

NAFSA Region VI Business Meeting  
Lexington Downtown Hotel, Lexington, KY  
8:00-9:00am, Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Sue Miller opened the meeting at 8:11am.

Sue Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary Report – Meri Linn Emerson

Minutes from the Regional Update Meeting in Washington, DC in May are located in the back of the room. They have been posted online on the NAFSA Region VI website. Membership has decreased since May, 2008. The region as a whole has 533 members (down from 630 in May -- 83%. Indiana has 192 current members (down from 249), Kentucky has 88 current members (down from 96), and Ohio has 243 current members (down from 285). Currently, we have 66 new members (down from 149 in May), 18 community college members (down from 39 in May), and 1148 non-members (up from 963). Indiana holds 36% of new members, Kentucky holds 16% of new members, and Ohio holds 46% of new members.

Sue Miller mentioned that if you join today, you will receive half-price membership. Stop by the NAFSA booth for more information.

Sue Miller asked for a motion to accept minutes. Tammy Orahood seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously. Minutes will be posted online.

Treasurer Report – Polly Harrington (given by Opal)

We have not yet reflected expenses or income from the conference. Registration and sponsor fees will be calculated. Question asked: do we have a goal for how much money to keep? Opal Leeman Bartzis mentioned that we want enough money that we could do a regional conference and state meetings in case something happens to our conference locations. We are doing fine. Sue Miller mentioned that this is our biggest expense and source of revenue and those numbers will be made available to everyone later. We have many grants to give, and state representatives can provide more information. We are trying to look for ways to put money back into the region.

Registrar Report – Kathy Ice-Wedding (given by Jennifer Marinello)

We had 320 people register for this conference. We have been having a lot of fun and learning a lot about Kentucky. Evaluations will be sent via e-mail, very soon after our team meeting on Wednesday. We won't have budget figures until May. We will try to use the same money we spent the previous year for special events.

Academy Update – Sara Allaei

There is a difference between Academy and Trainer Corps – NAFSA Academy is an opportunity for intensive professional development for a class of selected individuals, supported by the region, for 9 months. It is designed for people who are new to the field, to give them a broad view of the field. Sara Allaei will be the coach for next year's

academy. Please promote the academy to anyone you feel would be interested. Application deadline is December 1. Trainer Corps is for experienced NAFSAs who would like to be trainers for NAFSA. Jennifer Marinello mentioned that we need trainers for the Foreign Credentials workshop. Interested parties need to apply in the fall in order to participate the following year. Information will be posted on the regional website.

Sue Miller explained the flow of what the NAFSA team does and often the team meets.

#### KC-EA Report – Thelma Rohrer

Sue Miller mentioned that Thelma's position is open starting in 2009. Anyone who is interested should talk to Thelma and go to the website to look at the job description.

If you are in EA, make sure you have the updates located in the back of the room. The yellow sheet provides you with ways to be connected. The green sheet is the update sheet for IssueNet and other resources. Please take these materials back to colleagues who might be interested. NAFSA is a terrific way for people to get involved. If you are ready for the next step, let Thelma Rohrer know. Feel free to talk to her at the conference or at lunch. She would love to mentor anyone interested in her position or any other open position in NAFSA.

#### KC-ISSS Report – Sandy Lemons/Melissa Ochal

Thank you to the members of ISSS for putting on some great sessions. We have been impressed by all the offerings. Please post your presentations and resources on the website.

#### KC-RAP Report – Sarah Hughes/Marlin Howard

Sarah Hughes mentioned the RAP network sheet (Attachment C). Education USA country profiles have been posted online. They are on the Education USA website under Resources for US Institutions. Please send Sarah an e-mail and she can send you the direct link. EducationUSA has also sent an E-newsletter for higher education. If you are interested, please visit <http://educationusa.state.gov> to receive monthly newsletters. Sarah can forward this e-newsletter to any interested parties. NAFSA national is revising recruitment publications. They have revised a mammoth list of websites and books on credentials evaluations and educational systems. NAFSA is creating a new "Parent's Guide to Education in the United States." The final draft form is in editing. "The Guide to Student Recruitment" is being updated with e-Recruitment strategies. "The Guide to US Educational Systems" is being updated as well. They will be online in early 2009. NAFSA is also producing a new Credentials 101 resource book to come out in 2009.

Marlin Howard discussed the new research grant that the team came up with. Anyone in NAFSA would be eligible to receive this research grant. The form should be done tomorrow and will be posted on the website. We are not sure how many grants will be awarded.

#### KC-Teaching, Learning, Scholarship Report – Krista McCallum Beatty (given by Sara Allaei)

Krista sends her best. KC-TLS is broadening to include mid-career professionals and people who are fairly well-advanced in their careers. She encouraged everyone to look at what is happening in the KC at the national conference.

KC-Community College Report – Chad Broecker (absent)

No report.

Regulatory Ombudspersons Report – Sam Lockhart

There is another Regulatory Ombudsperson open position. Robyn Borczon has still been helping. She is rotating off on January 1. We will need another Reg Ombudsperson by Jan 1. Sam has position descriptions for interested parties.

The Policy and Practice Committee split and was restructured to create committees for EA, Regulatory Practice, and ISS. There are other open positions in KC-ISS and 4 new positions on the ISS regulatory practice committee. More information is available at [nafsa.org](http://nafsa.org).

Publications/Website Update – Kathy Walden

The Region VI website is [www.region6.nafsa.org](http://www.region6.nafsa.org). Please be sure to visit Eric White to review the NAFSA national website. All of the regional websites will be more formally attached to the national site. The structure and look will be similar. Visit Eric to give your feedback. We think the move will happen at some point in 2009, but we are not exactly sure. Kathy Walden will be rotating off the team at the end of this year. If this position appeals to you, please contact Kathy Walden. Responsibilities include online newsletters, serving as webmaster, and conference programs. Basic editing and layout skills needed. Kathy Walden's e-mail is on the back of the program announcement.

Indiana State Report – Tammy Orahoad

Indiana's state meeting was held at Indiana University and was very successful. Purdue will host the next meeting on May 8, 2009. We will be having state planning meetings right after this meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, please let Tammy Orahoad know. We were short on RAP meetings for the last meeting. See Tammy Orahoad with any questions or concerns.

Kentucky State Report – Soren Peterson

The Kentucky state meeting was held June 30-July1, and there were 50 people in attendance. We were very excited. There was a good cross-cultural workshop at the meeting. Go to Lincoln II right after this meeting for the Kentucky state meeting.

Ohio State Report – Natalie Leek

The Ohio state meeting will be held in Ballroom III. Please attend the meeting if you are from Ohio. If you are not able to attend, please come by and pick up some of the materials. We had a very successful meeting in April 2008. Our attendance doubled from last year's meeting. We were short on EA sessions, so anybody interested in offering an EA session, please see Natalie Leek.

### Regional Grants Update -- Sue Miller

We have Region VI Travel Grants. Please check out the regional website to see what is available. There are 15 newcomer grants and 3 pre-conference workshop grants. We are offering up to three Advocacy Day Grants, at \$500 each. If you are interested, please apply by February 1. Talk to Sue Miller for more information. You can visit the website and talk to the people who have been involved. Eligibility requirements are fairly simple.

### 2009 Region VI Conferences Updates -- Jodie Beatty, James Tenney, Lea Minetti

The 2009 Region VI conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, from November 7-11, 2009. Jodie Beatty will be conference chair and James Tenney and Lea Minetti will be LAC Chairs. Jodie Beatty mentioned that they are looking forward to future conferences. If anyone from the Indianapolis area would like to serve on the LAC, talk to Stephanie Wurth to see what is entailed. Lea Minetti and James Tenney are on the LAC. They are looking forward to making it a stellar conference with great sessions. Hoping people will learn more about the city. They need volunteers. Please give James or Lea your business card if you are interested in volunteering.

The 2010 Region VI conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN, November 6-9, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

### Online Advisor's User Testing Project Report – Ling Gao LeBeau

Ling Gao LeBeau encouraged everyone to send feedback to NAFSA online about the website. The project is due in March 2009, and we need suggestions to make the website look better.

### NAFSA Retiree Task Force Project – Karen DeGrange

Karen DeGrange asked everyone to support NAFSA. She discussed the planned giving program. Please take a brochure about planned giving. 50% of NAFSA membership is considered to be baby boomers. Please support this organization as part of your legacy. You can contribute any time in your career. Sue Miller mentioned that you can put NAFSA in your will. You can designate where you want your money to go. The Retiree Task Force is a group that is working to try to figure out how we can keep retirees, or people getting ready to retire, involved in NAFSA, to remain members, and to participate at regional and state levels. If you have any ideas, please see Karen DeGrange.

Sue Miller asked for announcements from the floor.

### Leadership Team Information – Sue Miller

There are Region VI open team positions.

- Treasurer – Polly Harrington will not be continuing. She will stay on and help with work involved in year-end closing and other meetings.
- Regulatory Ombudsperson
- Education Abroad Knowledge Community Representative
- Publications

Three positions have been filled:

- International Education Leadership Representative – Opal Leeman Bartzis
- Teaching Learning Scholarship Representative – Kathy Ice Wedding
- Registrar – Rhonda Hinkle

Meeting adjourned at 8:58am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meri Linn Emerson, December 19, 2008.