

NAFSA Region XII Southern District Newsletter (October 2010)

Announcements from the Southern District Team

Join the Southern District Team! Call for Nominations Now Open

Looking for a way to become more active in NAFSA? The Southern District Team is currently seeking nominations for the following positions:

- Chair-Elect
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Community College Representative
- International Student Representative
- Nevada Representative

To make a nomination, complete the [Southern District Team Nomination Form](#), open now through 5:00 PM on Friday, October 22. Nominees must be members of NAFSA. Individuals can nominate themselves or others. For a description of all Team positions, see the District Team link on the [Southern District website](#).

Southern District Meeting at the Region XII Conference in Reno, NV

Thursday, Oct 28 | 4:30 – 5:00 PM | Room: Southern Pacific D

For those attending the Region XII Conference in Reno, please also plan to attend the Southern District Meeting held on-site at the conference venue, the John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel. At this meeting, the Southern District Team invites you to vote on the [Southern District Operating Procedures](#). Your vote will be needed to formally establish the Operating Procedures. Please take a moment to review the document.

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Community College Update

Community College Forum

Wednesday, Oct 27 | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Room: Tahoe

Don't miss the Community College Forum at this year's NAFSA Region XII Conference! The Community College Forum will discuss issues and policies affecting international education in community college and two-year institutions. A panel will share information on current issues and advocacy strategies that will cover all five NAFSA knowledge communities. More at <http://www.region12.nafsa.org/r12conferences.html>.

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Education Abroad Update

International Education Week (IEW) is just around the corner! If you plan to host international events for IEW this year, start planning now for the week of November 15-19! To learn more about IEW, get ideas for your campus, or to test your knowledge of the world with the [Global IQ quiz](#); visit the [IEW website](#). You can also join the [IEW facebook group](#)!

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International Scholar Update

H-1B petitions filed via standard processing are still lagging, normally taking approximately 4 months.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced upcoming changes to its fee structure. **Effective November 23, 2010**, government filing fees will increase for most applications and petitions, although USCIS will reduce fees for a few individual applications and petitions. Any petition or application that USCIS receives on or after November 23, 2010 must include the new fee.

Below is a chart with changes to fees for USCIS services, which apply most commonly to international scholars.

Form Number	Application/Petition Description	Existing Fees (effective through Nov. 22, 2010)	Adjusted Fees (effective Nov. 23, 2010)
I-129	H-1B -- Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$320	\$325
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$475	\$580
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status ("Green Card")	\$1,010	\$1,070
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$300	\$290
I-907	Premium Processing Service	\$1,000	\$1,225

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International Student Update

[NAFSA: Region XII Conference](#)- Reno, Nevada - Are you new to the International Education field? Sign up for a Core Education Program (CEP). (*Early-bird online registration deadline: October 5, 2010*):

[F-1 Student Advising for Beginners](#)
Monday, October 25, 8:00 – 6:00

[F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate](#)
Monday, October 25, 8:00 – 5:00

Fulbright International Education Administrator (IEA) Programs

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) is accepting applications for the IEA Programs in Japan and Korea. **The application deadline for these programs is November 1, 2010.** For more information, please visit www.cies.org/IEA/.

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Recruitment, Admissions & Preparations Update

The Region XII Conference in Reno later this month is offering a number of sessions related to Recruitment, Admissions and Preparations. Some of the sessions you won't want to miss include: Recruiting and Marketing in the Web 2.0 World; International Student Recruitment on a Shoestring Budget; Strategies to Marketing and Recruiting During Economically Difficult Times; Comparing Education Systems in Anglophone and Francophone

Africa; Update on the Commonwealth Caribbean; Evaluating Marks on Indian Educational Documentation; and IELTS: The Test that Puts People First.

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Questions? Contact Your District Team

Your Region XII Southern District Team members are ready to assist you. If you have specific content area questions, please contact the appropriate District Team representative from our [District Team member roster](#).

From your friends on the Region XII Southern District Team

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