

Minutes: NAFSA Region VI Update Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2005
Seattle, WA

Chair Susan Carty opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. by asking team members to introduce themselves. Members from the region with national roles were also recognized.

Dru Simmons from the Leadership Development Committee encouraged the membership to enter their data in the Expertise Profile (www.nafsa.org/expertise). Members may list their skill areas in this database, which is then searched by NAFSA leaders looking for people to serve on committees and task forces. Profiles can be updated at any time.

Laura Flower from the Cooperative Training Grants (CTG) Task Force announced a Department of State grant program for the development of training materials, such as manuals or videos, for internationalizing the campus. Grants range from \$2000 to \$10,000 and must be collaborative. Examples of appropriate topics would be student involvement in study abroad or immigration materials. The deadline is July 1, 2005. NAFSA membership is not required to apply for the grant.

Sherif Barsoum presented information about the next national conference to be held in Montreal the week before Memorial Day in 2006. About 7000 participants are expected. The deadline for proposals is August 1, 2005. Collaborative presentations are encouraged. US citizens will need passports to travel to Canada.

Kay Gunyon gave the membership and secretary's reports (Attachment A). Ted McKown motioned to approve the minutes, Dru Simmons seconded the motion, and it passed.

Susan Rosa presented the Treasurer's report (Attachment B). It was agreed that the Region would continue to donate \$1000 to the NAFSA annual fund. Ideas for expenditures to benefit the Region were discussed. First, a list of ideas generated by the team was read: fund EducationUSA advisors to come to a regional conference, fund conference presenters who could not attend otherwise, fund first-time presenters, keep conference registration fees stable, provide technical support and LCD projectors for presenters, and offer honoraria to specialists or speakers. The membership then generated the following ideas: grants for non-NAFSA faculty presenters, reduce conference registration fee, government representatives attend through teleconference, encourage applications for un-used existing grants, offer seed money for campus programming, research grants, and grants for community volunteers.

Nancy Wegerson gave the Publications report. The new regional website is <http://fs6.depaw.edu:50080/~nwegerson/nafsaregionvi/index.html>. The regional conference mailer will go out in early August. Send Nancy items for the website.

Charles Nieman, Past Chair, gave the Nominating Committee Report. Opal Leeman Bartzis was presented as the Incoming Chair Elect candidate. Sara Kurtz Allaei seconded the nomination, and Opal was approved as Incoming Chair Elect.

Susan Carty, Chair, discussed the NAFSA Restructuring and subsequent Region VI transition. The NAFSA Board has accepted the restructuring committees final set of recommendations. The publication, *Navigating the New NAFSA*, explains the new structure. No mandate has been given by NAFSA regarding team composition. Therefore, current team members will retain their positions at present. The team is considering possible changes and is interested in ideas from the membership.

Susan Carty led a discussion on proposed changes to the Region VI By-Laws, which were published in the spring newsletter and distributed at the meeting (Attachment C). First, it is inappropriate for regions to have "by-laws" because, under NAFSA By-Laws and standing rules, the region is not a separate entity from the national organization. Thus, it is proposed that the term "by-laws" be changed to "operating procedures." Second, because professional sections no longer exist and because it is not currently mandated to have a representative for each knowledge community, the wording "a Regional Representative of each Professional Section on NAFSA" will be deleted from Article IV, Section A. Kathy Sideli motioned to approve these changes, Donald Nelson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Amy Burrell gave an update on the Academy for International Education. Amy thanked Dee Bunge and Charles Neiman for their support and leadership. Graduates from the Academy were introduced. There are 25 total graduates from Regions VI, III and XI. Mentors and trainers were also thanked. It was mentioned that members of Region VI can apply to participate in the next Academy class even though it will be offered through other regions.

Sara Kurtz Allaei, Conference Chair, and Sharolyn Pepper, Local Arrangements Chair for the next regional conference, invited members to submit session proposals on the regional website. The conference will be held November 6-8, 2005 in Louisville, KY. The theme will be Unbridled Spirit.

Susan Snider Salmon, CIPP-RR Non-Student, gave an update on the K-12 Workshop given by Rund Wallman & Robbins. About 40 DSOs and PDSOs were trained and it was a very effective workshop.

Susan Carty announced that a Local Arrangements Chair is needed for the 2006 regional conference in Columbus, OH. In addition, the following team positions are open: SECUSSA, Development, Membership/Secretary, Indiana State Representative, and Kentucky State Representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Submitted by Kay Gunyon, 10/21/05