name, region, institution, address, phone, fax, e-mail)

SESSION FORMAT:

- Panel Group Discussion/Roundtable
 Presentation Workshop/Seminar – must attach Budget Form
 Q & A Poster

DESIRED TIMESLOT:

- ½ Day Workshop Regular Session
 Full Day Workshop No Preference

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ Not same time as: _____
 Day Time Day Time

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AUDIO/VISUAL AND/OR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

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(Although the Region assumes the cost, please do not request this expensive equipment unless you actually need it!
And if you have equipment, such as a lap top computer, please bring it with you. Thank you!)

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March 21-23

Rock Island

Michigan State Conference

March 20-22

Mt. Pleasant

Wisconsin State Conference

April 14-15

Milwaukee

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May 26-31

San Antonio

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November 10-12

Chicago

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