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Greetings from the Chair, Region V

-- Hong Rost, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Chair

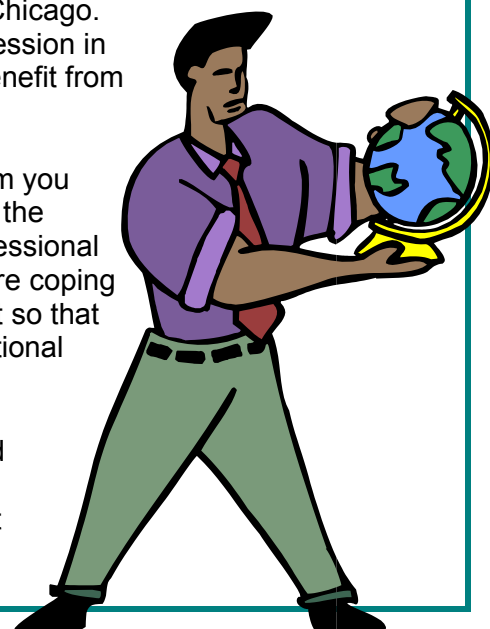
It has been my honor and great pleasure to serve as the Region V Conference Chair for the past year, especially so because of the wonderful group of people serving on the Regional Team and Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) headed by Kate Zheng, Patricia Walters, Beth Hoffman-Lopez and Susan Weber. My thanks and gratitude goes out to all the team members, the presenters, exhibitors and LAC volunteers for making this past conference such a success.

The 2004 Region V Conference offered 48 sessions along with seven pre and post conference workshops focusing on government policies and good practice in all professional fields. A total of 398 people registered for the conference. Among them, 167 were from Michigan, 122 from Illinois, 58 from Wisconsin and 53 from other countries and states. Thanks to Nancy Katz's hard work, we had a record of 32 exhibitors and vendors participating in our conference. I am pleased to report that this conference also marked the launch of the NAFSA Academy in Region V. NAFSA Academy provides an excellent opportunity to expand the number of qualified international educators in our Region. This assists many institutions in developing international education offices, expands the pool of individuals available to participate in NAFSA regional activities and leadership positions and offers leadership opportunities for senior NAFSAns through participating as Mentors.

The "Regional Highlight" session this year went to "Alone in the World; Solo Recruitment Travel", chaired and presented by Saskia Hoffman from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Congratulations to Saskia! If you missed this session in Ann Arbor, you will have a second chance to benefit from it at the national conference in Seattle.

This year as Regional Chair, I hope to learn from you about your needs and your thoughts about how the NAFSA Region V Team can enhance your professional development. We also need to hear how you are coping with the current changes and fiscal environment so that we can do a better job of advocating for international education.

Let me encourage you to share your talents and knowledge with other NAFSAns in Regional V. NAFSA will not be a strong organization without strong support from people like you. Your



involvement in regional leadership, your participation in conference presentations and your volunteering in regional events are all critical to the success of our organization. Keep in mind that by better serving others we will also better serve ourselves.

ADSEC: Admissions Section

-- Jim Crawley, Grand Valley State University, Region V ADSEC Chair



Thanks to all for a great group of proposals for the 2004 Regional. We had a wonderful representation of ADSEC sessions and my only regret is that we had to turn some away. We encourage your active involvement in the organization and presenting is one of the options to share your knowledge and experience. Thanks to all that submitted proposals, and whether you actually presented or not, I encourage you to submit again for Springfield! Also...Congratulations to Saskia Hoffman on having her regional session on "Armchair Recruiting" accepted for presentation in Seattle!

As you have probably read, there are organizational changes within NAFSA, in regards to the change from "sections" to Knowledge Groups. The last word I heard was that ADSEC, SPA, ATESL and OSEAS are being grouped together into a new Knowledge Group. What affect this will have on the traditional "sections" and their representation at the national level is unclear. I will try to keep you posted as I learn more and certainly if you are in Seattle, you will get the latest and greatest news about this.

Lastly, please refer to the national ADSEC web page (<http://www.adsec.nafsa.org/>) for helpful information about current issues as well as credential evaluation. It is put together very well and can be a valuable resource!

Hope to see many of you in Seattle!

ATESL: Administrators and Teachers of English as a Second Language

-- Patricia Walters, Michigan State University, ATESL Rep

As everyone is well aware, the NAFSA structural changes as outlined in the Strategic Plan has required that ATESL also rethink its role within the NAFSA organization. The ATESL national leadership has been attempting to define ATESL's role within this new structure, and ATESL members can see the results at www.atesl.nafsa.org/strategicplan.asp. The Next Generation TOEFL is another change to impact the ATESL membership and international students at the university level. The new TOEFL will be in use as of September 2005 and will incorporate a speaking test. This new test is designed to help universities better assess academic readiness through the language skills a prospective student is able to demonstrate in integrated skills tasks. The changes can be viewed at www.ets.org/toefl/nextgen/description.html. At our Region V Conference in Ann Arbor in November 2004, this topic was a featured ATESL presentation. As ATESL members gather at 2005 State, Regional and National conferences, we're sure to be talking about these issues!



CAFSS: Council of Advisors of Foreign Students and Scholars

-- Kate Zheng, University of Michigan, CAFSS Rep (outgoing)



Happy New Year!

For those of you who attended the NAFSA Region V Conference in Ann Arbor, I hope you enjoyed the conference and had opportunities to learn from each other and exchange information with colleagues. I received an overwhelming number of CAFSS conference proposals. Due to the limited number of sessions the conference could accept, I am sorry that I had to reject few session proposals. As Region V CAFSS representative, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the presenters for their hard work and dedication to the conference. Based on the session evaluations, two sessions were recommended to the Team as CAFSS highlights. They are: 1) "Got IT? Interactive Information Technology in International Services" presented by James Dorsett and Lily Zhang from Wayne State University; 2) "International Athletes: Not Just Playing Games" presented by Patricia Jones from Western Illinois University and Sarah Jome from Illinois State University.

My three-year term serving as Region V CAFSS Representative ended in December 2004. It has been a great honor and pleasure for me to serve on the team. All of you have contributed to my personal and professional development throughout these years. I wish to continue my involvement with NAFSA in different aspects and wish you all a wonderful year!

-- Linda Seatts, Wayne State University, CAFSS Rep (incoming)

Greetings. I am pleased to be part of the Region V Team as the new CAFSS Representative. Please feel free to contact me at l.seatts@wayne.edu. I look forward to working with all of you.

COMSEC: Community Programming Section

-- Shinn Ko, Wayne State University, COMSEC Rep

New Year's greetings to all Region V members!

I want to begin by thanking Region V members for their contributions that made last year's Region V Conference in Ann Arbor successful. Visiting and networking with friends and meeting many new people to the field were, as always, very enjoyable. Many thanks to all the COMSEC session/workshop chairs and presenters who devoted their time and efforts to present outstanding sessions from which we all benefited.

This year's Region V Conference will be held in historic Springfield, Illinois. So, get your creativity going! Do you have creative community and/or campus programs on your campus that you would like others to know about? Have you done presentations about campus and community programming at the State, Regional or National conferences and would be willing to share your expertise? Please contact me, Shinn Ko, at sko@wayne.edu or (313) 577-8310.



Many COMSEC-related sessions will be offered under a few different "knowledge areas" at the NAFSA 57th Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington, from May 29th through June 3rd. Hope to see you there!

NAFSA Academy Off to a Great Start in Region V

-- Tamara Felden, University of Chicago, Membership Coordinator & NAFSA Academy Liaison

Region V held its first round of NAFSA Academy activities at the Regional Conference in Ann Arbor in November, and 12 participants and their mentors are off to a great start! The Academy offers a 20-month intensive, tailored program for participants to systematically learn the various elements of international education, set goals for their own learning and pursue the development of programs in their own institutions. The first step is a series of meetings at the Regional Conference, followed by an intensive three-day Spring Training in March, then additional activities and training at the Annual Conference. In year two, the cycle continues, and at their second Annual Conference, participants complete their training and graduate from the Academy.

When we met the participants in this Academy class in Ann Arbor for the first time, I was incredulous at the wide variety of experience, talent and skill represented by the group! Collectively, participants have lived in several dozen countries, have worked in a wide range of fields, and bring a wealth of experience and interests that is truly astounding. I look forward to working with all of them and learning from them as much as providing training. While we all expect to work quite hard toward our goals, I also expect that we will have a great time together.

If you or someone you know might be interested in the Academy, I urge you to take a look at the information on the NAFSA website at <http://www.nafsa.org/content/ProfessionalandEducationalResources/Training/Academy/index.htm>. What you will find there are the details of what I consider one of the most exciting projects NAFSA has undertaken in some time. Please also don't hesitate to contact me at tfelden@uchicago.edu or (773) 702-7752 with questions that the website does not answer or to indicate your interest in future Academy classes.

I wish you a great year 2005, and passion and energy to pursue the many challenges that lie ahead!

Community College Update

-- Sandy Kidder, Lansing Community College, Community College Representative

Happy New Year to all our community college colleagues in Region V! It was fun and refreshing to spend some quality time together at the Region V Conference entitled "It All Starts Here" in Ann Arbor last November.



My only complaint is that we can't meet in person more often. The networking opportunities were extraordinary, especially when combined with the more formal sessions and workshops.

Thanks to all of you who presented and/or attended the programs for the community college section of NAFSA. The students that accompanied me for a panel discussion thought the conference was awesome. One told me that the experience convinced her that she wanted to work in the field of international education! I hope our section is able to make another good impression at next year's Region V Conference in Springfield, Illinois. We want to continue to "grow" our section, so please start thinking about ideas for proposals for next year and contact me if you would like to discuss your thoughts – I'll even co-present if you need help or encouragement. Please call me at (517) 483-1904 or send an email with ideas, questions or comments to kidders@lcc.edu.

Illinois State Conference Call

-- Brad Lauman, Rockford College, Illinois Chair

NAFSA Illinois State Conference, The Changing Face of International Education, will be held in Chicago April 6-8. NAFSA Chicago Roundtable and Loyola University Chicago are Co-Hosts. Christopher Clott and Rubee Fuller are the Co-Chairs. The conference hotel is the DoubleTree in downtown Chicago (see below for details). Conference registration materials will be available on the [NAFSA Region V Website](#).



Save the date and let us know if you would like to do a presentation or help out in any other way with the Illinois NAFSA State Conference. **Presenters, please send your proposal by February 10, 2005.** Give us an idea of what you would like to present and a little information about your experience. We are interested in having a variety of NAFSA sections represented under each theme.

This will be an issue-based conference with four sessions corresponding to each of four basic issues. Within each issue, we hope to address topics of interest to members of the various sections of NAFSA. Friday morning we hope to have a panel of legislators to talk about what is on the horizon for immigration legislation and then a choice of basic workshops related to study abroad advising, immigration advising, and/or admissions. The four basic conference issues are:

- 1) **Crisis Management - Expecting the Unexpected** (Possible sessions: Formulating a crisis management plan, Health care, Mental illness, Handling a crisis for study abroad students, Panel discussion of a specific concern for international students, Detention of students by ICE or others.) If you would like to do a presentation on one of these topics, contact Tracy Klickman, issue coordinator at klickman@cdnet.cod.edu.
- 2) **Immigration/Government Issues** (Possible sessions: Social security numbers, Driver's license issues, Current issues with USCIS, CBP presentation, Creative solutions, Obtaining a visa, Hot topics, Consular processing.) If you would like to do a presentation on one of these topics, contact Elizabeth Matthews, issue coordinator at e-matthews1@northwestern.edu.
- 3) **Promoting Tolerance in an Intolerant World** (Possible sessions: Cultural programming; re-entry programming for study abroad students; strategies for admission in attracting international students; promoting study abroad; developing exchanges) If you would like to do a presentation on one of these topics, contact Colleen Earley, issue coordinator at cearley@roosevelt.edu.
- 4) **The Hunt for Resources** (Possible sessions: Obtaining resources for recruiting/admissions work, Solo recruiting, Money saving alternatives to travel for recruiting, Sources of funding for international students, Funding for study abroad.) If you would like to do a presentation on one of these topics, contact Rubee Fuller, issue coordinator at R-Fuller@neu.edu.

Friday Workshops - tentatively following panel of legislators, two and a half hour time frame, include: Introduction to Immigration Regulations, Introduction to Study Abroad Advising, and Nuts and Bolts of Admissions Work. Please contact Nancy Katz (nkatz1@hotmail.com) if you would like to help with one of these basic, workshops.

For additional information on the Illinois State Conference see the [Conference Sneak Preview](#) on the Region V Update Website.

Illinois Conference Hotel Information:

Hotel reservations can be made directly with DoubleTree Guest Suites in Chicago. You can contact them by phone (312) 664-1100 or fax (312) 664-9881. Please identify yourself as an attendee of the NAFSA Illinois State Conference. Special room rates of \$139 (plus tax) per night will be available for Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 7, 2005. Note, there is an early check-out fee of \$50.00 unless you advise the hotel at or before the time of check-in of any changes. If you are a presenter, you may ship materials no sooner than 3 days before the conference. Boxes can be up to 50 lbs. and label should include name and date of conference.

Michigan State Conference Call

-- Linda Seatts, Wayne State University, Michigan Chair-Elect

Greetings from the Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE). We are excited about the upcoming MAIE Annual Conference which will be held April 13-15 at the McGregor Conference Center on the campus of Wayne State University in the Cultural District of Detroit. Our pre-conference workshops will be held on April 13 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Sessions covering all sectional interest areas will be offered on April 14 and 15 concluding with the Government Q & A.

In addition to our opening reception, other interested events being planned include a mock immigration proceeding and tours of the Canadian Consulate and USCIS Detroit District office.

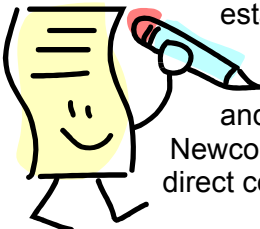
We are pleased to introduce you to our new MAIE website that can be accessed at <http://www.oiss.wayne.edu/MAIE/index.htm> or through the [Region V Website](#). Our website will provide you with conference information, our proposal planning form, grant applications and other helpful conference information. Our team encourages you to collaborate with colleagues to submit session and pre-conference workshop proposals.



MAIE continues to reach out to those who may not have attended a MAIE conference in previous years or are unaware of the beneficial opportunities, resources, networking, and invaluable information available through MAIE. If you know someone new to the field or who has never been to a conference please forward their postal mail or e-mail information to Linda Seatts at l.seatts@wayne.edu.

Please consider the MAIE grant opportunities available to conference attendees:

Newcomer Professional Development Grant: Open to people who have been in the field of international education exchange for less than one year and who have never attended a MAIE 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).



Best of State: For anyone whose session is accepted at NAFSA Regional, MAIE will help defray the costs by providing conference related expenses (not to exceed \$250.00).

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. MAIE will waive conference registration.

We encourage all those qualified to apply. If any "veterans" know of anyone who may qualify, please encourage them by sharing this information. You can **complete the forms and send via e-mail attachment to l.seatts@wayne.edu or fax/mail your application by February 15, 2005 to:**

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For those who are interested in becoming more involved in NAFSA, the Michigan State Team ATESL section is currently vacant. Please feel free to contact me at l.seatts@wayne.edu.

Wisconsin State Conference Call

-- Jason Jonely, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Chair



Please mark your calendars for the Wisconsin NAFSA Conference to be held April 4-5, 2005. Last year, we met under the trees of Wisconsin's great Northwoods—this year we will be on the shores of Lake Mendota in our capitol city. Our conference venue is Memorial Union located in the heart of the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and just minutes away from the lively shops and restaurants of State Street and the Capitol Square.

Visit the Wisconsin NAFSA website at www.uwec.edu/cie/wi-nafsa/ to view the Call for Proposals and Presentation Planning Form. Our team is looking forward to receiving your submission for workshops and sessions! The site will be updated in the future with conference registration information.

Monday's pre-conference workshops are designed for new professionals and those of us who like a good refresher course. We'll also have our opening reception that evening in the Memorial Union's Main Lounge overlooking the lake. On Tuesday, we'll hold concurrent sessions and our Business Luncheon. Local arrangements are seeking out some of UW-Madison's talented international students to provide cultural performances for you during the reception and Business Luncheon!



For those of you interested in becoming more active within NAFSA, consider joining the Wisconsin NAFSA Team. The ADSEC and COMSEC sections are currently vacant, and our ATELS and CIPP representatives' terms both expire this Spring. Also, we need to fill positions within the chair-stream. To serve as Chair or Chair-Elect, one must be a current or past member of the Wisconsin NAFSA team. Please feel free to contact me at jjonely@redgym.wisc.edu if you are interested.

Hope to see as many of you as possible this April in the Madtown!

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