

Region VI Annual Business Meeting
October 30, 2007
Indianapolis, IN

Chair Opal Leeman Bartzis opened the meeting at 9:17am.

Secretary's Report

Melissa Trahyn presented the minutes. The minutes were accepted with unanimous favor. Melissa Trahyn announced that Meri Linn Emerson from Muskingum College will be the Membership/Secretary for 2008/2009.

Treasurer's Report

Polly Harrington distributed a copy of the budget (Attachment A). She announced that the conference line item is as of last week, and the checking, savings and investment are as of September 30, 2007.

Registrar's Report

Kathy Ice-Wedding announced that we have over 340 participants at the conference with 40 newcomers who have indicated their status.

Conference Chair's Report

Sue Namias announced session room changes as well as the 4 pre-conference workshops that were held were to full capacity.

National Update/Report to Members

Everett Eggington introduced himself and reported on the two task forces that he participates in. he thanked the region for a good conference, that it was well organized. The highlights he presented are as follows:

1. New Century Circle—the giving arm of NAFSA—asked us to make a pledge to NAFSA
2. Global Partners—outside organizations that participate with NAFSA—60-70% of the exhibitors at the conference are global partners

Report to Members:

- ◆ NAFSA is approaching (or at) 10,000 members
- ◆ One half of the membership attended the national conference last year
- ◆ 3000 non-members (2000 from outside of the US representing over 100 nations) attended the national conference
- ◆ NAFSA is looking at what their obligation to non-members is, as we are a membership organization, and they have come to the conclusion that we are all in this together and we have an obligation to everyone in the field
- ◆ NAFSA is interested in growing its membership strategically by possible membership outside of the US. As a domestic organization, we promote domestic federal advocacy. If we wanted to grow to outside of the US, we would have to look at non-English speaking members. One issue now is that non-English speaking proposals are not being considered. NAFSA is looking at how we can best serve new members.

- ◆ NAFSA presented a membership survey last year on key issues:
 1. Opening doors to an interdependent world is essential (NAFSA Advocacy, ACT Program, IssueNet, International Education Week)
 2. Cultural exchange advances our global community (International Educators Magazine, Conferences, NAFSA website)
 3. Higher Education as a Global Marketplace (Educational Policies, Bologna Process, Simon Study Abroad Act)
 4. Resources are the key to achieving impact (Technology, tools, NAFSA News Online, Professional Networks)

Everett Eggington presented certificates and awards to Region VI members who are finishing terms as national volunteers: Sara Allaei, Susan Carty, Heidi Gregorian Gahan, and Ted McGowan.

Academy Update

Marty Bennett, the outgoing Academy IV Coach and Krista McCallum Beatty, the incoming Academy V Coach announced that they are recruiting for Academy V and application are due December 1, 2007. It is a nine month commitment for new staff/professionals. If interested, check the web and apply.

KC-Education Abroad Report

Thelma Rohrer distributed a handout (Attachment B) and encouraged all to connect to professional networks.

KC-International Student and Scholar Services Report

Jill Jean-Baptiste and Krista McCallum Beatty are both rotating off the team. Both positions are open if you are interested. This KC continues to evolve and develop.

KC-Recruitment, Admissions and Preparation Report

With Marty Bennett's term ending, there is one position open in RAP, with a focus on admission and recruitment. Marlin Howard shared that he is interested in helping ESL programs work better with NAFSA.

Community College Report

Chad Broeker announced that we had a good community college showing at the conference, but there are more out there that we need to encourage to come.

Regulatory Ombuds Report

Deb Lyons announced that Sam Lockhart is taking her position for 2008. Both Deb Lyons and Robin Borczan encouraged everyone to use IssueNet since this year, only 25% of the case interventions came through IssueNet.

Publications/Website Updates

Kathy Walden announced a standardization of the NAFSA regional websites is underway. Right now, there are considerations NAFSA is making in the budget, staffing to pull over content and training of regions. This change is expected to pass the board.

Indiana State Report

Jodie Beatty's term is ending and Tammy Orhood is taking her position for 2008.

Kentucky State Report

Soren Peterson announced that the Kentucky state meeting for 2008 will be on June 30 and July 1 in Campbellsville. The next regional conference will be in Lexington.

Ohio State Report

Natalie Leek announced that the 2007 state meeting had 48 participants and 5 presentations. They are using an email survey to gather information for the 2008 state meeting.

Region VI Travel Grants

Opal Leeman Bartzis announced that 12 newcomer grants and 2 student presenter grants were given this year. No application for CEP workshop grant were received.

Future Region VI Annual Conferences

Jennifer Marinello announced the future conferences:
Lexington, KY, November 11-14, 2008 at the Radisson
Cincinnati, OH, 2009
Indianapolis, IN 2010

Region VI Open Team Positions

Opal Leeman Bartzis announced that there are 3 open team positions as of January 1, 2008: 1 RAP, 2 KCISSS

Announcements from the Floor

1. Karen DeGrange announced the March 1 Indiana Consortium on International Education conference "Global Issues in US Foreign Policy"
2. Susan Carty announced that two workshops were cancelled and regional leadership needs to address the financial issue of the 4-hour workshops
3. Stephanie Worth is joining us as the local arrangements chair for Lexington

Adjourned at 10:15am

Minutes compiled by Melissa D. Trahyn, Membership Secretary 2006 & 2007, January 3, 2008

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