



**Minutes Of The Annual Healthcare Institution Member Interest Group  
Thursday, June 3, 2010/NAFSA Annual Conference Kansas City, MO**

**Present:** Rose Mary Valencia, Chair; Ron Klasko, Co-Chair; Michele Stelljes, Chair-Elect; Janice Bogen, Chair Elect-Elect; Janice Bianco, Chair Elect-Elect-Elect; Eleanor Fitzpatrick, Manager, Exchange Visitor Program, ECFMG; at-large members of the MIG

Speaker	Topic of Discussion	Comments
Rose Mary Valencia	HIIG so far	Rose Mary reviewed our accomplishments so far: HIIG is only 2 years old but we have many members and more activities than older MIGs; introduced new chairs and chair-elects; we have had 2 successful webinars: one with ECFMG & one regarding prevailing wage/iCert issues; we have an active list serv & website; there were 3 regional meetings/presentations in 2010; a workshop & a session in 2009 and a session in 2010. Rose Mary invited everyone to introduce themselves and discuss one or two issues they would like to see discussed in webinars etc.
Ron Klasko	Hot Topics not covered in the Session held 6/2; ideas for future webinars	<p>1) Eleanor Fitzpatrick raised the following issues: ECFMG is seeing more inquiries about sponsorship for CME programs which require a tuition and are short-term, the J-1 alien physician is inappropriate, she would like to hear from institutions on any suggestions she can take to DOS; also in the planning is a discussion with DOS regarding research integrated into residency programs;</p> <p>2) several audience participants raised the issue they are facing with prevailing wage determination and veterinary medicine residents;</p> <p>3) Special handling Labor Certifications (PERM) for faculty are coming under scrutiny, DOL is questioning whether they are eligible for the “special handling” provision of the PERM regulations. Prior to implementation of PERM , if the faculty taught even just one class they qualified.</p> <p>4) a possible Webinar with the Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME) re: best practices for using the J-1 vs. the H-1B; “volunteering”; observers; overview of various institutional policies and how to develop them</p>
Michele Stelljes	Upcoming Regional Conferences	<p>We would like to see more activity within the regions to boost organization leadership support for the MIG; Michele will be heading up a task force to address this topic; we want to draw in more NAFSAns from other healthcare occupations i.e. nursing programs, Occupational/Physical Therapy programs; allied health programs; community college MIG; Michele asked for volunteers from the attendees to act as Regional Chairs; following agreed to chair a HIIG Region committee: <b>Region IV:</b> Scott Borene; <b>Region V:</b> Scott Pollock; <b>Region VI:</b> Janice Bianco and Ling Gao Le Beau; <b>Region XI:</b> Parker Emerson. Eleanor Fitzpatrick raised the point that it may be possible to obtain special registration pricing from NAFSA for non-NAFSA members attending one workshop or session at a regional conference.</p> <p>Michele asked for suggestions for session topics for Vancouver 2011, the following were offered: Credentionalling IMGs</p>



		NAFTA & Healthcare Occupations Strategies for Transitioning to Legal Permanent Residents: the Medical Model Conrad 30 Waivers for Physicians Medical Residency Rotation Options Nursing Rotation Options Allied Health Rotation Options J vs H for physicians
Janice Bianco	Pooling Information & Policies	The group was asked to offer suggestions for how we can pool information as a knowledge resource for HIIG members; following are the suggestions: Sharing RFES Survey of Best Practices Online Manual (Janice Bogen will talk to David Fosnocht)
Ron Klasko	Wrap up	We are targetting Houston 2012 for our next workshop; we need sessions for 2011 in Vancouver; lets keep the momentum going; we will look into partnering with ACGME and/or CGFNS; Michele reminded everyone to sign up on the HIIG website (showed us how!); we are on Facebook.