

**CVIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President, David Horner at 9:35am. Thank you to Ann McCall and Iris Horner for our refreshments.

**Attendance:** Dottie Schmidt, William R. Eubank, Peggy Arbanas, Carol Towl, Iris Horner, Mary Barrett, Ann McCall, Pat Barrett, David Horner, Bonnie Bankson, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Lois Park and Carol Bryson.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were approved as emailed.

Carol Towl moved and Peggy Arbanas seconded that Pat Barrett become the CVIP Historian. This was approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report, March 2009:** Ann McCall

Savings Account (Shares)

Balance 3-01	1720.40
Dividend 3-31	<u>.37</u>
Balance 3-31	1720.77

Percentage yield is .25% from 3-1-09 through 3-31-09

Checking Account

Balance 3-01	310.28
Withdrawal Draft Acct Fee	<u>-2.00</u>
Ending Balance 3-1	308.28

The percentage yield has changed to .25% in March from 1.01% in February. In our account, this is a small matter, but it symbolizes the present condition of the economy and would make a difference if we were depending on the dividend for income.

**Administrative Services Report:** William Eubank and Pat Barrett

**Membership**

The membership list of CVIP contains approximately 920 individuals and families. Very few names have been added during the last month. Thanks to the program chairs who have kept us informed of the drops and adds in their membership.

**Office**

Nancy Rademacher, in OISS, has a used computer that CVIP will be getting for CVIP use only.

Calendar: For a calendar of upcoming events in ISP (International Studies and Programs) which now includes CVIP events go to our present web site [www.isp.msu.edu/cvip](http://www.isp.msu.edu/cvip) and click on "calendar". Send any information you want on the calendar to Pat Barrett.

## **Public Relations**

The Spring 2009 issue of the *CVIP Newsletter* will go to press in a couple of weeks and should be in the mail before the end of the month. This will be the first CVIP newsletter to feature color pictures, and also the first to place a feature human interest story on the front page instead of the President's Corner, which usually appears there.

This will also be Pat Barrett's last CVIP newsletter. He is retiring from his position as editor or co-editor after thirteen years and giving the red pencil back to Stacey Bieler. Perhaps you did not know that Stacey was the editor of the *CVIP Newsletter* in the early 1990's, before Pat was even a member of CVIP.

## **Report from ISP Dean's Office: Charles Gliozzo**

### **I. NEW ISP WEBSITE**

For those who have not heard, ISP has revised its website and those who are interested in ISP's new look, click on to [www.isp.msu.edu](http://www.isp.msu.edu)

### **II. MSU DUBAI ACADEMY**

The MSU Dubai Academy was recently launched to assist and advise students who are interested about the U.S. Higher Educational System with particular focus on admission criteria.

### **III. ISP PERSONNEL**

The search is continuing for the Director of Study Abroad and for the Director of the Asian Studies Center.

### **IV. 2009 ISP AWARDS CEREMONY**

Bouquets for the ISP staff for a well organized awards ceremony. That was the consensus for those who attended the event. Of particular interest to CVIP was the Homer Higbee International Education Award to Erika Nwankwo Larson for her untiring efforts as a Friendship Family member and particularly, for coordinating community support in behalf of the Lending Center.

### **V. ISP HOSTED 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE VI IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

ISP can add another exemplary honor when asked by TITLE VI administrator last month to host the 50th anniversary of Title VI in Washington D.C. ISP has had the distinction at different time periods to have had over five units funded by Title VI and designated as national educational centers.

### **VI. ISP BUDGET**

Due to the present economic crisis and uncertainty about allocations from the State Legislature, ISP will have to plan ahead for the next three years with a goal of a 10% total budget reduction. One step in this direction will be to forego the position of an ISP Associate Dean For Research but top priorities need to be funded. With this aim, a review of budget production plus configurations with other MSU units, emphasis on grant monies, and strategic planning needs to be implemented. A Fall Planning Letter by the

Dean on Strategic Priorities for the next three to five years can be reviewed on the ISP website.

**OISS Report:** Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs

The international student survey conducted by Ravi Ammigan and the OISS intern and sent to about 4500 students had a great response. Ravi plans to create a formal report from the responses and he will share that with us.

Orientation for summer semester will be May 13, the same day as the CVIP Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

**Haslett A+ ESL Report:** Jo Pamment

I have good news so far. Section 107 of the School Aid act was rewritten and has successfully passed through the House Appropriations Committee and the House floor. It is now in the Senate so we have to await their approval. However, because of the fight we put up, it is with a great sense of relief that I can say our program looks like it will be continuing next year. My heartfelt thanks for your letters and calls of support.

**VETP Report:** Dottie Schmidt

No report

**VIPP Report:** William Eubank

No report

**Visioning Committee:** Arlene Brophy

The CVIP Visioning Committee met on May 5, 2009 at 8am. No report on that meeting yet.

**Executive Committee:** David Horner

The CVIP Executive Committee met on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Topics for discussion included the upcoming Annual Meeting, the Annual Report, a report from the Leadership/Nomination Program, a Visioning Committee report, a possible fall retreat, a review and discussion of “affiliation” and a discussion of several ongoing projects. The definition of affiliation as it pertains to CVIP will be as follows: CVIP affiliates with such MSU campus units which support its goals and mission and such community groups as those that provide service, space, and/or financial contributions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Web-site update:** Pat Barrett

Although it has been a slow process, we are pleased to report that the construction of the new CVIP website is underway. We now have a graphic format for the web pages and the ISP website development team is entering program-specific text daily. By the end of this week, we should have all of the necessary text ready to go.

At this time, we need good pictures to display on your web pages. In some cases, we have a good supply of pictures, but we can always use more. Please remember to take your camera along to your next program activity and shoot everything that moves (like in some action films that we can think of).

We will also be revising the application forms, and soon we will be calling on all of our program chairs to think of what program-specific information they wish to collect on the volunteer and student applications.

The Website Committee (Bonnie Bankson, Pat Barrett, William Eubank, Cheryl Highstreet, Iris Horner, David Horner, and Nicole Namy) wishes to thank International Studies and Programs for their generous assistance in developing the CVIP website, the Office for International Students and Scholars for their on-going support, and especially James White and Ravi Ammigan for their invaluable help in guiding us in both the conceptual and practical aspects of website development.

### **Logo update:** David Horner

The logo committee met to look at some variations created by Ravi and his friend, Jeff. It is important to keep the focus simple with an eye towards program identity. It is hoped that CVIP could use the new logo for business cards, shirts and stationary. It is important to remember, simple lines are best for enlargement or diminishment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

How should CVIP celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary? CVIP was started in 1964!

Chuck Gliozzo brought up new technologies and how they affect CVIP. Peggy Arbanas proposed an in-service seminar on new technology such as Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In, Blogs etc.

Fred Fritz mentioned several changes to take place concerning MSU fall semester orientation.

## **PROGRAM REPORTS**

### **Global Festival:** Peggy Arbanas

Global Festival will be November 15, 2009.

**Scholarship:**

The deadline for scholarship applications for fall semester is April 24. People here on an F2 visa (spouse) can no longer be part time students. Lillian and others are mounting a grass-roots campaign to change this policy. Peter talked about this to the Committee of Institutional Cooperation and all agreed the policy needs to be changed. Peter and David will present the idea at the next NAFSA, National Association of Foreign Student Affairs meetings. GO LILLIAN!

**Every Tuesday:** Mary Barrett

We have completed the spring semester with the last three programs. On motion day, a guest line dancing instructor came and taught several dances. Dances like the hokey pokey were also learned. Stamping on tiles was the activity for the next program. Hot pads and decorative tiles were made.

The last program we decorated spring straw hats. Actually, they were sachets to be hung in closets or on walls as decorations. We wound up the semester with our usual potluck luncheon. As always, the food was outstanding. We had eleven international ladies and ten children. Because of spring vacation, half of the children were school age. We also had eight volunteers and two guests, for a total of thirty-one well-fed attendees.

**Home Visits:** Lisa Homeniuk

The spring Home Visits event took place on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Twenty six volunteers, including 2 brand new volunteers, were in place to accommodate 58 students (as of Monday, 3/30) and 4 teachers. My coordination for this event was very similar to last fall, which worked out very well, so I didn't change much.

On Tuesday, 44 students participated. The low attendance, combined with how I organized the groups, caused some hosts and drivers not to have any students at all. While student attendance is something I cannot control, I now know things I can do better to help avoid this most unfortunate scenario in the future.

Students and volunteers that were able to visit had a wonderful cultural experience.

**Friendship Family:** Iris Horner

We held a Friendship Family Potluck Party on Sunday, April 5 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. It was a very successful event with lots of energy, food and fun. The event was attended by over 100 adults and 16 children. The food line began at 4:15 pm. and by 5:15 pm. we began acknowledging new and old friendship families and heard some great stories from a few of the families.

Amber Arashiro created a fun interactive bingo game which had people moving around asking each other questions and trying to win small prizes. Nicole Namy was a great support person and knew how to order enough chicken schwarma for the group.

The event was so successful and well-attended that the question was asked: “Where can we find a bigger space the next time we do this?”

Special thanks to Peter Arashiro, student Eiko Hatagawa, Marion and Lon McCollum and David Horner who came early and stayed late to help set up and clean up.

**Speakers Bureau:** Carol Bryson and Carol Towl co-chairs, Mitsuko Marx member

Spring Semester is a busy time for Speakers Bureau, as in past years. Public school teachers tend to plan more enrichment experiences as the end of the school year approaches, and we have made some valuable contacts in local service clubs.

***March 18:*** A family emergency prevented Ahmed Abukar from making his presentation at Allen Senior Center. He hopes to reschedule with them in May or June.

***March 23 – 27:*** Nine international students made presentations at Holt High School for their World Language Week. Students participating were Ali Salamat (Pakistan), Nafissa Yakubova (Kazakhstan), Natalya Deryabkina (Kyrgystan), Tayebah Yazdani (Iran), Astrid Klettenhammer (Austria), Yuga Iwamoto (Japan), Jakub Olszowiec (Poland), Xiaoxiao Chen (China) and Yi-Tsen Wu and Pei-Tsu Wei (Taiwan). The Google Calendar created by Nicole Namy proved very helpful in recruiting students for these assignments.

***April 1:*** Astrid Klettenhammer from Austria visited Allen Community Center and presented for the Senior Citizen Group.

***April 7:*** Xiaoxiao Chen from China visited the meeting of the Okemos Kiwanis Club and shared a PowerPoint presentation about his homeland.

We have two enthusiastic new volunteer drivers: Barbara Sawyer-Koch and Kathy Bossen.

Two presentations are in the planning for the Meridian Senior Center in Okemos in April and May.

International students continue to volunteer for weekly appearances in TE 250 classes through the Google Calendar to Nicole Namy in the OISS office.

As Spring Semester nears the end, we are planning an appreciation dinner for those who volunteered for Speakers Bureau this year. We are pleased that both the number of volunteer speakers and the number of requests for speakers increased this year over the 2007-2008 school year.

**Lending Center:** Erika Nwankwo Larson

The Lending Center is looking forward to moving in to the new location by May 16. At least that's when we set the date for the open house. We hope everyone who gets the newsletter will see our invitation and bring a friend.

If any of the CVIP Board would like to help, we'll be having a pot-luck-punch. I'll have a basic punch prepared and if you'd like to bring a bottle of a punch-like ingredient, we'll add it to the mix as the liquid goes down. It's lots of fun! Or if you'd like to bring a munchie to share, we'll be having light snacks.

Save-the-Date: Saturday, May 15, 2009, 1:00 - 4:00, at 1434 E & F Spartan Village. Look for the invitation with directions and map in the next newsletter.

More specifically, Jim LaZar is planning to have the rooms cleaned and our fixtures from Linens 'n Things moved over there by the third week in April. I've already given Fred Fritz a heads up about this since he's going to take care of installing all our shelving. Thank you to Fred.

We will have to wait for the shelving to be up before we move out "stuff" from the Lending Center. We have shut down the Center for the year but will open for donations or returns by appointment. We've posted notices to this effect and I've given Pat this information to post on the web site.

We've requested enough keys so that all the workers can have their own and both Every Tuesday and Global Festival can have their own keys.

Mary will be able to move just as soon as we have her key, Peggy may have to wait until we can put some shelving up so the boxes don't have to be stacked quite so high on top of each other, unless??

A College of Arts and Sciences student, Jennifer New has made a very clever poster featuring the Statue of Liberty imploring MSU students to recycle household items when they move out of the dorms. These posters will be hung in all the undergraduate dorms and other places on campus. Items should be brought to the lobby of the Communication Arts Building, Room 189 by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you have questions email [jnew@msu.edu](mailto:jnew@msu.edu)

**Leadership:** Fred Fritz

The Leadership Program will meet immediately after the CVIP Board Meeting. Final nominations will be emailed to everyone very soon.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

CVIP Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Time???? No refreshments.

CVIP Annual Meeting a Salad Luncheon: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Punch-11:30am; Lunch-12 Noon.

\*NEW\* Lending Center Open House: Saturday, May 16, 2009 1-3pm Bring an ingredient for pot-luck punch.