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Is It Time for an IFYE Reinvention and Name Change?

Alan Lambert, President

Feeling inspired about IFYE? ... or stuck! Yes, IFYE is now in both “the best of times and the worst of times.” This offers IFYE real opportunities to grow and attract new interest and participants. One thing is certain ... maintaining the status quo is not an option.

Reinvention has resulted in some of the world’s greatest success stories.

Frequently, the intention to do one thing often ends up finding grand opportunities that lie in a completely different direction. Taking advantage of the opportunity requires a reinvention of thought and strategy - and the effort pays off.

Reinvention doesn’t have to mean doing something wildly different than what you started out to do. It can be a process of evolution. Sometimes it is not easy to change our perceptions or expectations, but with the right mentors and mission, success is created.

Rising to meet these new opportunities, your Association Board, at our April meeting, approved a recommendation to change our name as a vital first step. We propose to change the name of the “**International Four-H Youth Exchange Association of the United States of America**” to “**IFYE Association of the United States of America**” also known as “**IFYE Association of the USA**”. This recommendation will be put forth at the 2012 Nebraska National IFYE Conference. Additionally, changes in the Association Bylaws and voting procedures will be proposed. The proposed changes on these items are found on pages 6 & 7 in this newsletter.

Facts supporting this change have been shared with you in previous newsletters, as far back as 2004.

- National 4-H Council no longer supports the IFYE program. Programming support is for those of 4-H age only. (Per the 4-H website (<http://www.4-h.org/about/4-h-history/faq/>), “Depending on your state’s program offerings, you can be a full 4-H member from 9 through 19 years of age.”) Previous articles, as published in the IFYE NEWS, all remark that “Other 4-H International exchange programs for ages 19-30 will be at the discretion of, and coordinated by states directly with countries.”
- National 4-H Headquarters-USDA has declined a request from the IFYE Foundation for 4-H name and emblem authorization.

Historically, in response to changing times, our name has changed since our original Articles of Incorporation in 1962. IFYE has responded to these needed changes in positive ways to further enhance our program viability, attractiveness, and availability to all interested potential participants.

A change can have positive benefits.

- Separation may reduce potential liability risk for both IFYE and 4-H.
- It assures IFYE continues to fulfill its historic mission and maintain a strong position to grow.
- Simplifying our name may have multiple benefits, including universal identification (such as European IFYEs and Asia-Pacific IFYEs call themselves),
- It creates a more encompassing identity.
- Broadening a potential market may include partners from different organizations.

The Association Board has completed research, and a name change process is not complicated, but would be completed in a thorough manner if approved. Documents to change would include the Articles of Incorporation, IRS forms, Association and Foundation Bylaws and insurance coverage, for example. Professional guidance will be used when necessary.

Looking to the future, you are aware of our budding relationship with other like-minded organizations servicing youth 19 years and over, such as American Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) and the Collegiate 4-H Chapters. Recently, I was impressed with the enthusiastic response I received on presenting our IFYE programs at the National Collegiate 4-H Conference in Reno, NV in mid-April.

Your IFYE Association Board and I believe the key to our next step to greatness is your involvement and participation. Please share your thoughts and feelings with me or members of the board (*list located on page 2*) frequently. As we work to reinvent and reinvigorate the IFYE program, your input will help guide us along that journey.

Whatever got us where we are today won’t get us any further. Reinvention is the key to taking that next great step.

Please let me know your thoughts and feelings at:
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Reposition Committee Report

Art Deisher, Committee Chair

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has given IFYE an encouraging report from the Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) convention IFYE attended in February. They advised us to seek out YF&R state leaders in AFBF and send them a letter offering to open IFYE partnership discussions at the state level. A letter has been sent to all 50 states YF&R leaders and a phone call will follow-up to measure their interest.

Articles are appearing regularly in AFBF publications about the IFYE program. If you wish to aid the communication sub-committee in writing these articles, they would welcome your assistance. Please contact any board member to express your interest.

Part of the success at the YF&R conference can be attributed to the wonderful IFYE brochure produced by Dick Tenney, Barbara Spangler, Dottie Nelson and Connie Fukudome. It is available for your viewing and use at the following link: "Become an IFYE - Host an IFYE" - <http://ifyeusa.org/pdf/IFYE-brochure.pdf>

In preparation for the Omaha IFYE conference in July, the Reposition Committee is working with the Association Board on the following topics:

- (1) Voting procedures.
- (2) The removal of 4-H from the IFYE name.
- (3) Bylaw, Policy and Procedure, incorporation, and possible effect on the 501(c)(3) status of both the Association and Foundation if the name changes.

These topics are addressed elsewhere in this issue. Information will also be published on the IFYE website www.IFYEUSA.org and by email and MailChimp. Electronic communication allows Reposition Committee activities to be more current than the print media.

The Reposition Committee continues to work to improve the operational health of the IFYE organization. We encourage you to make contact, get involved, and pay your annual dues. Each of these small efforts adds up to a stronger program that merits partnering to help IFYE to continue.



L to R: Art Deisher, Alan Lambert, Shane Sheridan, and Carolyn Gerhke at the IFYE display during AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers National Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, MI - February 2012

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Why You are So Important!

Norma Wu, Treasurer

Who has not been affected in their life from their IFYE experience? Many of our views were forever broadened. Our eyes were opened to happenings outside of our local communities. Many IFYEs married each other and continue to work on peace and international understanding. Some have married into other cultures and are continuing their experience throughout their lives. Whether married or single, we all have evolved with a wider worldview from our experiences. Make a list of how IFYE has affected your life. Write in to the newsletter and let us know.

Do you remember how long it used to take to communicate home in the fifties through the eighties? It took a week for a letter to get home and an equal amount of time for an answer. By then, you have moved on and can't quite figure out what the letter is saying. Telephoning was prohibitively expensive. Today, we can communicate instantly, if we are hooked into modern technology, via cell phones, phone text, email, Skype, websites, etc. A Skype-to-Skype call worldwide through the computer is free. Imagine being able to call home via your computer to talk with your family when you are on your IFYE journey. Oh, how times have changed!

Please stand up and be counted.

What hasn't changed over all the years is the need for your involvement. Your annual dues support our operational expenses. In our efforts to rebuild into a nation-wide program once again, the Association needs a wider support base to help develop potential opportunities.

Even though they might have fixed incomes, IFYEs who participated from 1948 through 1969 have contributed more than half of the dues paid this year. Thanks to those who have given support to the Association thus far. Please join your fellow IFYEs with your financial support.

Another Thought

Please start an IFYE change jar. When you have a thought about your experience, toss in a quarter or a \$1.00. See what you accumulate over a year. Just 7 cents a day will give you your dues for the year and it's a nice way to keep your experience alive. If you accumulate enough for two years of dues, feel free to pay ahead.

Think about what \$25.00 equates to! A tank of gas for a small car, two car washes, five Starbucks special coffees, a couple of theater tickets, and so on. So, please send in your dues today, and if at all possible, attend the National Conference in Nebraska and catch up with your fellow IFYEs.

Confidential Donations

On behalf of the IFYE Association and IFYE Foundation, we would like to thank alumni who have made confidential donations from their wills or investment accounts. We respect your need and desire for confidentiality.

In order to help us help you make this donation happen smoothly in this age of bogus offers for unsolicited funds and different levels of identity theft, please consider doing the following:

- Notify the relevant Treasurer that the money will be forthcoming. (*This can remain confidential.*)
- If sending a donation from your investment account, please notify the recipient organization's Treasurer of the pending transaction so when the bank/investment account contacts the recipient, they will be aware of your intent.

Once again, thanks so much to those of you who make donations. It helps both the IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation in supporting their activities.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Lambert, President
IFYE Association of the USA

Norman C. Bauer, President
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Association Membership, Contributions & Address Updates

Name: _____ New Address/Information?
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Maiden Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Program: _____ State Represented: _____ Host Country: _____ Year: _____

Extension Staff: _____ Host Family: _____ Friend of IFYE: _____ Other: _____

E-mail: _____

Prefer mailings via: E-mail _____ Postal _____ Both _____ Remove from mailing list? _____

Annual Membership Dues @ \$25 single/\$40 married couple (calendar year) \$ _____

Life Membership @ \$300 single/\$400 married couple \$ _____

Contributions to IFYE Association General Operational Support * \$ _____

(Contributions are Tax Deductible to the Extent Provided by Law*) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed Thank You! \$ _____

*The IFYE Association is an IRS approved 501(3)(c) non-profit charitable organization.

Please make checks payable to:

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Finland: There and Back Again

Andrew King (CT-IFYE to Finland 2011)

What do you first think of when someone tells you that they have travelled to Finland? Most likely you think of a sauna, reindeer, Santa Claus, and a forest of trees covered with snow. While I got to see all of those common associations, there are many other aspects of Finland that are just as interesting and may surprise you.

My Finnish Adventure (May 31 - August 01, 2011)

My Finnish experience began in Helsinki, where I was introduced to the capital of Finland and met with the Finnish 4-H Federation coordinator and volunteers. Some of the main places I visited were Tuomiokirkko (Helsinki Cathedral) and Suomenlinna which is an island fortress in Helsinki Harbor.

After a couple days touring Helsinki, I took a train two hours north to Urjala ("j" is pronounced "y" in Finnish) where I stayed with the Hirvonen family for three and a half weeks. My host mom, Leena, is an English teacher in the local high school and her husband, Hannu, is a History teacher at another high school. They have three boys: Henri, Kalle, Mikko, and a dog named Rosa. *Even though many Finns speak English, I cannot thank Leena enough for helping me learn as much Finnish as I did.*

While there, I was very fortunate to be able to visit Tampere and Turku, the second and third largest cities in Finland. The Hirvonen's also have a beautiful sauna cabin (*right*) on a lake nearby; so, I went there quite often.



After spending time with the Hirvonen's, I took a bus three hours north and drove another hour until I reached the town of Pihitipudas and met my next host family, the Järveläinen's.

The daughter, Satu, stayed with my family for a couple days while she was on her IFYE exchange here in the US this past November.

I also spent time with Satu's friend, Ida Kempainen, and her family. The Kempainen's hosted Paul, an IFYE from Scotland, so he and I got together a lot. I went with Paul and Ida to Rovaniemi, which is near the Arctic Circle and, then, with the whole Kempainen family to the Åland Islands.

Since it was the middle of summer, the sun didn't set in Rovaniemi. This was definitely something to get used to. It was daylight all but a couple of hours a day. I ate reindeer meat and visited Santa's Village. On the Åland Islands, we went on a camping/biking trip that covered 90 miles over 4 days.

For the final week of my eight-week journey, I attended the European IFYE Conference that was held in Rautavaara, a retreat center. This made it an especially enjoyable experience



Join me in swamp soccer, anyone?

as I was able to meet so many people from all over the world. I was actually the DJ for the conference. Selecting music to play representing all the countries present was a cultural experience that I quite enjoyed. I also met Sarah Northup (*who had an article in the Feb 2012 IFYE News*) at the conference and we played each other in swamp soccer. An amazing Finnish tradition!

On one of the day trips at the conference, I went hiking near Lake Pielinen which provided some breathtaking views. We

were led by one of the Finnish IFYE's father who was dressed in traditional Finnish attire (*right*) that would have been worn by Finnish farmers in the past.

As you can see on the map below, I was able to see a large portion of the country from Helsinki on the southern coast, to Rovaniemi above the Arctic Circle, Rautavaara in Eastern Lakeland and the Åland Islands off the western coast. I was so tremendously fortunate to have stayed with such great host families who were so eager to show me all that makes Finland a beautiful and unique country.

Changing Times

The IFYE experience has certainly changed as far as communication is concerned. When my dad was an IFYE to the United Kingdom in '73, he communicated every month by letter describing the culture, highlights with host families, new words he might have learned, and new food he might have tried. In the six months that he was there, my dad never called home.



I, however, had the advantages of the Internet. I was able to email home whenever I had a chance and I frequently used Skype to video chat with my family. I even "Skyped" from Finland back to the U.S. National IFYE Conference, which was held in July 2011 in Connecticut, to talk about how my experience was progressing.

We have come a long way in transportation and communication technology since the IFYE program started. I can't wait to see how these advances will benefit the strong tradition of IFYE in the future.

I would like to thank the MA IFYE Association for assisting me financially and the CT IFYE Association for sponsoring me through their program.

Also, if anyone would like more information about the IFYE program or would like to hear more about my experiences, please do not hesitate to contact me. (kingaw2011@gmail.com)



<http://www.bartleby.com/151/images/maps/129/fi.gif>

News of and about IFYE Alumni

Their activities toward "Peace through Understanding" and "Paying Forward"

According to Mark Twain (Samuel T. Clemens), "... Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime." — [Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It*](#)

How can one person - you or me - make a positive difference in this world? One way is, upon return from our IFYE experience, to include in our activities some type of activity that will continue broadening our outlook on the world and also help others in this same type of mind-broadening experience. While the steps might be simple, the outcome could create a sense of luck and goodwill that changes the world.

Throughout this IFYE NEWS, participant alumni and supporters have related what they and others have experienced/accomplished/since their initial IFYE experience/involvement with the program. There are many others of you who have contributed – why not let us know what you have done. We are looking forward to hearing from you. This section is planned to be "ongoing". Please feel free to contact me at vwarner@sbcglobal.net, phone to 775-772-1706, or fax to 877-391-9104 (toll-free)

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ANNA L. (HANSEN) CREAMER (WY to Norway 1948)

"AMEN to Ruth Ready's list of things that make IFYE different, I do think there is also a service component – a reciprocal kind of service, where the "take home" is equal to the "service rendered." Ruth's information can be found on page 2 of the September 2011 IFYE NEWS (<http://www.ifyeusa.org/news/> - Editor)



JOHN T CAPPS (NC to Spain 1967)

Jane and I continue to be involved with volunteer humanitarian projects locally and worldwide through Rotary International, Boys and Girls Clubs, Family Promise and The Salvation Army ... including recently hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Taiwan.

Carol and I think we have hosted about 600 visitors from all over the world here at the farm. Some were agricultural in nature, but most were from a variety of professions. Most of our visitors come as individuals or groups up to 8.

We continue to host, with several groups scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks. What a rewarding opportunity! It all started with IFYE!



HAROLD C. HILL (IA to Greece 1963) writes:

After spending over six months in Greece in 1963, I came back to Iowa State University to finish my degree. I had a new outlook on international news and affairs and tried to keep up on world news. My wife and I became active in the Iowa IFYE Association. I was named as co-chair (with Carol Stine Hunter, IA 1960 to Germany) of the 1969 National IFYE Conference to be held on the Iowa State University campus. That was the first national conference to include all of the in-country IFYEs from other countries. What an event!

When my wife, Carol, and I moved back to my home farm in 1970, we began hosting international visitors, including an IFYE from Norway with whom we are still in contact. We hosted an exchange student from Japan for a year, and some international students from ISU. In the late 1980's, we had the opportunity to host an agriculturist from the Soviet Union, and the following year were invited to the USSR by the Soviet government to visit him.

Starting in about 1990, we became involved with an organization out of Des Moines called the Iowa Council for International Understanding, recently renamed the Iowa International Center (<http://iowainternationalcenter.org/>). The visitors that this group brings to Iowa come primarily through the U.S. State Department. We began hosting individuals and groups here on the farm, and in the late 1990's, I was asked to join the board of directors of the Iowa Council. We continued to host numerous visitors. I have since termed out of the board and then been asked to rejoin.

Pictured above is a group of 22 young European Political Leaders (from 17 different countries) who were here at the farm September 2011. We had a great time with them, shared a meal, and showed them the farm. I'm on the far left, next to a local banker friend. Our daughter was here with us that day, and she's sitting on the front part of the combine. (long, blonde hair). My wife Carol is slightly right of center on the front row (6th from right).

JUDITH (RICHARDSON) HARVEY (RI to Belgium 1962)

Judith tells us that she has served as a host family and keeps up with her Belgian families - including visiting Belgium about five years ago. She has also had the opportunity to attend one of the European Conferences ... and is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with those from her year (1962) in Omaha in July!

GERTRUDE (OKINAGA) GO (HI to Japan 1960)

"That trip to Japan started my interest in traveling and peace efforts. In 1962, I joined the Peace Corps and spent two and a half years on Leyte (*Philippines - Ed.*). Following that, I lived and taught in Micronesia for another five years, and then on Guam for another five years. I finally settled in Hawaii in 1980 and am now enjoying retired life here."

Proposed Changes of IFYE Association Bylaws to be Voted on in Nebraska

It has been discussed many times that there should be changes made so that our Association can carry out voting procedures at other times besides the Annual Conferences. We are at the point now to recognize and follow through on this need. The IFYE Association Board of Directors wants to include a larger number of our membership in voting in the future. There are three fundamentals:

1. Changes in dues, Bylaw amendments, and dissolution would require a vote of the entire membership in good standing (*See Article V Section 3*). The voting would be conducted either by electronic communication or postal delivery, whichever method the member has specified. (*See Article VIII Section 2*)
2. All other business could be conducted at the annual meeting.
3. If the Board believes it prudent to have the entire membership vote on issues brought forward for discussion and/or voted upon during the annual meeting at conference it would have the means to do so. It would also have the means to go directly to the membership for voting at any time during the year.

Secondly, it has come to our attention that the IFYE Association Mission Statement is not consistent within documents and on the webpage. So, the Board is further proposing a change in the Mission Statement.

The IFYE Board proposes the following changes to our Bylaws (*see underlined changes and strikethroughs below*).

If you have any comments or questions about the proposed changes to the Bylaws, please contact Connie Fukudome, Immediate Past President and Chair of Bylaws Revision Committee, by July 1, 2012 cfukudome@gmail.com or call 617-945-7369.

LEGEND
Underline = Add
Strike-through = Delete

NOTE:

Bylaw articles having no proposed changes are not included on these pages. For a full review of the current Bylaws, please consult http://ifyeusa.org/pdf/IFYE_AssnBylawsRv2010.pdf

**BYLAWS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL FOUR-H YOUTH EXCHANGE
(IFYE) ASSOCIATION
THE IFYE ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OFFICES

Section 1: The corporate name shall be the ~~International Four-H Youth Exchange Association of the United States of America~~ The IFYE Association of the United States of America (hereafter referred to as the Association).

Section 2: The Principal office of the corporation shall be:
State 4-H Office
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523

Section 3: The Association shall operate in accordance with the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Statutes as set forth in Title 7, Articles 121-137 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (or any corresponding future provisions). (*Moved from Section 2 in Article II*)

Section 4: The Association shall carry out only those activities permitted by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. (*Moved from Section 3 in Article II.*)

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND MISSION

The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. promotes continued international, cross-cultural education and global awareness of its members and future IFYE Program participants. (*Attachment 5 can be found in the Policies and Procedures Manual <http://www.ifyeusa.org/pdf/IFYEAssnPolicyProcedures.pdf> titled "IFYE Goals"*)

~~**Section 1:** The Association mission is to engage in charitable, educational and fund development activities that further world understanding through 4-H and other international exchange programs.~~

~~**Section 2:** The Association shall operate in accordance with the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Statutes as set forth in Title 7, Articles 121-137 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (or any corresponding future provisions).~~ (*Moved to Section 3 in Article I*)

~~**Section 3:** The Association shall carry out only those activities permitted by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.~~ (*Moved to Section 4 in Article I*)

~~**Section 4:** The Association through support of its membership and the IFYE Foundation of the USA will:~~
A. ~~Promote growth and provide support for 4-H and other international educational exchange programs.~~
B. ~~Provide recognition for outstanding service and contributions to 4-H and other international programs and cross-cultural educational programs.~~

~~**Section 5:** IFYE Association Members are encouraged to participate in state and national associations and /or be involved in cross-cultural learning activities at local, county, state, regional, national and international levels.~~

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is encouraged from all participants of any cultural exchange and shall be open to all persons interested in IFYE and its principles. ~~4-H and other international exchange programs.~~

Section 2: Payment of the current fiscal year's dues or life membership constitutes active membership.
A. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter brought before the membership as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
B. Each member shall receive all general Association mailings.

Section 3: Should the IFYE Board deem it necessary to seek a vote of members in good standing (those who are life members or those who have paid current annual dues) at any time other than the annual meeting, written ballots shall be provided and delivered either by electronic communication or postal delivery, whichever method the member has specified. If both electronic and postal mail have been selected by the member for receipt of news from the Association, the electronic selection will be used for receipt of and return of the ballot. The Policies and Procedures Manual outlines voting procedures.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board).

Section 1: Officers and Directors

A. All members of the Board shall be active Association members.

B. The Board shall consist of:

1. Twelve ~~elected~~ selected active members and the immediate past president. All are voting members.

2. Nonvoting ex-officio members:

- a. The IFYE Foundation President or a designee
- b. The Newsletter Editor
- c. The Association's Investment Advisor

C. The selection of board members and their responsibilities shall be as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

D. The officers of the Association must be members of the Board of Directors and shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Duties of the officers are as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

E. The Board shall elect officers during a meeting of the Board at a time and place set by the Board. A nominating committee shall make nominations.

F. At the discretion of the Board, consultants or members with expertise, as needed, may carry out particular responsibilities of board members under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1: The Association shall have annual and life memberships as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Life membership dues are payable in one payment.

Section 2: Changes in dues shall be recommended by the Board and shall require the approval of a majority of members in good standing who return ballots. Voting shall be conducted either by electronic communication or by postal delivery, whichever method the member has specified. If both electronic and postal mail have been selected by the member for receipt of news from the Association, the electronic selection will be used for receipt of and return of the ballot.

Section 3: Dues for participants in ~~any 4-H and other international exchange~~ the IFYE program shall be half of the annual dues for the first calendar year following completion of their program exchange.

ARTICLE IX: ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Section 1: An annual meeting of the Association ~~will~~ shall be held during the National Association Conference.

Section 2: A majority of the active members registered at the annual conference shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting of the Association. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 3: The site of each annual conference shall be decided two (2) years in advance at the annual Association meeting by a majority vote of active members attending the conference. States shall submit bids for the conference site in accordance with guidelines as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Section 4: The Board has the discretion to schedule an annual meeting of the Association during the year of a World IFYE Conference.

~~**Section 5:** Membership may be polled between annual meetings as outlined in the Policies & Procedures Manual. (See Article V, Section 3 above.)~~

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(No changes in this article other than in Section 4)

Section 4: Two-thirds of the voting Board of Directors in office shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1: The Board, at regular or special meetings, shall recommend amendments or revocation of the Bylaws by a majority vote.

Section 2: All proposed amendments and revocations shall be presented to the membership at least 30 days prior to ~~the annual meeting a vote.~~ Ratification requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good standing voting by electronic communication or by postal delivery, whichever method the member has specified. If both electronic and postal mail have been selected by the member for receipt of news from the Association, the electronic selection will be used for receipt of and return of the ballot. The Policies and Procedures Manual outlines voting procedures.

Section 3: The Bylaws, as amended or revoked, shall become effective immediately upon ratification.

ARTICLE XV: IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Should the Board of Directors deem dissolution necessary, each member must be given due and proper notice six calendar months prior to the date of proposed dissolution. A vote of two-thirds majority of the active members voting either by electronic communication or by postal delivery, whichever method the member has specified, shall be required for dissolution. The Policies and Procedures Manual outlines voting procedures. It shall be the duty of the current officers to enact the requirements of these Bylaws and of the State of Colorado to dissolve this corporation.

Section 2: Should the Association disband, it is not liable to reimburse any lifetime member dues.

Section 3: All directors of the Association shall be deemed to have or have expressly consented and agreed that upon such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Association, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the Association after all debts have been satisfied then remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over to the IFYE Foundation of the USA, or if not in existence, an organization or organizations closely related in purpose or function to this Association, which organization or organizations receiving said assets shall at the time qualify as exempt from taxation as an organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue law as the Board of Directors may determine.

NOTE:

Policy and Procedure Manual changes will occur upon relevant changes in the Association Bylaws. The current manual may be viewed at
<http://ifyeusa.org/pdf/IFYEAssnPolicyProcedures.pdf>

Nebraska Conference Reminders

Jan Mehl

Nebraska IFYE Alumni Association members are anxious for alumni, former host families, 4-Hers, other interested people to attend the 54th National IFYE Conference. The Conference theme “Heartland Heartbeat...Reaching Out” will have something for everyone. The cost of tours, including transportation and noon lunch, is included in the Conference registration fee. Workshops will be offered with sign-up at registration.

Sign up for “IFYE’s Got Talent” and join in the fun for Nebraska Treasures. If planning to participate, bring all your props or let us know what is needed.

Join in support of the service projects. The Mongolian 4-H program will be the recipient of the auction proceeds, as well as items made in the Mongolian Project workshop. Bring baskets featuring state products to make a contribution to this unique service project.

Remember, the Open Door Mission can use clean used clothing and blankets.

The Conference will close with the International Banquet in the Swanson Gallery of the Durham Museum. The Durham Museum is a unique building previously known as Union Station and used by Union Pacific Railroad. The Museum exhibits will be open for viewing until 9 pm at no charge. Reservations for the International Banquet cannot be taken later than Wednesday, July 25. A dance will follow the Banquet.

Register today! Make your hotel reservation! Join the fun! More information on the program and registration form may be found in Nov/Dec 2011 and Feb2012 IFYE NEWS and on <http://ifyeusa.org/conferences/>



Philippine Experiences of a Kansas Farm Girl

Dragging out old journals, photos, letters, etc. has special meaning to all of us who have been fortunate to keep some of these memoirs of our experiences as IFYE participants.

While writing the book about her IFYE experience, she referred to “letters written while I was in the Philippines to my boyfriend, Alvin Johnson, who later became my husband.” Besides memories and letters to Alvin, she also had the daily activities in a journal written while she was on this journey.

Doris (Imhof) Johnson (KS Philippines 1962) credits her Aunt Margie Imhof, who “encouraged and inspired me to take a fifty-year-old trip down memory lane” and write about her experiences.

Throughout her life, Doris has frequently recalled the wonderful experiences she had in 1962 as an IFYE, International Farm Youth Exchange, delegate to the Philippines. The people, sights, and opportunities of this trip have had a positive and unique influence in her life, family, community and world involvement, and teaching.

After her retirement as a gifted education teacher, Doris has pursued her hobbies. These include writing, cooking, traveling, gardening, reading, and antique quests. Best of all is the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Published during 2012, the 50th year since her IFYE experience, this book was written to share the culture, customs, and people of a truly unique and beautiful country, the Philippine Islands.

Doris hopes that this book will inspire readers to “think about becoming involved in a broader picture of the world and its people by traveling or reading about other countries, cultures, people, and religions.”

Hot off the press, this book (hard cover, paperback and e-book) will be available at the Omaha national IFYE conference in July. If unable to attend and purchase there – but still interested, please contact Doris by email at d.johnson5@eaglecom.net or by calling 620-364-9288.

Doris has co-authored two other books with her brother, Ray Imhof, that are memoirs of their mother’s life. These books are *As I Remember it* and *Apron Strings and Family Ties*. Another book that she has written is *Gutsy Women*, which contains biographical chapters about sixteen extraordinary women who are wonderful role models for any age woman. She has also written a children’s book, *The Cookie Crumb Trail* about a little boy and his pet duckling.



Marjatta's Influence on My Life

Carol Eyster (OH Host Sister 1954) has shared a little of the influence that her family’s hosting of Marjatta (Lyytikäinen) Kreuzer in 1954 ... and Marjatta ... have had on her life.

“I applied to be an exchange student but when the choice came between money for college and going overseas, I chose college. Marjatta inspired me to want to learn more about foreign countries and languages.”

“I wanted to travel and I did. I went to college in OK and AZ. I taught science in Venezuela four years at an American school. I have been to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, most of Canada’s provinces, all the US states and most of the countries in Central and South America and some of the islands. I taught in the Los Angeles school district for 30 years teaching science or running a science center that attracted 10,000 students and teachers a year.”



2012 National IFYE Conference
 July 24—July 28, 2012
 Embassy Suites
 555 S 10th St., Omaha, NE

Conference Registration

(please use separate sheet for each conference registrant)

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Please list my information in the Conference Attendees' Directory Yes or No Your IFYE Region (circle one) A B C D

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Tell us about your 4-H International involvement:

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All Conference attendees are expected to be members in good standing of the IFYE Association of the USA in order to participate in the Annual Meeting.

Registration Fees include all scheduled Conference activities beginning Tuesday evening through Friday's International Banquet. Please place an X next to the appropriate fees in the following chart: (Note: Travel, housing/hotel and parking fees are the responsibility of individual)

Please select one of the following tours, all of which will take place on Thursday during the Conference. (Please select your first and second choice.)

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- ___ Heartland Agriculture (*Animal Science, Mead Feed Lots, Ashland Packers & Hay Plant*)
- ___ Trails to Rails (*Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge & Union Pacific Museum*)*
- ___ Strategic Brother Tour (*Strategic Air & Space and Boys Town*)

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For additional conference information or questions contact:
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Wednesday, July 25 Only	\$150	
Thursday, July 26 Only	\$150	
Friday, July 27 Only	\$150	
Banquet Only	\$75	
Children (age 5-12) full-time	\$250	
Children per day Wed/Thurs/Fri	\$100/day	
TOTAL		

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Remembering Glenn B. McClanan: Resolving problems the IFYE way

Host states planning national IFYE conferences sometimes face what appear to be unsolvable problems.

Such was the case in 1973 when the Virginia IFYE conference committee learned it may have to move the 1974 conference from the campus of the College of William and Mary in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg to another location, possibly another city.

With the IFYE conference registration forms already published, the committee was informed by college administrators that the hotel association had objected to use of the William and Mary campus for the IFYE conference. Through a long-standing pact, non-William and Mary affiliated events could not be housed on the campus of the state-supported school. The conference committee turned to Glenn B. McClanan for advice.

A 1957 IFYE from Virginia to Israel, Glenn was in his first term as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. He had already gained a reputation as a problem solver and consensus builder. Within days, he had a solution.

Glenn introduced a resolution expressing the sense of the Virginia General Assembly. He stated that it was appropriate and in the Commonwealth of Virginia's interest for the College of William and Mary to host the 1974 National IFYE Conference. He rose on the floor of the House to give personal testimony to the importance of young people having opportunities to experience and learn about other cultures. With unanimous consent, the resolution sailed through both chambers of the state legislature. A copy was promptly sent to the appropriate college officials, who proudly embraced the official pronouncement and used it to quell objections of the hotel association.

While the "IFYE Resolution" did not rise to the level of far-reaching environmental and consumer legislation Glenn guided into law during his 20 years as a member of the state legislature, it was one in which he took great personal pride noted his wife, Reba, as she reminisced recently.

Glenn died January 26, 2012 at the age of 77.

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Reba Salyers (KY Ireland/No Ireland 1959) met Glenn McClanan shortly after she returned as an IFYE. She was teaching in Floyd County, KY when Glenn spoke at the school in his capacity as a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission. After marrying, they settled in Virginia Beach (Glenn's hometown) where he began practicing law.

Both became leaders in the community helping to guide it from a small resort of 20,000 in the mid-1960s to a diverse cosmopolitan city today of some 440,000.

Although leading busy lives, Reba and Glenn never lost their love of traveling. They traveled to more than 50 countries during their 49 years of marriage, often with their three children – Anne, Glenn Jr., and Martin.

Reba completed 24 years of service on the Virginia Beach City Council in 2008. Many have suggested Reba re-enter political life, but she says she's not inclined to do so. Instead, she looks forward to traveling, as well as spending time with their three grandchildren and passing on to them the IFYE values and ideals she and Glenn lived and embraced.

*Beth Hurdle Deisher (NC Iran 1968)
Co-chair, '74 Conference Committee*

In Memoriam

We have received information concerning the passing of the following IFYE alumni and supporters of IFYE. *Although some are not during 2012, to the best of our knowledge, they are individuals whose passing has not been noted in the IFYE NEWS to date.*

Lois H. Borgmann (September 18, 2003) (CO Israel 1954)
Beatrice (Bea) Cleveland (February 14, 2012) (Ohio Extension)
Eugene Clubine (September 1978) (IA Philippines 1958)
Luella (Cox) Hilston (April 7, 2011) (KS SW 1954)
Carolyn (Varitz) Leuthold (April 6, 2012) (OR BE 1956)
wife of David A. Leuthold (MT France 1954)
Lonnie Malkus (September 21, 2011) (Supporter)
Frank M. McCully (May 27, 2011) (IL India 1964)
Donald E. Miller (November 14, 2009) (WA Japan 1962)
Vera L. (Girard) Reaman (May 8, 2010) (IL Italy 1962)
Joan (Munson) Tuz (May 29, 1988) (CT Scotland 1962)
Joann Whitworth (April 2, 2005) (host family and life member)
– wife of V. C. Whitworth
Ulyss G. Word, Jr (1983) (AR Puerto Rico 1952)
Larry Wright (February 09, 2012) (SD India 1965)

Bea Cleveland Remembered

Beatrice (Bea) Cleveland died February 14, 2012 in Columbus, OH at the age of 91. During her professional career, she taught Vocational Home Economics and was a Home Economics Extension Agent.

Two Ohio IFYEs, Doris Schleppey Utzinger (1956 to India) and Mary Lou Miller Tenney (1960 to Colombia), paid tribute to Bea in eulogies. They spoke at her memorial service held in Columbus, OH on March 11, 2012 recognizing Bea as being the "Mother of all Ohio IFYEs." The love for her was shown by the large number of former Ohio IFYEs who attended her memorial service.

Bea was best known for the twenty-five years she served as a member of the Ohio 4-H Staff. She devoted most of her life to working with people, especially young people. She loved life and deeply cherished the friends she had at home and around the world.

Bea participated in and strongly supported groups such as Ohio 4-H and especially the Ohio IFYE program. She was inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame, Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, Ohio State Fair and Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame, National 4-H Hall of Fame, OSU College of Human Ecology Diamond University Award. She also received the Everett D. Reese Medal of Philanthropy (OSU's highest recognition awarded to fund-raising volunteers) and was honored with the Bea Cleveland Board Room in the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the OSU campus.

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Writing of Bea Cleveland and Bea's influence on her family, Carol Eyster (OH Host Sister 1954) says, "After writing a letter of appreciation to Bea for choosing Marjatta to visit our home, Bea urged my parents to attend the World 4-H Youth Exchange Conference in Australia during 1977. They attended."



(Left to right: Mildred Eyster, Bea Cleveland in Australia.)

President's Letter

When spring busts out all over, people get outside and begin the chore of maintaining the yard and, maybe, making a garden. This requires some planning, purchasing supplies; new seed or seedlings, fertilizer and more and ... of course ... bending the back. The annuals need refreshing and then we wait for the growth.

After the Foundation's fall campaign, we await spring to learn how successful it was. This is important because as requests begin to come for grants to support exchanges, orientation and even requests from the IFYE Association, we need to be able to offer our best effort in support.

States 4-H has requested a bit less this year due to fewer exchanges. Indiana has asked for support because the Extension Service has reduced their support both in manpower and financially. They have an on-going exchange with Poland.

We have approved a \$6,000 grant to the IFYE Association to support the Reposition Committee's activities. Their efforts have resulted in a positive response from the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers group. More about this can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Each of us can play an important part in this development.

This will, no doubt, be my last "President's letter" as I will step down in July at our annual meeting. The Foundation Board is comprised of outstanding, dedicated individuals and anyone can be the leader. Sometimes changing individuals on Boards can be refreshing and provide new directions in thinking.

Members of the Foundation Board aren't bound by term-limits, so members who wish to leave the Board don't agree to serve another term. As several have been on the Board for many years and provided great service and dedication, they will be missed when they leave the Board.

I can't leave without saying what an honor it has been to serve you as Foundation President. You, the Association members, have been faithful in your giving and allowed the Board to provide funding to those who requested support. It would be wonderful to get financial support from trusts or foundations but our unique exchange opportunity just doesn't justify their support at this time. Let's hope the partnering with American Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers organization can open new funding sources.

Have a great summer and hope to see you in Omaha.

Norman Bauer, President



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