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Greetings from the Chair, Region V

– James Dorsett

This past year has been a great experience, working with wonderful people throughout Region V in preparation for the regional conference held last November 6-8 in Springfield, Illinois. The local arrangements team, headed by Rick Bystry and Ali Soltanshahi, did a fabulous job of taking care of a myriad of details to make the conference a success! Hats off also go to the Region V team, presenters, plenary speaker, exhibitors, and sponsors for their outstanding contributions to the conference.

The Springfield conference included 46 sessions and six pre- or post-conference workshops that provided valuable information on a wide variety of topics of interest to international educators. Conference registrants included 154 from Illinois, 117 from Michigan, 71 from Wisconsin, and 44 from outside the region. Twenty-two exhibitors filled the exhibit hall. For the second year, Region V participated in the NAFSA Academy, with additional meetings and workshops for Academy trainees and mentors. The Academy connects newer international education professionals with experienced mentors and provides the trainees with a wide breadth of training and skills enhancement across the spectrum of international education.

The Regional Highlight session for the Springfield conference was Renewing Your Spirit, chaired by Sara Thurston-Gonzalez from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and presented by Sara and Liz Matthews of Northwestern University. They will be presenting this session at the national conference in Montreal.

This will be an exciting year for Region V NAFSA members as opportunities to become involved in the association grow. Members can join the new Knowledge Community Networks that best reflect their interest and job duties. The networks are a central place to identify resources and information and to communicate with others concerning issues in our field. IssueNet is another new service of NAFSA, enabling members to submit issues related to government regulations and policies for NAFSA

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Upcoming Events in Region V

Mark your calendars!



Region V Fall Conference

November 5-7
Madison, WI

MAIE (Michigan) Conference

March 22-24
Bay City, MI

WI-IL Bi-state Conference

April 6-7
Lake Geneva, WI

Nebraska Service Center Visit

June 2006
Exact date TBA

Chair Greetings, cont.

advocacy and to help set its practice agenda. Finally, the Expertise Profile is a way for NAFSA members to highlight their skills, knowledge, and experience across a wide range of areas and allow NAFSA leaders to then tap into those resources.

In light of the changes with NAFSA, the Region V team is considering various restructuring models to better align the team and other regional resources with the emerging national structure. By the Montreal conference in May, the situation should be clearer.

The Region V team and I are always interested in your comments about the region and how NAFSA and the regional team and better serve your needs, especially in these times of ever changing governmental regulations, priorities, and issues. This is your region; we need your talents and skills to keep it vibrant and strong.

Past Chair Update

– *Hong Rost*

Goodbye 2005; Hello 2006! *I know we will all be dating our checks correctly—at least by February or March!*

We have six new members joining our regional leadership team. New Chair-elect, Ravi Shankar, is no stranger to the region. Ravi served as regional CIPPer for many years. He has vast knowledge about international student and scholar services. I am sure his leadership in chair stream will bring the region to a new level in the next three years.



Our new CIPPer for students is Chris Bargerstock from Michigan State University. We also have two new team members from Wisconsin: Andrea Morse from UW-Milwaukee serves as our membership and NAFSA Academy coordinator; and Bonnie Bissonette from North Central Technical College will represent two year colleges in the region.

Also, Bob White (no relationship to Dan Quayle!) from Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, LTD. of Chicago joins the team as our new Treasurer. And last but not least, Charmagne Herlien from University of Illinois-Chicago is our Newsletter Editor and Secretary.

On behalf of the regional membership, I would like to thank all team members for their dedication, hard work, leadership and contribution to the region. I hope we will see more members volunteering their time and sharing their talents and expertise in the future.



COMSEC: Campus and Community Programming

– Shinn Ko

New Year's Greetings!

It was great seeing you in historic Springfield last November. Thank you, Region V members, for your contributions that made the 2005 regional conference a huge success. Seeing old friends and meeting new professionals to the field of international education were, as always, very enjoyable.

Many heartfelt thanks to all the COMSEC (or KCISSS as NAFSA calls it now ©) session/workshop chairs and presenters who devoted countless hours and efforts to put together the outstanding sessions from which we all have benefited.

This year's NAFSA Region V Conference will be held in exciting and very-happening Madison, Wisconsin. Do you have creative campus and/or community programming ideas that you would like to share? Have you presented a session or workshop on campus/community programming at the state, regional, or national conferences and would be willing to share your expertise? If so, please contact me, Shinn Ko, at sko@wayne.edu or (313) 577-8310.

Many campus/community programming sessions and workshops will be offered at the NAFSA 58th Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada. Hope to see you there!

Membership Coordinator & NAFSA Academy Liaison

– Andria Morse



NAFSA Academy has successful first year and kicks off second year at Regional Conference in Springfield

The Region V NAFSA Academy trainees have made remarkable strides in their first year. After beginning their training program and being matched with a mentor at the 2004 Regional Conference in Ann Arbor, trainees and mentors worked diligently together to create a Learning Plan for the year based on individual trainee's learning goals.

In March 2005, the trainees attended an intensive three-day Spring Training in Chicago. This training provided a venue to showcase the projects they have accomplished in addition to attending Education Abroad Advising, International Student Advising, and Community Programming and Foreign Educational Credentials Analysis Core Education Programs (CEPs). At the Annual Conference in Seattle in May 2005, the trainees met with their mentors and attended a variety of activities.

The trainees began the second half of their 20-month training program at the Regional Conference in Springfield, IL in November 2005. They had the

opportunity to meet with their mentors and create a second-year Learning Plan, assess their professional competencies, develop professional networks, and attend the J-1 and Beyond Advising PPWs. The trainees will attend another three-day Spring Training in March 2006 and will graduate at the Annual Conference in Montreal in May 2006.

The NAFSA Academy, supported by funding from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, is an extraordinary program. If you would like more information about the Academy or you are interested in the next Academy class (which is changing to a 13-month program) either as a participant or a mentor, please refer to the NAFSA website at http://www.nafsa.org/events.sec/seminars_symposia/academy_for_international or you may contact me at amorse@uwm.edu or call 414-229-5550.

ADSEC: Admissions Section

– James Crawley

Thanks again for a wonderful slate of sessions in Springfield! I am sorry I could not be with you but I received feedback that it was another successful conference and that ADSEC was once again well-represented. We have a great Region and it is only strong because of its members! Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

As soon as one conference is finished, we start planning for the next. The 2006 conference in Madison, Wisconsin shall again prove to be both a great professional development opportunity as well as a chance to catch up with your Region V friends and colleagues. I urge you, when the time comes, to again submit a proposal. Call someone who you have wanted to present with and submit an idea. Veterans...I urge you to get some of our newer members involved in presenting. Sometimes they just need to present the first one with someone and they are more likely to want to do it again!

Thanks again for your great support! Hope to see you in Montreal!

ATESL: Administrators and Teachers of English as a Second Language

-- Patricia Walters

Many language programs entered 2006 anticipating an influx of students from Saudi Arabia with scholarships which support English language study before their participation in an academic program. Despite problems in getting a visa, students have steadily arrived and increased the diversity in our English language classroom.

In other developments, the iBT (internet- based TOEFL) is now in use. Test registrations have been filling up fast for many test sites, and students should be encouraged to book a test date and site well in advance of requiring the result. TOEFL's web site: www.toefl.org does a nice job of describing the iBT and offers a practice test site. Students at the MSU-English Language Center have returned to tell us that the activities and exercises practiced in classes daily were the skills directly tested by the iBT.

Finally, having just returned from an English language testing trip to the People's Republic of China, I found the enthusiasm toward American universities in full force. The easing of visa issuance has excited the average applicant and the largest number of enthusiastic, prospective graduate students that we've ever accommodated arrived to take our test. These are all positive signs for a successful 2006 in international education in Region V!

CAFSS: Council of Advisors of Foreign Students and Scholars

-- Linda Seatts

Happy New Year to all Region V Members!

After my adventure of trying to get to the Region V conference in Springfield -- after missing our connecting flight due to bad weather in Chicago, and having to arrive the day of the conference only having 3 hours of sleep, I was so happy to see all of your smiling faces! In fact, I would have been happy to see you even if I had arrived on time ☺

I wish to thank all KCISS/CAFSS session and workshop chairs and presenters for offering informative high-quality sessions and workshops. Because of your contributions we had a successful conference. One of the sessions, "ACREIMA," a cross-cultural interactive session, was such a great success that the Department of State wants to use this session as part of their own training!

It appears that we are always in conference mode! That being said, it's not too early to think about sessions/workshops for the 2006 Region V conference in Madison, Wisconsin. There's always some new hot topic or regulation that will assist us in determining session and workshop topics. The two new recent hot topics are the "validity of student visas subsequent to a break in studies," and the proposed change to the "Deemed Export Law." I know many of you have expertise in various areas and I look forward to talking to you about session/proposal ideas, any questions regarding student and scholar advising and/or any comments. I can be reached at l.seatts@wayne.edu.

The Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE) conference is scheduled for March 22-24, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan. We are pleased that there is a session scheduled that will address the proposed Deemed Export Law titled, "U.S. Export Law Introduction and University Issues: A Disaster Waiting to Happen," which will be presented by the Assistant General Counsel from the University of Michigan.

State conferences are good opportunities for professional and personal development and we hope you will be able to attend. You can access our state website for additional information at <http://www.oiss.wayne.edu/MAIE/index.htm>. See you in Bay City and Montreal!

Community College Rep

-- Bonnie Bissonette

Greetings from northcentral Wisconsin! As the new Community College Rep, I am still reeling from the speed with which I was ushered into this new role. Sandy Kidder did a great job during her tenure, and I hope to continue her work and be a strong advocate for Region V community college NAFSAns and our international activities. The prestige and reputation of international education at community colleges is rising and it is exciting to be involved in NAFSA at a time when community colleges have a growing influence in the international education universe. I look forward to helping spread the good word about what we are doing, and raising our profile within the NAFSA structure. Send me your concerns, ideas, or criticisms; I am looking forward to representing all of us working at Region V's awesome community colleges! I can be reached at bissonet@ntc.edu.

Illinois Reps

-- Chris Clott & Rubee Fuller

We hope you are all able to get outside and enjoy this remarkable weather!

Many signs point to the growing importance of our work in international studies. The fact that we exist in a global village requires us to lead by example in assuring that we communicate up to date information.

We agreed in November at the Springfield Regional meeting to have our annual state conference in tandem with Wisconsin NAFSAns. The conference will take place in Lake Geneva, WI as you know, and we will do everything possible to ensure that we have the same successful conference as we did last year in Chicago. We are working on travel arrangements from Chicago for those of you who would prefer not to drive. We are sure that you will enjoy the Grand Geneva Resort.

We need your help and involvement to make this year's conference a success. In particular, we encourage our colleagues in the Southern and Central portions of Illinois to work with us and get to know the NAFSA operation. We anticipate holding next year's state conference in the Bloomington-Normal area and it is incumbent that we have a strong base of volunteers to plan for its success.

Our incoming chair is Liz Matthews from Northwestern University who is working hard to pull everything together for April. She welcomes all of the help that she can get. Please feel free to contact her at e-matthews1@northwestern.edu.

Best wishes to all for the Spring term. Along with the Wisconsin NAFSA members we look forward to your attendance in Lake Geneva this April.

Michigan Rep

-- Diana Schack, Chair-elect

Greetings from the Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE)! We are extremely excited about the upcoming MAIE Annual Conference which will be held March 22-24, 2006 at the Doubletree Riverfront Hotel in Bay City, MI. The Doubletree Hotel is located in downtown Bay City and owned by the city as part of a downtown redevelopment project. The hotel is only 2 years old and is a "state of the art" conference facility.

We won't just be "sitting by the dock of the bay" but have some interesting sessions planned. There will be basic F-1, J-1 and international admissions workshops offered on Wednesday afternoon, March 22nd and a wide variety of sessions on March 23rd and March 24th. Just a few of the interesting proposals include "U.S. Export Laws and University Issues", a book discussion of *The World is Flat*, "Best Practices of the TOEFL IBT", "What the Heck is Congress Doing?", "Support Groups for International Students" and "Exploring Ethics: Making the Right Advising and SEVIS Decisions," and more!



We will be offering a meeting for newcomers, a business luncheon with a speaker, a wine and cheese reception and of course, Government Q & A. MAIE is very honored to have been chosen by three Department of State Overseas Advisors to attend our conference! We'll be welcoming advisors from Mongolia, Romania and India. We also expect local government officials and officials from the Canadian Consulate.

The MAIE website has been further refined by Chair, Linda Seatts and her Wayne State University IT team. Proposals may be made online and conference registration applications will be downloadable on February 3, 2006. There is a link to the hotel to get hotel information and make reservations. The MAIE site is at <http://www.oiss.wayne.edu/MAIE/index.htm>

MAIE members recognize that our organization is one of the first building blocks of Region V and of NAFSA. It is wonderful to see members who have benefited from the organization continue to give back so that people new to the field of international education can be trained, mentored and encouraged. The MAIE Team Members include past chairs and people relatively new to the field, but all believe in the "pay it forward" philosophy. If you know of someone new to the field who has not been to a conference please forward their information to Diana Schack at ddschack@oaklandcc.edu.

MAIE also has grants available for "Newcomers" and for "Students". Please go to the MAIE website for more information.

Download MAIE Conference registration forms starting February 3 at:

<http://www.oiss.wayne.edu/MAIE/conference.htm>

Wisconsin Rep

-- Susan Whipple

Despite the snow and cold that surrounds us, Spring is on the way!

In a few, short weeks it will be time to gather for our annual state conference. This year, the WI state NAFSA conference will be a bi-state conference. We will be joined by our colleagues from Illinois at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, WI. The conference theme is "Crossing Borders, Building Bridges" and the conference will be held Thursday and Friday, April 6th and 7th. Visit the WI NAFSA site: <http://www.uwec.edu/cie/wi-nafsa/> for conference and grant information.

Pre-conference and post-conference workshops will be offered. Pre-conference workshops (Thursday, April 6, 8:30 to 11:30 am) include: F-1 Basics; Study Abroad 101; Credential Evaluation; and H1B Basics. Post-conference workshops (Friday, April 7, 2:00 - 5:00 pm) include: J-1 Basics; F-1 Second Step; and Admissions and Recruitment.

Conference session proposals are due March 3rd. The full conference schedule will be posted to the web site on March 10th. At present, we hope to offer sessions on the Bologna Process, the Saudi Education System, a panel discussion with institutions with Saudi Students currently enrolled, the iBT, short-term study abroad programs, regulatory updates, the new NAFSA structure and updates on study abroad topics, including visa issuance problems.

Conference information, including session proposal forms, exhibitor/sponsor opportunities and registration information is available on the IL website (<http://www.ilnafsa.org/>). You can also contact me (susan.whipple@marquette.edu) if you have trouble accessing the website. The WI and IL teams are hard at work planning for the conference and look forward to welcoming you to Lake Geneva. Please contact me, or another WI team member, if you would like to become involved in the conference. It is an excellent opportunity to become involved in the valuable work of international educators and to meet colleagues in the region.

Another excellent opportunity to become involved in the field is to serve as a WI state NAFSA team member. At present, we are seeking representatives to serve as Chair-Elect (for 2007 and WI state NAFSA Chair for 2008), CAFSS representative (2 year appointment), SECUSSA representative (2 year appointment) and Membership Coordinator (2 year appointment). The team member positions do not require a large amount of work or time commitment but they do provide enormous opportunities for professional and personal growth. Much of the information I have gleaned over the past ten years has come as a result of volunteering. Please consider joining us! Election information will be sent via email to all international educators at WI institutions in March.

Please contact me (susan.whipple@marquette.edu) if your contact information has changed, you wish to add a colleague to the WI ANFSA mailing list or you have not received information in the past. I will be happy to make these changes to the membership list. WI State NAFSA is here to serve the needs of international educators. Never hesitate to contact a team member if you have questions, concerns or good news to share. You can find a list of WI team members at <http://www.uwec.edu/cie/wi-nafsa/team06.html>. We are here to assist – and we love to share good news.

Best wishes for a successful term and for the work you do with students. We all look forward to welcoming you to Lake Geneva in April and to your participation in the conference.

SECUSSA/Study Abroad

-- Chris Swanson

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope that the Year of the Dog is treating you well.

As many of you may already know, the US Senate has unanimously passed a resolution to designate this year as the "Year of Study Abroad." The resolution encourages not only higher education institutions to expand and promote study abroad opportunities, but secondary schools, businesses, and government programs as well. Please thank your senators for passing this, especially for those of you in Illinois and Wisconsin since Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) were two of the sponsors of the resolution.

Were you or your students finding it difficult to obtain visas from the Spanish Consulate in Chicago this past fall? Apparently, you were not alone. In early November, the consulate had posted a message on its website indicating that the earliest time to schedule the required appointment to process a student visa would not be until late January. This news affected more than 2,000 students planning to study in Spain during the spring. Over 70 institutions reported their problems on NAFSA's IssueNet, and NAFSA was able to use this information to press for a solution from the Spanish Embassy. The Spanish government responded promptly by increasing its staffing in the Chicago consulate on November 21, and it appears that the issue has been resolved. As other problems or issues arise, be they visa issues or not, I encourage you to report them on IssueNet, which is located in the Regulatory Information section of NAFSA's website.

The Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad presented its final report to the public on November 14, 2005. The Commission's ambitious goal is to have one million students studying abroad annually by 2016. For more details on the Lincoln Commission itself and to view a full copy of the report, please visit their website at www.lincolncommission.org.

Upcoming Event:

Study Abroad Conference February 23 and 24

Oakton Community College -- Skokie, Illinois

This conference, funded by a NAFSA grant, will focus on creating short-term study abroad programs related to issues of social justice and sustainable development. Many of the attendees will be from community colleges, but the conference is open to any interested individuals. For more information, please visit their website (<http://www.oakton.edu/acad/internationalprograms/oaktonstudyabroadconf.htm>).

CIPP-RR Update

Student Update, Christine Bargerstock (incoming)

I would like to introduce myself and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your CIPP regional representative for students. For the past 6 years, I have been working at Michigan State University as an international scholar advisor. I have been in the field of international education for over 13 years.

As I take over the CIPP-RR role we are having some difficulties with the region's on-line system. These issues should be worked out within the next few months and the system will be functioning fully. In the meantime, please send all cases by e-mail and follow the instructions below.

I forward all pending requests to the Nebraska Service Center (NSC) once a week. This is usually done on Thursday afternoon. Once I receive a response from NSC I will contact you with the information. When the on-line system is back up you will be able to check the status of your case on-line. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

Directions for student CIPP-RR cases:

e-mail to Chris Bargerstock at chrisb@msu.edu by indicating "CIPP-RR Cases" in the subject line. When submitting a case, please provide the following information:

Case number (LIN Number)
 Last name
 First name
 Middle name
 DOB
 Type of application (765, 539, 102, etc)
 Summary of case (please be precise with dates, etc)
 Advisor Name
 Advisor e-mail
 Institution



Scholar update, James Hammerschmidt

As most of you know, the CIPP-RR Case web page should not be used for scholar inquiries at this time. Please send all cases by e-mail and follow the instructions below:

Directions for scholar CIPP-RR cases:

e-mail to Jim Hammerschmidt at hammerje@uic.edu by indicating "CIPP-RR cases" in the subject line. When submitting a case, please provide the following information:

Case number (LIN Number)
 Name of Beneficiary (Last name in caps then first)
 DOB
 Petitioner
 Type of application (129, 140, 539, 612 etc)
 Brief summary of the problem with the case (please be precise with dates)
 Advisor Name
 Advisor e-mail
 Advisor telephone number
 Institution



USCIS Service Center Notes:

Since the Nebraska Service Center is preparing for their move into their new facility sometime in late February or early March, NAFSA is still finalizing plans for the annual NSC Open House. It appears that the Open House will be held in the second or third of June, the exact date still is not confirmed. We will send out information as it becomes available.

Region V Team Roster 2006

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