

CVIP BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Stacey Bieler. Refreshments were provided by CVIP Board officers, Stacey Bieler, Cheryl Highstreet and Dottie Schmidt.

Attendance: Lisa Homeniuk, Dottie Schmidt, Peggy Arbanas, Stacey Bieler, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Bonnie Bankson, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Lillian Kumata, Cheryl Highstreet, Carol Towl, Fred Fritz, Arline Roe, Christine Van Nada, Sarah Phillips, Nicole Namy, Shawn Gallagher.

Mary Barrett introduced her daughter, Christine Van Nada, who in turn introduced Sarah Phillips and Shawn Gallagher. Together, these three will be chairs of the Every Tuesday Program. They were warmly welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Dottie Schmidt

The May minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report, May 2009: Ann McCall

Ann was absent but she asked that everyone turn in any bills still outstanding from the Annual Meeting.

Administrative Services Report: William Eubank and Pat Barrett

Membership: Pat Barrett

Membership stands at about 800 but we may add more if we include the liaison groups we are connecting with. Program chairs should continue to check their participant lists for accuracy. Please send corrections and/or additions to Pat.

Office: William Eubank

Public Relations: Stacey Bieler

A co-editor for the CVIP newsletter is still being sought. Stacey can not do this alone! Please send possible names to Stacey

Report from ISP Dean's Office: Charles Gliozzo

Selection of new Executive Director of the Office of Study Abroad:

After an intensive international search Brett Berquist has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Office of Study Abroad. He was the former Executive Director of International Programs from Western Michigan University.

In addition, he had faculty and administrative appointments at the Institut Supérieur du Commerce in Paris and with Grand Valley State University.

His experiences include study abroad program development, international student recruitment, strategic planning and management. He will begin his official duties on July 15.

OISS Report: Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs

Nicole announced that there are several special summer events being planned by OISS and CVIP members are welcome to attend. Just send Nicole an email if you wish to attend. Ice cream socials are being planned for June 18 and July 16 from 3:30-5:30pm in the Crossroads Food Court. Come for **free** ice cream. A day long field trip to Mackinac Island is being planned. It will be from 7am-midnight on ?? And, a picnic at Lake Lansing South Park will be held on July 26 from 1-4pm.

New carpet and paint are brightening up the OISS offices and everyone is trying to reassemble their offices. OISS will have a retreat on Friday, June 12. We have hired a new intern, Jess Young. 60% of the new international undergraduate freshmen this fall are Chinese.

Congratulations to Lillian Kumata for being awarded the Hugh Jenkins Award at the recent NAFSA meetings in Los Angeles.

New MSU international students will be welcomed at orientation August 23-24. Volunteers are needed. Email Nicole. The Resource Fair will be on the 24th at Breslin Center. For a complete listing of the orientation schedule please go to www.oiss.msu.edu

Haslett A+ ESL Report: Jo Pamment

VETP Report: Dottie Schmidt

VIPP Report: William Eubank

Visioning Committee: Arlene Brophy

The video project lead by Tomiko Rothhorn has been temporarily halted because the person who was going to do it has become too busy. Another videographer will need to be found.

Executive Committee: David Horner

OLD BUSINESS

Awards: Corrections were made to Arline Roe's CVIP Recognition Award and it was re-presented by Stacey Bieler along with thanks for her many, many years of service to CVIP. Arline responded by presenting CVIP with an American flag like the ones being

sold by the Lansing Exchange Club. Lansing Exchange Club displayed 14,000 flags in Ferris Park as a symbol to prevent child abuse. The flags are \$10 or \$15 if you want a display pole to go with it.

Web-site update: Pat Barrett

The CVIP Website Committee has completed its task of revising the CVIP website, after a year and a half of planning and development. Thanks to the members of the Website Committee, and thanks again to all of those who submitted text and pictures for inclusion on the website. Board members attending the June Board meeting will have their first look at the finished project.

The next step will be to make the new website available to the CVIP Board members online. When the site is accessible for viewing, it is hoped that Board members will critique the page content and suggest possible improvements where needed.

Great credit goes to James White, ISP Webmaster, who implemented the work on our website, and to Pat Niebrzydowski, the graduate student programmer whose outstanding artistic design treatment can be found on every single page and application form. Many thanks to ISP! CVIP has been very fortunate to have such excellent support from both ISP and OISS throughout the development of the new website.

Logo update: David Horner

A sheet was passed around with three possible logos on it and people were welcome to make comments.

Directory: Pat Barrett

Sample CVIP Board rosters were circulated for additions and corrections. These should be available at the September meeting.

Annual Report: Dottie Schmidt/William Eubank

The CVIP Annual Report was distributed. Extra copies are available in the CVIP office.

NEW BUSINESS

A CVIP Retreat will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Henry Center. If you have items you would like on the agenda please email them to David Horner.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Global Festival: Peggy Arbanas

Global Festival will be November 15, 2009. A summer meeting will be held to get started on the planning.

Lending Center: Erika Nwankwo Larson

WE HAVE MOVED. Thanks to many of you, the shelving is in place and stocked with the supplies from 802 Cherry Lane. And now we have air-conditioning! We've been averaging about two donations a week and one new-student visit a week.

The Open House yielded two new volunteers as well as much welcome donations. It was a small gathering, but we had an opportunity to meet and chat with some of our faithful supporters. Everyone was delighted with our new home.

Now that we have more visibility we need a new sign: CVIP International Student Lending Center

We have a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who made our move possible. We will be opening for the fall on August 18th during our regular hours and before that, by contacting Erika.

Scholarship: Lillian Kumata

Every Tuesday: Mary Barrett

Please take plant cuttings and root them in water (no need to plant them in soil) for our first ET meeting of the fall, September 15, 2009. Contact Mary for pick-up.

Speakers Bureau: Carol Bryson and Carol Towl co-chairs, Mitsuko Marx member
Speakers Bureau continued its services in late May and June, even though fewer students are available after the close of MSU's Spring Semester.

May 19: Kingdom Kwapata from Malawi spoke for a meeting of the Okemos Kiwanis Club. Barabara Sawyer-Koch was his driver and was pleased also to attend the meeting.

May 21: Lan Thi Dang from Viet Nam gave a presentation at the Meridian Senior Center for a group that gathers for lunch. Carol Bryson drove Lan to the Center and helped to resolve technical and equipment problems.

May 26: Mushref Al-Amri from Saudi Arabia presented at Portland Middle School. Mushref has a car and offered to drive himself. He arrived one hour later than scheduled! From this we learned that our western understanding of meeting a schedule does not always translate for other cultures. The teacher, Teri Keusch, was able to accommodate the schedule glitch and was pleased with the experience her students had.

June 3: Malek Al-Aweni and his friend Yalla, both from Libya, spoke to senior citizens at Allen Community Center

June 30: Rahul Rane from India is scheduled to speak at the Meridian Senior Center.

Home Visits: Lisa Homeniuk

Friendship Family: Iris Horner

Leadership: Fred Fritz

DATES TO REMEMBER

International Student Resource Fair: Monday, August 24, 2009 4-6PM Breslin Center

MSU Fall Semester classes begin: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

CVIP Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Refreshments by Global Festival and Scholarship Programs **NOTE! David has called for an August meeting to be held at 9am on Wednesday, August 12, 2009**

CVIP Retreat: Friday, September 11, 2009 8am-1:30pm Henry Center