

# **Minutes Regional Update Meeting**

## **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm – 6:45pm Convention Center 404A**

### **Welcome**

Jennifer Marinello, Chair Region VI

Chair Elect Report – Jodie Beatty – We have been busy planning the Regional Conference. The 2009 Regional Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 W 5<sup>th</sup> St Cincinnati, OH 45202 (513)-579-1234 from November 7-11, 2009. James Tenney and Lea Minnit have been working as the Local Arrangements co-chairs. James is coordinating all communication with the hotel and Lea is coordinating volunteers. The theme will be “International Education; No Longer Underground” which ties into the special event at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Proposal Submission form distributed.

Treasurer Report – Elizabeth Leibach – Distributed the budget report as of December 2008. Last year we spent more than our budget but we had enough revenue from the previous conferences to cover all expenses. Also noted that the region’s saving account, is approximately double the budget amount which is strongly advised for any organization to remain fiscally sound. Also, noted that the budget reflects expenditures and credits from 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008 only. Budgets distributed.

Registrar Report – Jennifer Marinello for Rhonda Hinkle (absent) gave update More than 320 people registered for the Fall Regional Conference 2008

Academy Update – Sara Allaei. gave update 2 members are currently participating in the Academy in Region VI from outside our region. We need to identify an Academy Coach for 2010.

Annual Conference 2010 – Deb Pierce – May 30 – June 4, 2010 Kansas City We are looking for more participatory sessions that collaborate across KCs.

Susan Carty asked Deb if the Region VI team was consulted regarding the selection of Louisville as the site of the 2013 National Conference?

Jennifer Marinello. “The team was not consulted.”

Deb suggested we contact Betty Sopelsa.

### **Knowledge Community Reports**

KC – IEL Update – Sue Miller for Opal Leeman Bartzis (absent) – At the national level, the International Education Leadership knowledge community (IEL) is making a concerted effort to work more closely with other international education organizations, such as ACE, the Forum, AIEA, etc. and also to collaborate on projects with NAFSA's Teaching, Learning and Scholarship knowledge community (TLS).

Those Region VIers who identify with the IEL should consider joining one of the two IEL-KC networks (there's one for SIO's and one for those interested in international education leadership development) and becoming more involved in general with the knowledge community itself.

Also, don't forget that the IEL KC has broadened its scope to include mid-career professionals who either aspire to be SIOs or who simply want to learn from experienced professionals in their field.

Ideas for IEL discussions and sessions at the regional should be forwarded to me, please. Remember that the regional leadership team designs the conference so that IEL-related activities take place on a single day (Monday) so that individuals in leadership positions will only have to be away from their campuses for a one day.

And, finally, Region VI would like to recognize two Region VIers who hold national positions -- Susan Buck Sutton from IUPUI is national chair for the IEL KC and Yating Chang of Purdue is the International Education Leadership Development professional network leader.

KC-Community College Report – Chad Broecker – the comm. College MIG representatives want to make sure that issues facing Community Colleges are considered at the National Level, and not only in regions where there is an active MIG. Many community college reps speculate growth due to the economic downturn. Many community colleges are adding a globalization component to their mission. The Community College MIG is looking for someone in each region to serve on the team as the community college liaison. A meeting was held among Region VI community college DSOs to discuss common international education issues and needs such as using different services like English as a second language etc.

Regulatory Ombudspersons Report – Sam Lockhart, Joanna Snyder – On May 28<sup>th</sup> SEVP may announce that SEVIS II's roll out date will be pushed back. In early May 400 people attended the batch user meeting in Washington DC at SEVP's expense. Service Center emails; Remind schools to continue using the service center emails. These emails are for DSOs and ROs only not for students.

[Tsc.schools@dhs.gov](mailto:Tsc.schools@dhs.gov) – Texas Service Center

[Nsc.schools@dhs.gov](mailto:Nsc.schools@dhs.gov) Nebraska Service Center

[Vsc.schools@dhs.gov](mailto:Vsc.schools@dhs.gov) Vermont Service Center

[Csc.schools@dhs.gov](mailto:Csc.schools@dhs.gov) California Service Center

Remind schools to use IssueNet for issues, including employment based questions.

On Friday morning 5/29 there will be a regulatory roundtable, set up like a walk-in clinic, Regbuds will be available to answer questions regarding f/j issues, recertification, OPT, H-1B and transfers. This session will be held in 408B of the Convention Center.

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

- Sarah:
  - National RAP meeting was yesterday.
  - We had a RAP retreat about a month ago – at this retreat, we created a mission statement and launched a new focus for RAP that focuses on **international enrollment management**.
  - We have created templates to share with other schools that include information about strategies & plans related to international enrollment management.
  - We created a new position within RAP: Regional Liaison. John Erikson-Bryant will hold this position; its purpose is to create a central landing pad for all regional RAP reps.
  - We want to put all RAP sessions on the website to share resources.
  - We are working to create an all RAP forum or list-serve through NAFSA and want to encourage all National team members to be involved at Regional Conferences.
  - We are hoping to create a cross-sectional session or workshop, e.g. Credential Evaluation for EA professionals. We think this will be useful, but we don't want to discontinue offering sessions about country specific credentials. ECE and WES have typically offered these sessions and they are usually highly attended.
  - The Ed USA country fair took place today. Flash-drives with country information were available to every attendee.
  
- Marlin:
  - We hope to connect community colleges with IEPs.
  - We are intrigued by the cooperation of the various knowledge communities on research and the interest in doing it.
  - IEP's seem to be regarded as an important part of NAFSA again although we are small in number. IEP's seemed to be valued as an integral part of the campus mission to internationalize.
  - I plan to submit a proposal and/or paper about IEPs at the fall conference. I was hoping perhaps for something that showed IEP's as part of the university mission or along those lines.
  - I also reminded people that my position opens at the end of the year and while I have a nominee in mind, if anyone else is interested, fine! I really feel that the team needs an IEP person on it. Some regions have their IEP RAP person delegated as the ELTA person. I like that idea.
  
- KC-Teaching, Learning, Scholarship Report – Kathy Ice-Wedding This KC is extremely happy to be joining forces with the IEL KC. Our joint effort will be beneficial to the NAFSA organization.

- Major foci of the TLS KC are internationalizing curriculum and campus, intercultural and cross-cultural training, research and assessment, and theory connections, reflections, and applications.
- The TLS KC is broken down into three networks: Intercultural Communications and Training (ICT), Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus (ICC), and Research and Scholarship (RS). ICT's main initiative for 2009 is the expansion of their "Theory Connections" resource. ICC's foci are theories and models related to internationalizing the campus and curriculum, discussions on the future of internationalization around the world, and practice resources connecting the theory to institution implementation. RS' foci are disseminating and promoting research on internationalization, leading discussions on major topics in international higher education, serving as a center for all those interested in the topic of internationalization to gather, and linking NAFSA members and non-NAFSA members together.
- The TLS KC is asking people to submit proposals for the 2010 NAFSA Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. This KC encourages cross-KC proposals that appeal to multiple audiences. One of our ideas is to include
- We hope to include an instructional session about how to properly present data/standards for research and surveys. We also hope to attract more student presenters.

#### Publications/Website Update – Vivian Yamoah - (absent)

The Region VI website is [www.region6.nafsa.org](http://www.region6.nafsa.org). The Region VI Spring Newsletter is now online! Remember to sign up for the listserv. Send a message to [listserv@listserv.iupui.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.iupui.edu) without a subject. In the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE REGION VI-L

## **State Reports**

Indiana State Report – Tammy Orahood 75 people attended the IN state meeting; 12 sessions

- Darren Eaton offered a popular session over lunch on speed networking. We might want to consider adding this component to the newcomer's luncheon at the Regional Conference.

Kentucky State Report – Soren Peterson Kentucky State Meeting will be Friday, 26 June, at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY.

- My term is up in December, so anyone interested in becoming the Kentucky State Representative should talk to me.

#### Ohio State Report – Jennifer Marinello for Natalie Leek (Absent)

2009 Ohio State Meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Franklin University in Columbus. 118 people attended. 18 sessions, 42 Presenters. Presentations are on the Region VI website

If you attended please remember to complete the Survey Monkey Online Evaluation.  
Thanks.

## **Regional Grants**

<http://www.region6.nafsa.org/grants.html> - Check out our travel Grants for the Regional Conference! We have travel grants for Newcomers, Experienced Professionals and Student Presenters and for workshops!!

### Regional Grants Update – Jennifer Marinello

Regional Highlight Grant - \$1000

The NAFSA Annual Conference Committee, selected the Regional Conference session, entitled “The Young and the Restless: Finding Our Place in International Education,” as a Regional Highlight this year. Lori Lammert from OU, Ryan Meyer from the University of Cincinnati and Damian Marshall from AIFS

Advocacy Day Grant Winners - \$500

IN-Kathleen Gordon, OH - Tafara Burutsa, KY - Cornell Menking

National Experience Professional Travel Grant \$250 - Kristi Campbell  
*Congratulations!*

## **Workshops**

### Workshop Update - Jennifer Marinello

Stand Alone

F-1 For Beginners July 13, 2009 Columbus, OH Hilton Garden Inn

J-1 For Beginners July 14, 2009 Columbus OH Hilton Garden Inn

F-1 The Next Step –Region VI Conference Cincinnati, OH

J-1 Advanced –Region VI Conference Cincinnati, OH

Academic Ethics Across Cultures – Region VI Conference Cincinnati, OH

Fundamentals of Short-Term Education Abroad Programming (Possible) Region VI Conference Cincinnati, OH

## **Future Conference**

2009 Region VI Conferences Updates -- Jodie Beatty, James Tenney, Lea Minniti, Damien Marshall

The 2009 Region VI conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West Fifth Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 (513) 579-1234 November 7-11, 2009.

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

Leadership Team Information – Jennifer Marinello

There are Region VI open team positions

Incoming Chair Elect

Three positions have been filled:

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Leibach
- Regulatory Ombudsperson – Joanna Synder
- Education Abroad Knowledge Community Representative – Stephanie Leslie
- Publications - Vivian Yamoah

Positions that will become Available December 31 2009

- Chair Elect
- Local Arrangements Indianapolis 2010
- RAP
- ISS
- State Representatives for Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky
- Community College