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IFYE Board Update:

Technically, this update is about 2 weeks late for the normal 6-week interval between issues. The reason for the tardiness is that 3 events have occurred that affected the content of this communication:

1. Here is a notification received from the IFYE President, Victoria Warren:

“Dear IFYE Friends

For personal reasons, I recently chose to step down from the Presidency of the IFYE Association of the USA. On Sunday, May 14, the IFYE Board elected Art Deisher as President, effective Monday, May 15.

Thank you for all your support in the past year and a half that I have served as your President. I continue to serve on the IFYE Board, only now in the position of Immediate Past President. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2017 National IFYE Conference in Florida!

I am confident that you will give Art your full support as leader of our Association.

Your friend in IFYE,

Victoria (Vicky) Warren”

As the person that will complete Victoria’s term, I am pleased that her situation will allow her to perform the duties as Immediate Past President as there will be numerous questions that she can likely answer as we move forward. All of us thank her for being President for the past 18 months. I will do my best to fill the role as President until election this fall for 2018 officers. I publicly thank the Board for entrusting me to keep the IFYE Program alive and moving forward.

2. Change in the transition of duties of Vice President from Keith Ferris to Larry Gould.

Originally, this was to occur prior to November 2017. Again, because of circumstances, the transition has been accelerated to be done in June 2017.

3. The possibility is close that an Executive Director for IFYE might be selected soon.

Three applicants have submitted paperwork and two have already participated in their first interviews. It is anticipated the third applicant will be interviewed within the week. Should one of these applicants prove to be appropriate for IFYE and agreeable employment terms reached, an announcement of an Executive Director might be made in the next IFYE Update.

As President, I am working to learn all the interactions that occur behind the scenes in operating an organization like IFYE. I want to understand as much as possible and bring the new Executive Director into the decision making if possible, before making any major decisions or adjustments. We hope to get a lot accomplished before the Florida conference.

**Florida Conference Update:
2017 National IFYE Conference – Orlando, FL
Rosen Plaza Hotel – August 30 – September 3, 2017**

Please register and enjoy what Florida has to offer as we “Rekindle the Magic of IFYE”.

You will find a unique connection with our keynote speaker who shares our passion for global experiences. Sarah Lanier grew up in Israel. It was there that she discovered her fascination with diverse cultures. Her book, “Foreign to Familiar, A guide to Hot and Cold Climate Cultures” is now in eleven languages. Books will be on sale. Sarah will also give a workshop after her keynote address.

Please look at IFYEUSA.ORG to find out information about the wonderful tours and other workshops offered. The IFYE Board of Directors invites you to this National Conference in a state that has never hosted before. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calling all 25th year Anniversary alumni (1992 IFYEs), 50th year Anniversary alumni (1967 IFYEs), and anyone celebrating 55 years or more (1948-1962). Please come celebrate your reunions at the conference. For questions, please contact Connie Fukudome cfukudome@gmail.com. Connie will send more information as the conference nears.

Program Update:

Six US IFYEs will begin their international experiences on June 15, 2017 with a national orientation in Washington, DC and will be joined by 20 inbound IFYEs. The outbound delegates are from Illinois (1), Iowa (1), Kansas (2), Minnesota (1) and Nebraska (1). Two of them are children of former IFYEs! Two

orientation conference calls have been already completed, and correspondence with host families has begun.

Five of the six IFYEs will be on six-month programs, with one on a three-month program this fall. Participating countries include: Austria, Cost Rica, Germany, India, Switzerland, Thailand, and the four countries that make up the United Kingdom (Scotland, N. Ireland, Wales, and England). All will return in December for a national debriefing.

Recruiting for three-month outbound participants for September – December 2017 continues. This can be a unique opportunity for individuals to experience other cultures at different times of the year. Your help is needed in finding those individuals whose timing fits this period.

If you have questions or someone that should be contacted about being an IFYE, contact Alan Lambert at alaneambert@gmail.com.

Financial Update:

With the 2017 operating budget being \$305,720 and the internal adjustments that are occurring in the last 5 months, we are nearing the time when the membership account at Raymond James will likely need to be borrowed against. IFYE has been blessed with major year-end donations in December 2016 and 4 large (over \$1,000 each) donations in the last 6 weeks. These revenues have operated the organization for the first part of 2017. Thank you.

The amount needed to operate for the rest of 2017 which includes the exchange program is sizable. However, if each IFYE Alum would donate \$10.00 per month we would exceed our budget!! That's correct, if each alumnus could donate \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month, your choice, financially we would meet our needs.

But not all alumni can be donors to IFYE even though they want to be supporters. That is why those that can give more provide the revenue that is not available from others. All we ask is that you contribute what you can. And we **thank you very much**.

2018 World IFYE Conference:

Information about the 2018 World IFYE Conference, a cruise to Alaska, is available on the IFYEUSA.ORG website. The cruise will be September 9-16, 2018 aboard Holland America Line - MS Noordam. It will start in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and end in Seward, Alaska. For those who do not wish to travel to Alaska, there are many attractions in the Vancouver area and there will be a World Conference "Meet and Greet" activity on the 8th of September. You can certainly plan a vacation and meet with IFYEs on the 8th if you desire to do so without going on the cruise. Post-conference activities in Alaska will be announced soon.