

NAFSA Region VI
Annual Business Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
Minutes

Chair, Susan Carty, opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Membership Chair, Kay Gunyon, distributed minutes from the Region Update Meeting in Seattle, Washington, on June 1, 2005. Susan Snider Salmon motioned to accept the minutes as written, Kathleen Sideli seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kay Gunyon, Secretary, also distributed the membership report (Attachment A). She explained that, while membership numbers appear to be down, this may simply reflect the fact the data was gathered at a time of heavy last minute payment processing. Membership at the national level appears to be stable. NAFSA is considering strategies for boosting membership.

Susan Rosa, Treasurer, distributed the Regional Financial Report and Budget and Spending Report (Attachment B). In a continuing effort to give back to the Region, a larger number of conference grants were awarded this year. The Region has a substantial savings balance. Several grant checks from last year have still not been cashed.

Registrar, Katy Britton, reported that 290 people participated in the conference.

Conference Chair, Sara Kurtz Allaei, reported that conference handouts will be available online.

Frank Doyle, Senior Director for Membership Relations and Leadership Services, related highlights of the new NAFSA website. Members are encouraged to sign up for networks; 14 have been established. Members are also encouraged to submit their data to the Expertise Profile, a members' skill database. There is currently a contest through which the region with the greatest increase in members joining the Expertise Profile at the end of 2005 will win a free conference registration at Montreal. Lastly, Issue Net is a new online reporting tool that allows individuals to report the regulatory challenges they face.

Chair, Susan Carty, continued the national update by mentioning that three of the 14 Collaborative Training Grants awarded nationally went to Region VI—to IUPUI, Kent State and the Sister Cities of Richmond. Also, she announced that Christopher Viers has been elected Vice President for Education and Professional Development.

Karen DeGrange, discussed the New Century Circle, a planned giving program designed to provide resources to NAFSA in the future. Pledges made by December 31, 2005, will be in the Founders category and the contributors' names will be placed on a plaque in the NAFSA Office. The Diamond Anniversary Diplomat campaign will run from January 2006 through the end of 2008.

Dru Simmons, Representative for the Knowledge Community (KC) on Education Abroad, reported that the new Guide to Education Abroad is now available. The Forms of Travel publication is being updated, and there is an upcoming publication on Health in Study Abroad. An open discussion on the Lincoln Commission forum is ongoing at www.lincolncommission.org.

Jill Jean-Baptiste and Krista McCallum Beatty reported on the KC on International Student and Scholars Services. The new campus and community programming network may be of interest to those with KCISSS-related responsibilities.

Marty Bennett reported for the KC on Recruitment, Admissions & Preparation. A hot topic on many campuses involves the need to provide financial justification for the existence of international offices. A survey conducted during a conference session indicated that international enrollment was up at 5 of the 21 schools surveyed, down at 10 and even at 6.

John Robinson and Susan Snider Salmon, CIPP-RRs, reported that a taskforce is deciding where CIPP-RRs will reside in the new NAFSA structure—perhaps as a sub-committee under the Vice President for Public Policy. John Robinson's term as CIPP-RR is ending, and he was thanked for his service. It was mentioned that we are also very fortunate to have many government representatives at this conference.

Marilyn Andrew, Development Officer, explained that 17 exhibitors are participating in this conference, which is more than last year.

Nancy Wegerson, Publications Coordinator, will give electronic copies of session handouts to Sara Kurtz Allaei for publication on the regional website. State meetings will be announced on the website after the first of the year. The next newsletter will be published in the spring.

Opal Leeman Bartzis, Indiana State Representative, shared that the 2005 state meeting was very successful with 111 attendees. The 2006 state meeting date is not yet set.

Karen Slaymaker, Kentucky State Representative, mentioned that the state meeting had been held in June.

Rose Begalla, Ohio State Representative, reported that the past state meeting was successful and that she is looking for a host for 2006.

Charles Nieman, Past Chair, explained that more travel grants were given this year than ever before—18 Newcomer Grants, 3 Student, 2 PDP Attendee, and 1 Experienced NAFSA.

Opal Leeman Bartzis, Incoming Chair Elect, promoted the next regional conference which is to be held at "The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel" in Columbus, Ohio, November 4 – 7, 2006. Stacy Benander is the Local Arrangements Chair. Volunteers are needed.

Susan Carty announced that the 2007 regional conference will be held October 27 – 30 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis. The 2008 conference will be held in Kentucky, and a location search is ongoing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Submitted by Melissa Trahyn, January 31, 2006