

CHAIR'S CORNER

Southern District Meeting at Regional Conference: October 24th 5:00 to 5:45

Please attend the annual Southern District Meeting. Once on site, please check the most current schedule for the meeting room location. This meeting is a great time to meet the Southern District team members, Southern District members and to learn about our current activities. This year we will review the Region XII Southern District Operation Procedures, which is required every three years. Please click [here](#) to review the Southern District Operating Procedures before the meeting. We will also introduce the new Southern District team.

Election Results for your 2013 Southern District Team

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the 2013 Southern District Team! Thank you to all who participated this year. I know the election falls during the busiest time of year for you. We look forward to meeting our new Southern District Team members at this year's conference in San Jose.

Chair Elect	Daniel Yoder <i>Cal Tech</i>
Treasurer	Becky Guberek <i>UC San Diego</i>
International Student Rep	Olga Piro <i>UC San Diego Extension</i>
Community College Rep	Amy Yan <i>Pasadena City College</i>
Registrar	Laura Macchia Amescua <i>UC Los Angeles</i>

2012 NAFSA Region XII Conference in San Jose

October 21-26 - San Jose, CA

[Register today!](#) Join us at the Hilton San Jose, located in the heart of the Silicon Valley. The conference hotel is just minutes from several of the city's bustling attractions including theater, art, culture and vibrant nightlife. There are many premier destinations just a short walk, drive, or ride on San Jose's Light rail system from the hotel. Single and double rooms start at \$169 per night, so make your reservations through this [link](#) and receive the special NAFSA rate.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UPDATES

SAVE Issue resolved as of 9/14 (we hope)

On August 24, 2012, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) sent a broadcast message to SEVIS users, to apprise them on difficulties with the SEVIS-SAVE interface that have been causing

problems with students seeking a Social Security Number or a driver's license. On September 10, 2012, SEVP sent another broadcast message to update DSOs, stating that the cause of the problem has been identified, and that on September 14, 2012, DHS applied a patch to SAVE to resolve the problem.

If you have any students who applied BEFORE 9/14 and are told there is an issue: Just send them back down to their SSA/DMV office and the application should clear. Also, please note for the future, as long as the application is RECEIPTED for SSA, they can be put on payroll while the application is pending.

IRS Provides Interim Option For DSOs/ROs To Certify Documents For ITIN Applicants Instead Of Submitting Original Passport

On October 2, 2012, IRS announced a new option ITIN documentation option, which gives PDSOs/DSOs and ROs/AROs an optional role in authenticating a student's passport, and forwarding a copy of the passport along with the student's I-20 and ITIN application directly to IRS, rather than the student or exchange visitor submitting his or her original passport to IRS. This policy supplements the interim policy IRS had announced on June 22, 2012.

If you submit the W-7 ITIN form on behalf of your students, please read the new directions and also know that your DSO letter content must change. There is a template at this link, as well, as other information.

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Clarifies-Temporary-ITIN-Application-Requirements-for-Noncitizens-with-Tax-Extensions-and-Many-Foreign-Students>

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INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Region XII Conference is rapidly approaching, and there are lots of great RAP sessions scheduled. You'll find sessions on the educational systems of Germany and Austria; connecting online with Chinese students; recruitment in India; admissions advising for international music applicants; best practices for a paperless application process; partnering with EducationUSA; IELTS overview; and many more. If you weren't able to attend the national conference this past May, you won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with and learn from local experts in the field!

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR UPDATE

EB-2 Visa Retrogression

As of the October 2012 visa bulletin, the EB-2 category for worldwide has retrogressed to January 1, 2012 and for those from China and India it moved to July 2007 and September 2004. In the November 2012 visa bulletin, we will see if the worldwide category becomes current and for those from China and India it has been moved up a bit more.

H-1B Processing

Many institutions have been experiencing major delays in H-1B delays. For standard processing, it is taking close to 4 months for CSC to adjudicate H-1B petitions.

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EDUCATION ABROAD UPDATES

Lessons from Abroad Returnee Conference

On behalf of the Lessons from Abroad Los Angeles planning committee, we invite you and your students to participate in this year's Lessons from Abroad Returnee Conference: Los Angeles! The event will be held Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Loyola Marymount University.

As you may know, this returnee conference is a collaboration of professionals across the field of international education. The goal of this conference is to address the often overlooked needs of our recently returned study abroad students. By pooling our time and resources at the regional level, we can each provide our students with greater resources and networking opportunities. The keynote presentation offers insight into how study abroad translates socially, academically, and professionally. Afternoon breakout sessions provide time for reflection and share tools necessary for practical application of these lessons. Attendees of this conference learn ways to utilize their study abroad experience to land a job, and have found the resources offered to be of tremendous value.

Online registration is available on the [Lessons from Abroad Website!](#) The registration fee, which includes lunch, snacks and parking, is only \$15 for students. We invite your support of and participation in this event. There remain plenty of opportunities to get involved; as an exhibitor or sponsor, a session presenter, a day-of volunteer, and most importantly as a recruiter of your students for this conference. Please contact conference co-chairs Katie Hunter Perkins (katie.e.perkins@gmail.com) or Lisa Loberg (loberg@callutheran.edu) if you would like to get involved, or if you have any questions or suggestions!

Diversity Abroad Conference

Diversity Abroad is pleased to announce the first annual Diversity Abroad Conference:

'Changing Landscapes: Strategies & Opportunities for Greater Access'

This stimulating conference, hosted by Loyola University Chicago, will be held on **April 1 - 2, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois**. The conference will provide professionals at various levels with the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking exchanges of ideas and approaches to diversifying the types of students involved in education abroad experiences. **Save the date!** More details will be available at <http://www.diversitynetwork.org/conference>.

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