

**MINUTES OF THE NAFSA BUSINESS MEETING
AT THE REGION VI CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001**

The Chair, Kristin Garvey, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Minutes of the Region VI Update from the 52nd Annual Conference in Philadelphia on May 30, 2001, were distributed. It was noted that the heading was incorrect on the minutes and they should reflect that the conference was held in Philadelphia. The correction was noted and Kirk Robey moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Suzi Kifer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Linda Marx, Membership Chair/Secretary, distributed the Region VI Membership Report (Attachment A) and made some brief comments concerning membership.

Susan Carty, Registrar, noted that there were 353 persons in attendance at this conference.

Lynn Schoch, Treasurer, distributed the Regional Financial Report for the years ending June 30, 2000 and 2001 (Attachment B). He said that this year the region had overspent income by \$8,000. The mutual funds were hit by the slowing economy and team meetings were more expensive. Rick Johns moved and Yvonne Bell seconded the motion to approve the financial report. The report was approved.

Bob Stableski, Deputy Executive Director for Professional Development from NAFSA, reported briefly on the trauma felt in Washington as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He complimented the volunteer leaders of NAFSA who spend countless hours to keep up with their responsibilities. NAFSA has been fielding close to one hundred calls per week from the press. Legislation is being monitored, particularly the Feinstein and Bowman controversies. The Patriot Bill was funded and will directly affect our offices through CIPRIS. Stableski confirmed that Congress hears individual voices. Elected officials do listen to their constituencies. Therefore, any calls for action from NAFSA are terribly important. He mentioned significant days for NAFSA members, including International Education Week, which has been designated as November 12 to 16 this year.

Stableski said that there was a new strategic task force formed last spring that brings together folks from NAFSA and business. The Task Force on Education Abroad is a parallel task force to get more students abroad. SECUSSA and CAFSS are getting together as well. Of the 8,600 members of NAFSA, 3,000 go to training every year. He mentioned some new publications, including "Crisis Management in a Cross-Cultural Setting" and the subscription service for the Advisor's Manual. He expected that fewer and fewer books would be published over the next five years due to the change to web-based publishing.

Stableski said that State Department grants were renewed at the same level as last year and new programs were being discussed. The NAFSA membership directory will be

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available on the web soon. Each member will be responsible for updating his/her own file. After January, it is expected that there will be e-communities. These will include subscribing to e-mail, to digests of e-mails, and web site reviews.

He continued by saying that NAFSA is strong. There were over 5,000 in attendance at the conference in Philadelphia. There is a push to make the election of national offices more transparent. Talent is needed. There will be a leadership conference in Washington in January. The focus is on advocacy, professional development, and association management. Funding has shifted for NAFSA. There has been a change in fees for exhibitors at the national conference. There has been a global partnership program initiated. Dues have gone up.

Stableski reminded all that the annual conference would be held in San Antonio, Texas, on May 26-31, 2002. The theme is "Enhancing Leadership and Learning in a Cultural Mosaic."

Dee Bunge and Charlene Leach gave an update on the Lexington Conference which will be held November 3 to 5, 2002. Mr. Ed and Haywood Thoroughbred, unique hand puppets, cleverly spoke about the many benefits of attending the Region VI conference in the Blue Grass State.

Sherif Barsoum reported that grants were available for future conferences. In 2003 the regional conference will again be in Ohio. Potential sites are Akron, Athens and Cincinnati. Barsoum also mentioned that the regional listserv has been established. Those wanting information or wishing to subscribe should send an e-mail to barsoum.1@osu.edu.

Garvey gave a report on Region VI team openings and asked for individuals to contact her or other team members with nominations. She asked for announcements. Mike Brzezinski said that the COMSEC web site was newly revised and could be found at www.comsec.nafsa.org. Alan Boyd said that he would like to propose that the 2003 regional conference be held at the Marriott Hotel at Hocking College. The logistics for the conference would be handled jointly with Ohio University. He noted that there would be an emphasis on two-year colleges and this would be a good venue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda E. Marx