

**MINUTES OF THE NAFSA BUSINESS MEETING
AT THE REGION VI CONFERENCE IN LEXINGTON
Tuesday, November 5, 2002**

The Chair, Sherif Barsoum, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Minutes of the Region VI Update from the 52nd Annual Conference in San Antonio on May 29, 2002, were distributed. Susan Carty moved to approve the minutes. Kristen Garvey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Susan Carty, Conference Registrar, noted that there were a record-breaking 411 attendees at this conference. In addition, 129 people attended pre-conference workshops.

Lynn Schoch, Treasurer, distributed the Region VI Financial Worksheet January – November 2002 (Attachment A). He noted that the indicated balance will change significantly after expenses and revenue from the current conference are calculated. Linda Marx motioned to approve the financial report, and the report was approved.

Janice Bogen, NAFSA Vice President for Member Relations, announced that NAFSA will be meeting 2002 budget targets. She detailed the NAFSA Member Giving and Planned Giving (new Century Circle) campaigns. Next, she congratulated Indiana University on being chosen to appear in a new publication highlighting best practices in internationalizing U.S. campuses. Lastly, she encouraged participation in nominations and elections for national positions.

Victor Johnson, NAFSA Associate Executive Director of Public Policy, discussed NAFSA's leadership role in response to 9/11 events, both on the legislative and press fronts. He announced the annual Congressional Education Day, which will take place in January. Any member can participate and information is available on the NAFSA website. Training is provided.

Wes Maekawa, NAFSA Director of Education and Training, promoted new publications, particularly the updated NAFSA Adviser's Manual. He announced that a new staff department, Advanced Education, will work to expand professional development programs for NAFSAs with ten or more years of experience. Lastly, he mentioned that information on the upcoming national conference in Salt Lake City will be available on the NAFSA website in February.

Susan Carty announced that it is possible to reduce costs for the national conference by volunteering.

It was announced that Heidi Gregori-Gahan will serve as 2004 Conference Planning Chair for the national conference in Baltimore.

Photo contest winners were announced.

Barsoum spoke about the 40th annual regional conference to be held in Akron in 2003. Dee Bunge invited seasoned professionals to join a committee to generate ideas for the conference. Charles Nieman, 2003 Conference Chair, showed a video and gave an overview of Akron history, recreational opportunities, and hotel features. He encouraged the submission of session proposals. Linda Marx, 2003 Local Arrangements Chair, announced that the conference dates will be November 1-4, 2003.

It was announced that Carolee Taiplee, former Region VI Chair, had passed away.

Barsoum encouraged nominations to the Trainer Corps. Nomination forms can be completed on the NAFSA website. Newcomer, Seasoned Professional, and Student Presenter Grant winners were announced. The suggestion was raised to originate an Advocacy Grant to support lobbying efforts. It was announced that the 2004 regional conference will be held in Evansville.

Charlene Leach, 2002 Local Arrangements Chair, thanked Wes Maekawa for his support during the conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Gunyon