

NAFSA Region VI  
Update Meeting 2006  
Montreal, Quebec  
May 24, 2006

Chair, Sara Allaei, opened the meeting at 5:30pm

Sara Allaei introduced the team members who were present in the meeting.

Announcements of retirees from Regions VI were requested. The following were announced:

- ✓ Suzy Kifer from Berea College
- ✓ Tom Coop from Ashland
- ✓ Connie Perdreau from OU

The visitor presentation that was mentioned on the agenda will not occur.

NAFSA National in Minneapolis in 2007

Susan Carty announced that proposals are due August 1, 2006 for Minneapolis. Please check the website.

Secretary's Report

Melissa Trahyn presented the membership report (*Attachment A*). Melissa also distributed the minutes from the November 8, 2005 regional Business Meeting. Marty Bennett moved to accept the minutes and Krista McCallum Beatty seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Allaei said that Region VI will give \$1000 toward the annual NAFSA contribution. She also announced that the Region VI Team had agreed to purchase 6 LCD projectors, which will help the Region make long-term savings related to the costs of running a conference.

Web/Publications Update

Opal Leeman-Bartzis mentioned that the spring newsletter was sent via e-mail for the first time. It was sent through the Region VI listserv and through National. The same format will be used for the fall newsletter, but it will be preceded by a postcard announcing the e-publication. Opal also announced that Region VI will have a new website ([www.region6.nafsa.org](http://www.region6.nafsa.org)) by the end of June. Any requests for posting information on the web pages should be directed to Kathy Walden.

Nomination of Incoming Chair Elect

Susan Carty, Chair of the Nomination Committee for Incoming Chair Elect, put forward a single-slate candidate for Incoming Chair Elect – Sue Namias. Region VI members in attendance voted to accept the nomination.

### Region VI 2006 Conference Update

Opal Leeman-Bartzis announced that more session proposals are needed for the November 2006 Region VI Conference – the deadline has been extended to June 9. She asked that this information be shared with the staff/colleagues of those present. Opal reminded members that the Region VI conference is November 4-7 in Columbus, Ohio at The Columbus: A Renaissance Hotel. Five overseas advisors will be attending the conference, though specifics have not yet been arranged.

Stacy Benander, Local Arrangements Chair, advised members to come to Columbus early so as to enjoy the international festival that will be taking place the weekend before the conference. The theme of the conference is “Cultivating International Education;” the special event will be a visit to the Franklin Park Conservatory. Stacy made a request for volunteers and asked that anyone interested contact her at [stacybenander@hotmail.com](mailto:stacybenander@hotmail.com).

Susan Carty announced that 3-4 workshops will be offered at the Regional Conference. Possible workshops include: F-1 for Beginners, J Advanced, Short-Term Study Abroad, and Beyond Advising. In addition, two “homegrown” workshops may be offered: Career Planning and a country profile of Saudi Arabia. Susan asked for volunteers to chair and/or co-chair these workshops; members do not need to be part of the Trainer Corps to serve in these capacities.

### Regional Conference Schedule

Sara Allaei reminded members that the 2007 Regional Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Oct. 26-30. She also announced the results of the survey regarding the proposed conference location rotation of Indianapolis, Louisville/Lexington, and Columbus/Cincinnati. Fifty people responded: 46 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 suggested modifications. The team voted to adopt the proposed rotation schedule, but will remain open to looking at other locations as warranted. It is generally agreed that the new rotation schedule will save time researching locations and allow for better price negotiation.

### Team Positions

Sara Allaei announced that Region VI position vacancies include:

Local Arrangements Chair for Indianapolis conference (Kevin Moreland, former Chair, is moving out of the Region) – the position is not limited to those living in Indianapolis

Reg. Ombudsperson for Non-Students – has a role in the national committee with NAFSA; Spring training in Washington D.C. is provided; questions regarding this position should be directed to Deb Lyons, the RegBud for Students

Community College Representative – Wendell Sparks will be stepping down

RAP – the Region still needs two RAP reps because of the wide range of interests that RAP represents; the new rep should complement the skills of Marty Bennett (former ADSEC member); questions can be directed to Marty Bennett or Sue Namias (stepping

down as RAP rep to take on duties of Incoming Chair Elect); the position needs to be filled by the fall conference

#### Academy Update

Sara Allaei mentioned that Academy IV will be launched soon; each Region decides whether to support/participate in the Academy. A key factor in the decision includes whether the Region has a Coach. The Job Description was distributed (*Attachment B*). A decision needs to be made by June 1. Sara will send a follow-up e-mail regarding the Academy; anyone interested in serving as a coach should contact Sara.

#### Other Business

Marilyn Andrew announced that the Open Doors survey takers are looking for input about how to make their surveys more user-friendly. Any suggestions should be sent to [andrew@denison.edu](mailto:andrew@denison.edu).

Kathy Sideli announced that Paige is leaving their office to work in Kokomo and thanked her for her service.

Dee Bunge announced that Dorothy Brickman will be turning 90 in June. Dee asked that members sign a card for Dorothy.

Karen Edwards announced that representatives of small, liberal arts, residential colleges are collecting signatures to form a MIG (member interest group.) Anyone interested in supporting the MIG is asked to sign the petition; 100 signatures are needed.

DeWayne Frazier announced that the Kentucky State NAFSA Meeting will be on June 22 and 23 in Bowling Green. He invited all to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.