

MINUTES OF THE NAFSA REGION VI
REGION UPDATE MEETING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
MAY 26, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Team members were introduced. Kirk Robey's retirement was announced, and he was thanked for his many years of service to the region.

Minutes from the Business Meeting at the Regional Conference in Akron, Ohio, on November 4, 2003 were distributed. Ted McKown moved to approve the minutes, Sally Raymont seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

The Membership Report from May 2004 was distributed (Attachment A). Membership is up slightly from one year ago.

The Regional Financial Report for 2003 was distributed (Attachment B). Net revenue from the regional conference was about \$14,000. Travel grants are not being fully used. Sherif Barsoum made a motion to increase the NAFSA Annual Fund contribution from \$500 to \$1000. David Lyman seconded the motion and it passed. CIPP-RR travel will include two trips to the Texas and Nebraska Service Centers. \$1000 was given to Ohio Educates the World. The Indiana State Meeting had a net profit of over \$1000. Ideas on how to use the budget surplus were raised—offer travel grants for non-member experts and reduce the conference registration fee. Kathy Hammett motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Christian Lutz seconded the motion and it passed. The Treasurer was thanked for his service to the region.

The Nominating Committee announced that Sara Kurtz-Allaei would be the Chair Elect nominee. This nomination was approved.

Heidi Gregory-Gahan led the assembled in honoring the memory of Dr. Mahammed Razi.

Amendments to the By-Laws were distributed (Attachment C). It was noted that the second Article VII, Financial Authority, would be renumbered as Article VIII and all subsequent articles would be renumbered accordingly. Sherif Barsoum motioned to insert the word "finite" before the word "term" in Article IV, Section D, Terms of Office. Jenny Bowen seconded the motion, but it did not carry. It was pointed out that the word "constitution" should be changed to "constitute" in Article VII, Quorum. Rhonda Hinkle motioned to approve the amended By-Laws, Dru Simmons seconded the motion, and it passed.

New Trainer Corps members were recognized.

Amy Burrell gave an update on the Academy for International Education. The program, which started in Fall 2003, has been very successful. Amy thanked the Academy trainers.

The deadline for session proposals for the 2004 Regional Conference in Evansville has been extended to June 10, 2004. Travel grants are available. Award nominations are being accepted. There will be a photo contest. The 2005 conference will be held in Louisville.

Three team positions are open—ADSEC, ATESL, and Development. Though there are two nominations for the CIPP-RR-NS position, anyone in the group interested in the position was asked to notify Susan Carty.

The 2005 National Conference will be held in Seattle, May 29 to June 3. The theme is Opening Minds to the Global Community. Session proposals are due August 2, 2004. Having a slate of presenters from different types of institutions and following a designated topical thread will increase the chances that a proposal will be accepted.

Various announcements were made. The Kentucky State Meeting will be held in Lexington on June 4, 2004. ATESL is trying to identify constituents. Stop by the ATESL booth to sign up to receive advocacy information. Kristin Garvey is seeking volunteers to help with the World Swimming Championships to be held in Indianapolis.

Heidi Gregory-Gahan, 2004 Conference Planning Committee Chair, and John Greisberger, NAFSA President, received standing ovations in appreciation of their service and of the success of the conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Kay Gunyon, October 22, 2004