

IFYE Board Update:

Joining the IFYE Board in January 2017 will be Cindy Barnett, IFYE from IN to Korea in 1975, and Larry Gould, IFYE from MI to Mexico in 1965. They attended the Manhattan IFYE Conference Board meeting and will be on the monthly Board conference calls for the rest of 2016.

Also new to the IFYE Board is Larry Hancock, IFYE from NC to India in 1968. Larry is the new Treasurer who replaced Norma Wu whose term actually ended in December 2015. Norma graciously agreed to stay on the Board as Treasurer until a new Treasurer could be located and the transition made.

Officer elections for the new Board will take place in the fall of 2016.

The IFYE Bylaws provide for 9 to 15 Board members with at least one Board member from each of the regions. Currently the 2017 IFYE Board has 10 members. So there is room for additional Board members. Interested persons should contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Betty Jo Roberts at bjrobkan@gmail.com.

The Board's immediate challenge is retaining the traditional IFYE program values while making the program attractive to current young adults. The IFYE Board decided to continue pursuing the path to restructure the business model with an Executive Director and to explore adding internships to the 3-month and 6-month exchange programs. The Board also voted to financially support the operating endeavors of IFYE in addition to the personal in-kind activities of their Board positions.

If you were not able to attend the conference you can communicate your thoughts to the Program Director via email at alanelambert@gmail.com or by phone number 605-366-6107.

IFYE Program Update:

Alan Lambert, National Program Director, conducted a successful IFYE orientation in Washington, DC in June. Seven highly qualified and very motivated outbound IFYEs are now in host countries on their IFYE experience. They are listed in the IFYE News recently published.

Due in a large part to the immigrant situation in the world, an agreement that has been on the record and not implemented for a number of years, in 2016 has been rigidly enforced. The Schengen Agreement is a document that most of the Western European Countries have signed. It limits the stay in any of these countries to 90 days in any 180 day period. IFYEs going to these Schengen Agreement countries will be limited to a 3-month program unless they go to a second, non-Schengen Agreement country. Efforts will continue to place IFYEs so they have a 6-month experience.

If you know of persons that would possibly qualify to be an IFYE, please contact Alan Lambert at alanelambert@gmail.com or 605-366-6107.

IFYE Financial Update:

A big THANK YOU is given to the 373 IFYE alumni that have donated \$143,551 since November 15, 2015. The donations for 2016 calendar year have been \$116,730.

There is a \$26,150 pledge from the IFYEs who went in 1968 that will be received if the 6:1 donation ratio is met. For every \$6 donated, this alumni group will donate \$1. That is a bonus of almost 17% for each dollar collected. Contribute now to be a part of this match. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The 2016 calendar year budget is \$331,000. If the 6:1 pledge is met, we will totally fund the 2016 budget. If expenses in 2016 are less than budget needs, the money will be a start for the 2017 IFYE program.

Please consider using the attached or enclosed invoice to make a donation to IFYE now.

THANK YOU again for your generous support of IFYE.

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FUTURE UPDATE ITEMS:

- Modification of IFYE postal communication
- How to donate to IFYE without paying taxes on IRA withdrawals.
- How to donate to IFYE and possibly increase your current income.
- Board member updates
- Corporate IFYE funding progress
- IFYE Programming and budget for 2017

If you have immediate comments or questions about upcoming UPDATE ITEMS, please contact the Director of Development.

PS: Those that have donated in the past can add to their donation. Our apologies to those who are receiving an invoice if they have notified us that they can not contribute at this time. That has been noted in our records but our ability to not send you an invoice may have failed. We still wanted you to receive the update information and it is hoped that is appreciated.