

**MINUTES OF THE NAFSA REGION VI UPDATE
AT THE 54th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2002**

The Chair, Sherif Barsoum, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Jane Howard, National CAFSS Chair-Elect 2003, encouraged those present to submit session proposals for the next national conference, to be held in Salt Lake City in 2003. Of particular interest are CAFSS sessions focusing on programming and methods of delivering immigration-related materials as well as sessions with presenters from different regions. Proposal forms are available on the NAFSA website and are due August 1, 2002.

Minutes of the Business Meeting at the Region VI Conference in Indianapolis on November 6, 2001 were distributed. Susan Carty motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Lynn Schoch, Treasurer, distributed the regional financial report for the period from July 2001 to May 2002 (Attachment A). He noted that the current balance is about \$8000 greater than last year's, and he explained that the various regions are attempting to build up reserves in the event of poor proceeds from a regional conference. The following suggestions for spending the surplus were elicited: have a bi-regional meeting, give to the NAFSA annual fund (the region currently gives \$1000 each year), fund student participation in conferences, and fund community volunteer attendance at conferences. These suggestions will be discussed at the next regional conference to be held in Lexington in November 2002. Janice Helpert motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Linda Marx, Membership Chair/Secretary, distributed the Region VI Membership Report (Attachment B). She mentioned that the current membership total is 505, compared to 517 last year.

Barsoum read a list of goals established by the regional team at the last team training session, which was held in Lexington in February 2002. The goals are: 1. Set goals every year, 2. Foster outreach/inclusion, 3. Demystify the team (recruit new team members), 4. Meet professional needs of regional members, 5. Establish a mentor program for the conference, 6. Develop better state meetings, 7. Give back to (invest in) our own region, i.e. professional development, 8. Increase grass roots advocacy, 9. Keep a reserve of \$35,000 in regional funds, 10. Explore the expansion of the grant program, and 11. Develop at least one stand-alone workshop.

Dee Bunge, Chair Elect 2004 and Conference Chair 2002, presented an update on the 2002 regional conference to be held in Lexington, November 3 to 5. The theme will be "Music to Our Ears—Grassroots Diplomacy and Advocacy." The session proposal deadline has been extended to July 1. Proposal forms are available on the regional website at <http://www.bsu.edu/web/international/nafsa/nafsa6/call.htm> and may be submitted on-line, faxed

or emailed. An Advanced Professional Development (APD) Symposium on the Arab world will be held before the conference. Local Arrangements Chair, Charlene Leach, announced that volunteers are still needed to chair the following areas: photography, AV, daily bulletin, evaluations, raffle, and room runners. The 2003 regional conference will be held in Akron, and the 2004 regional conference will be held in Indiana. The regional team will be scouting locations in Evansville, French Lick and Columbus.

Kristin Garvey, Past Chair, presented tokens of appreciation to individuals leaving the region. Ken Rogers, Indiana University, and Tom Roberts, Butler University, were honored for years of service to international education. Both are retiring. The following outgoing team members were also acknowledged: Ted McKown, ADSEC; Richard Johns, ATESL; Monica Plunket, CIPP-RR Student; Jane Coy, Development; Linda Marx, Membership/Secretary; Amy Scheurman, Publications; Sara Allaei, Local Arrangements. Appreciation was also expressed to Garvey, who has come back from retirement to serve as Past Chair.

Garvey presented a proposal for an amendment to the regional By-Laws. The purpose of this amendment would be align team leadership terms of office with the new NAFSA fiscal year (January 1 to December 31). The current By-Laws (Article IV Section D: Terms of Office) read: "All elected members of the Team shall serve for one year in each of the three positions, Chair Elect-Elect, Chair Elect, and Chair, beginning at the close of the Annual Business Meeting of NAFSA. The term of appointed members shall be two years, renewable for a third year, beginning on the first day of Spring Team Training." The suggested change would read: "All elected members of the Team shall serve for one year in each of the three positions, Chair Elect-Elect, Chair Elect, and Chair, beginning on the first day of the fiscal year. The term of appointed members shall be two years, renewable for a third year, beginning on the close of the regional conference." Kathy Hammett motioned to approve the amendment, and the motion was seconded. However, it was pointed out that the Chair Elect-Elect term of office does not correspond with the above. A second amendment was proposed, which would read: "All elected members of the Team shall serve for one year in each of the two positions, Chair Elect, and Chair, beginning on the first day of the fiscal year. The term of appointed members shall be two years, renewable for a third year, beginning on the close of the regional conference." Jenny Bowen made a motion to approve this amendment as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

Garvey announced that the Regional Nominating Committee had selected Charles Nieman, Kent State Director of International Student and Scholar Services, as Chair Elect. A motion to approve this nomination was made, seconded and approved.

The floor was opened to announcements. Kathy Hammett encouraged those in the audience to attend a meeting offering an opportunity to interact with candidates for national team leadership. She also mentioned that nominations for national positions are being accepted and that a list is available on the NAFSA website. Mike Brzezinski announced that a model comment letter to the proposed SEVIS implementation rule is posted on the NAFSA website. Heidi Gregori-Gahan thanked the region for its support for the Destination Indiana project, which brought 15 overseas advisors to Indiana in May. Kevin O'Keefe announced that a SEVIS workshop would be held at the University of Dayton on June 13, 2002. Barsoum invited all

region members to join the regional listserv. Instructions for signing up were listed in the last region newsletter. Bunge encouraged members to nominate their institutions and persons for NAFSA's new report on "Internationalizing the Campus." Nominations forms are available on the NAFSA website. It was mentioned that the history of the region document needs updating. Kathy Hammett announced that she has already been working on this, and Don Nelson was volunteered to form and coordinate a committee to work on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Gunyon