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IFYE Foundation and Association

Join Together

*Dick Wagner, President IFYE Association of USA, Inc.
Marj Loyd, President IFYE Foundation of USA, Inc.*

In late May 2013, both the Foundation and the Association Boards voted to come together as one organization. After many years of operating the Foundation and the Association separately, with separate Board of Directors, and separate operating functions, the two came together and formed one Board of Directors with representatives from both organizations. The Foundation will begin to function again according to its original intent which was to support the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. This unified approach will be less confusing to the general public and will assist us in successfully securing grants and monies from outside the alumni.

In early April 2013, Marsha Carey, our contracted grant writer, told us. "IFYE needs only one identity. Currently there are two. Both are presented on the web and in the IFYE NEWS and both are raising funds. It appears as if both are the same. To be perceived as relevant, IFYE must have strong branding which includes marketing, web presence, printed materials, and a clear mission." To fix our image problem, both Boards recognized the need to come together as one. In order to bring the IFYE program back, both Boards wanted to move toward a professional organizational structure including future professional staffing.

Why now? Why not wait a year or so?

The Reposition Committee, in 2011 and 2012, focused our attention on a number of potential partners that could help to identify potential IFYE applicants. Alan Lambert, Partner Development Contractor and past IFYE Association President, is finding young people very interested in an international cultural exchange. If we hope to have serious IFYE applicants ready to go in 2014, this work and effort needs to be continued now. That takes staffing and funding now to facilitate those 2014 exchanges.

How did the two organizations come together?

Effective June 14 and 15, during face-to-face Board meetings in Illinois, a new Association Board was established with members from both Boards serving on the new Association Board. See further information about new Board members and officers within this newsletter.

What happens to the IFYE Foundation?

The IFYE Foundation will continue to exist within the IFYE Association. To comply with Colorado laws to keep its incorporation, the Foundation will continue to have a President, currently Marj Loyd, and a Treasurer, currently Dale Yonker. They are both on the Association Board of Directors and the activities of the Foundation will take place in collaboration with the Association Board of Directors. The Foundation has revised its Bylaws to meet the new requirements. The Association will have a Standing Committee named the "Association/Foundation Funds Management Committee" which will make recommendations to

the full board regarding the expenditures and investments of all current funds held by both the Association and the Foundation.

What needs to be done next?

The Association Board will continue to meet monthly and has several task oriented committees that are working to revitalize IFYE. The Board is revising Association Bylaws that will be coming to the Association active membership for their approval. The Association's Policies and Procedures Manual is being revised to accurately reflect the new IFYE Board operation and direction. A firm has been contracted to redesign our website starting this summer. After the strategic planning session in June led by Marsha Carey, a strategic plan will be adopted by the Board. This plan (when implemented) will help the Association improve its image and help position IFYE to be recognized as the "premier international exchange program with host family experiences" for those 19 and over.

We and the new Board are excited about what our IFYE program can become during the next few years. We look forward to your support in changing the Association Bylaws and of the positive direction IFYE has taken. We look forward to realizing that "IFYE Returns".

National IFYE Program Coordinator Position

The Association is looking for a National IFYE Program Coordinator as the Association endeavors to increase the IFYE program to include more states and participants. This proposed Program Coordinator would work with existing state coordinators to learn the "ropes" and begin to build exchange programs in states that currently do not have a state coordinator. Eventually, duties associated with this position would likely expand to include working with country contacts around the world, as well as coordinating exchange planning efforts with states sending and receiving delegates.

A State Coordinator Handbook is being developed to unify procedures and standards. This will be a valuable resource for all involved, whether they are paid state or national staff, or volunteers in various states. This National Program Coordinator will work internationally developing strong relationships with existing and new country participants.

Currently, the IFYE Association envisions this proposed coordinator position to initially be a volunteer or limited compensated position with expenses reimbursed. This could evolve into a contract employee on a part-time basis or eventually a full time position.

The IFYE Association is looking for an individual, now, so he/she may be involved in planning for 2014 exchanges, with a goal of taking a more prominent role in the fall of 2014 for exchanges beginning in 2015.

Please contact Alan Lambert, alanelambert@gmail.com for more information. If interested, we'd like to hear from you by September 1, 2013.

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*Board members at Bloomington June meeting:
(L to R: Top:) Gary Heusel, Mike Coates (2014 incoming member), Art Deisher
(Middle:) Marla Peterson, Marj Loyd, Norma Wu, Dick Wagner
(Front:) Elaine Watson, Connie Fukudome, Dale Yonker, Mildred Weidemann,
Betty Jo Smith-Roberts*

*Attending training but not in photo: Betty Stephenson
Current Board members unable to attend: Maurice Johnson, Lyn Scott, and John Wells
2014 Incoming Board members unable to attend: Jean Richardson, Andy Smyth, and
Dottie Nelson*

BOARD MEMBERS:

Commitments to Global Experiences and Education

We wish to introduce you to members of the newly restructured Board of Directors. As with many of you, these individuals have gone beyond their “IFYE experience” and continued with commitments to global experiences and education. None of these experiences may be the same – but, then, neither are each of us! However, we each bring different talents and expertise to our activities. In the case of these Board members, the globally-related experiences either are expanded through more IFYE-related activities or other globally-related activities through work, family, and leisure.

This issue of the newsletter will feature several of the Board members with others planned to follow in the next IFYE NEWS.

Betty Stephenson’s many IFYE-related activities over the years include, but are not limited to: signer on the original Articles of Incorporation for the Association, keeper of information (our IFYE “historian”) regarding IFYE Conferences until recently turned over to an “archivist”, participant in most world and annual IFYE conferences, and previous Association Board member as well as current. Other regular global activities in which she is involved include: supporting the Heifer Project both individually and through church activities as well as helping support children in Zimbabwe in an orphanage and school through her church.

Connie (Harms) Fukudome is married to a Japanese citizen and taught 25 of the 30 years that she lived in Japan at the American School in Japan, the largest international school in Tokyo. She and her colleagues had the privilege of teaching children from all over the world.

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Dear IFYE Association and Foundation Supporters and Members: This is the year IFYE “Returns”! We want you to know that you are a member and supporter of a strong, healthy organization whose mission and vision involves creating partnerships and building trust. We also want to ensure that the Foundation and Association are in the best position to grow and thrive. In May, the Foundation came into the Association. A new Board was formed from the Board members of both entities. To that end, on June 14 and 15, 2013, the new IFYE Association Board met to create a new strategic plan. The organization will be led by this combined Board and known as the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. The IFYE Foundation, as it was originally intended, will strongly support the IFYE programs. As an IFYE or as a member of the IFYE Association, you may choose to contribute to either organization as in the past. However, to build programming and renew emphasis on building opportunities for IFYE Exchanges, all non-endowment and non-specific donations will be used for IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. operations and exchange-related programs and program development. These donations will be managed by this new Board. If you have any questions regarding this new and improved alignment, please feel free to contact: Dick Wagner, President.

You are encouraged to renew your membership and personal information below. We appreciate you helping in rebuilding IFYE: Your additional donations will be directed to the continued growth of IFYE USA.

Association Membership Dues, Donations, & Address Updates

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

Address: _____

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

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

Host Family: _____ **Friend of IFYE:** _____ **Other: (Please list)** _____

E-mail: _____

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

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ASSOCIATION DUES: *(Dues-paying = voting privileges in Association business)*

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

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

DONATIONS to:

IFYE Association *(Make Checks Payable to: IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.)* \$ _____

General Operational Support \$ _____

IFYE RETURNS SPECIAL CAMPAIGN (Annual Campaign)..... \$ _____

IFYE Foundation *(Make Checks Payable to: IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc.)* \$ _____

“IN MEMORY OF” (Endowment) \$ _____

“IN HONOR OF” (unrestricted unless specified otherwise)..... \$ _____

Restricted Donations (Please specify)..... \$ _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to: _____

Address, ZIP: _____

Total Amount EnclosedThank You! \$ _____

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Please MAIL all checks to: IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. 6037 Frejon Lane, Sylvania, OH 43560.

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Around the World in 60 Hours

IFYE Orientation Experiences: My Favorite Volunteer Job

Crystal Yonker

What is a uniquely American meal? How about a picnic with lemonade, hot dogs cooked on a stick over an open fire, chips, watermelon and s'mores? After a tour of Ropp's Farm and cheese making facility, the 2013 current inbound and outbound IFYEs enjoyed cooking their own hot dogs and s'mores to perfection. Hosts Carol and Ray (1964 IL IFYE to India) Ropp further extended the cultural experience with a hayride through their farmland near Normal, IL.



L to R: Enjoying the barbeque are Sue (Hovey) Walters (IL-Germany-1978), Dale Yonker (CO-Turkey-1963), Neil Brims (Scotland), Jenni Salo (Finland), and Jonna (Alig) Burck (IL-Netherlands-1986)

It has been said IFYEs are leaders, creative and “let’s do it” people. The 2013 class is no different as evidenced by the multicultural entertainment they provided after the picnic. Volunteers participated in the Finnish wife-carrying race, wife-finding dance from Wales, typical dance at weddings in Greece, traditional games played during mid-summer in Sweden, American line dancing to Cotton Eyed Joe, clapping game from Taiwan that ended in the international rock-paper-scissors competition. Delegates from Scotland and Austria wore traditional dress from their countries. Some delegates showed maps of their country or USA state and then quizzed the audience about specialties of their corner of the world. Some had other educational information such as: “there are no kangaroos in Austria”, and the location of Dorothy’s home in Kansas.

The IFYE alums participated as willingly in the work and play as those being oriented. That proved, no matter the age, IFYEs just want to work hard, learn, and have fun! Many of the inbounds were surprised and pleased that all of the Americans they had encountered were so friendly and helpful.

The 2013 IFYE Inbound/Outbound Orientation was held June 14 to 17 in Bloomington, IL. There were 21 inbounds from 11 countries going to 5 US states and 7 outbounds from 4 states going to 11 countries. Most of the 28 were wearing jeans and t-shirts upon arrival, proving that is the common international dress.

For the English-as-a-second language (or third or fourth) inbounds, the initial distinguishing unfamiliar vocabulary word was when they were asked to “initial” the hotel registration form.

A word everyone seemed to be familiar with was “Wal-Mart”. For forgotten, lost, or damaged items, transportation to local stores was available.

The purpose of orientation is to help each exchangeee adapt to a new and different culture. Late on the second day, Harlen Persinger (1970 IA IFYE to Norway) asked a group of inbounds if they were anxious about anything and to what they were looking forward. None were anxious or afraid. They were looking forward to all the new unknown experiences. Most had heard about the 4th of July celebrations; some hoped to see the mountains. Many commented on how b-i-g everything is (i.e. the wide open spaces, farm fields, stores, their motel rooms in Bloomington).

I had so much fun as a SpIFYE (spouse of Dale Yonker [1963 CO IFYE to Turkey]) volunteer for 2013 IFYE Orientation. I enjoyed visiting with representatives from all around the world. I learned about each individual, his/her country, culture and language. The 60 hours of orientation went much too quickly. I am ready to do it again ... after a few days’ rest! Are you ready for an exhilarating, educational, gratifying experience? Volunteer now to help with the 2014 Orientation in Reno/Sparks, NV.

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Front to back: Inbound IFYEs - Cecilia Neyman (Sweden), Gillian Walker (Scotland), and Florian Otte (Germany) during orientation in Illinois



Inbound and outbound IFYEs at the "Crib", along with Illinois orienting group in Bloomington



Enjoying a hayride while at the Ropp Farm during orientation



Our 2013 Greek IFYE delegates proudly showing their country flag: (L to R): Aggeliki (Angela) Avramidou, Eleni Theodoridou, Michaela Kontou, and Dimitra Marinou

2013 Outbound IFYEs

Colorado

Clancey James Lee to UK/Austria (06/09 - 12/07/13)(*)
 Lana Schamberger to Germany/Greece (06/17 - 12/12/13)
 Eliza Kae Poet to England/Northern Ireland and Norway
 (June 17 - Dec 12)

Idaho

Amber Tyne Bucknell to Finland (06/25 - 08/05/13)(*)
 David Thomas Haylett to Finland (06/25 - 08/07/13)(*)

Kansas

Mark David Avilla to UK (06/09 - 09/10/13)(*)
 Karla Suzanne Funk to Germany (06/17 - 08/17/13)
 Annie Nicole Patterson to Austria (06/17 - 08/12/13)

Montana

Klaire Anne Kramer to Austria/France (06/17 - 12/04/13)
 Danica Jade Loucks to Taiwan/Vietnam (06/17 - 12/04/13)

South Dakota

Elizabeth Osman to Australia (04/22 - 06/05/13)(*)
 Mary Jo Osman to Australia (04/22 - 06/05/13)(*)

Note: Those IFYEs with () were unable to attend the orientation in Bloomington in June.*

2013 Inbound IFYEs

Colorado

Hsin-Mei "May" You (Taiwan)
 Michaela Kontou (Greece)
 Jenni Salo (Finland)
 Tone Ødegaard (Norway)
 Gillian Walker (Scotland)
 Cecilia Neyman (Sweden)
 Jacqueline Nyffenegger (Switzerland)
 Katharina Hallinger (Austria)(*)
 Anna Theresa Pirchner (Austria)(*)
 Felix Tremohlen (Germany)(*)
 Andrew Ritchie (N. Ireland)(*)

Connecticut

Elina Karoliina Pelkonen (Finland)(*)

Idaho

Jenni Emilia Paukkunen (Finland)(*)

Kansas

Eleni Theodoridou (Greece)
 Jasmin Enz (Switzerland)
 Lan-Lan "Eunice" Wang (Taiwan)
 Bianca Koppatz (Austria)
 Neil Brims (Scotland)
 Betsan Hughes (Wales)(*)
 Alessa Walz (Germany) (*)
 Hannah McCollum (Northern Ireland) (*)
 Ida Albertsson (Sweden) (*)

Michigan

Angela Avramidou (Greece)

Montana

Keija Kellomäki (Finland)
 Rachel Martin (Northern Ireland)
 Jana Uebersaz (Switzerland)
 Hua-Shin "Dora" Shin (Taiwan)
 Dimitra Marinou (Greece)
 Menna Williams (Wales)
 Raphael Kuehrer (Austria)
 Beatriz Walzl (Austria)
 Marten Hambruch (Germany)(*)
 Caroline Syverstad (Norway)(*)
 Laura Lumsden (Scotland)(*)
 Oanh Ngyuen (Vietnam)(*)

South Dakota

Florian Otte (Germany)
 Ya-Ching "Kate" Yang (Taiwan)

Virginia

Florian Holland (Austria)(*)
 Johannes Dungal (Austria)(*)
 Tytti Levanen (Finland)(*)

G'day Mate!

Liz and Mary Jo Osman

2013 – South Dakota to Australia



Mary Jo (left) and Liz (driving) on their way to milk.

G'day, Mate! In Aussie "slanguage", this means "pleased to meet you". We not only met people of all kinds, we learned about their lifestyles, partook in family activities, threw a few "snags" (sausages) on the barbie, and had a pretty "grouse" (terrific) time, on our IFYE exchange to Tasmania. The six weeks flew by fast and the memories we made will last a lifetime.

The Tasmanian Rural Youth clubs can be compared to 4-H clubs here in the US. The program consists of about 300 members coming from three regions with five clubs in each region. The age range is from 15-30 years old. Rural Youth is all about "friends, fun, training, and travel." Categories of competitions held throughout the year include: cooking, craft, photography, team debating and quiz, drama, clay and rifle shooting, stock judging, fleece handling, and sheep shearing.

Like IFYE, they too have outbound and inbound exchanges. The aim of the Rural Youth exchange program is to promote international understanding and develop better informed young people by providing an opportunity to learn about:

- The way of life in Australia - the culture and the people.
- Get along with people by living in their home, NOT as a guest, but as a member of the family.
- Understanding the farming and urban situation, some of the challenges associated with it and how the Rural Youth movement fits into the educational pattern
- Become better informed on world affairs and conscious of world citizenship.
- Improve communication skills

The first part of our exchange was spent at AgFest. This is a three-day event similar to our state fair. Rural Youth members and the people of Tasmania look forward to it every year. Twenty-nine years ago, Rural Youth began running the AgFest to support their programs. In the beginning, about 9,000 people visited over a 2-day span. Today, around 60,000-80,000 people visit over the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday event.

We worked along with the Rural Youth to organize and set up for the fest. At 80 hectares (almost 200 acres), it is a massive piece of land and is mostly filled during the three days of AgFest. Vendor booths (large tents or marquees) were being set up, farm machinery being placed, and wood chips being hauled in. Day by day, you could see the progression of many hardworking hands. A few of the many things we did included: painting doors, marking spots out for vendors in the craft sheds, and installing arm rests onto



Rural Youth Feature tent at Agfest/
Promoting Rural Youth at AgFest

benches. We parked cars, worked at the ticket booth and in the Rural Youth promotion tent during the fest. The nine days felt long and tiresome, but spending time with the other exchangees, hearing stories of how each other's day went, and meeting many of the Rural Youth members was great fun.

Southbound we go! After AgFest, we traveled to Hobart, the capital of Tasmania. There we spent our time staying in suburban and rural homes. From day one, we never ran out of things to do. We were taken to the Salamanca Market, went on a beer brewery tour and drove 20km to the top of Mt. Wellington. One of the Rural Youth members took us on a day trip through the Huon Valley to visit fish hatcheries along the coast. Not knowing much about fish, we found the Tassal-Tasmanian salmon hatcheries very interesting. Driving along, you get a real feel for an area. We saw hops and poppy fields that were foreign to us. Throughout the exchange, we encountered wildlife in their natural habitats. We saw wild wallabies, kangaroos, possums, bandicoots, owls and even a platypus.

We six exchangees (England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and us) did many day trips together, usually with a Rural Youth member along. One of our expeditions included driving to South Cape the southern-most edge of Australia. The ocean never ceases to amaze us. In Tasmania, you are no more than two hours away from one. We have lakes and rivers here in South Dakota, but there is nothing like the feeling of looking across vast ocean waters, feeling the breeze, the smell of salt in the air, and the feeling of perfect, fine sand between your toes. Where there is a beach, there will always be a Fish 'N Chips shop nearby. Baked or flaked fish 'n chips (flaked fish and french fries) were always guaranteed to be fresh and delicious. Being back home, that is something we miss.



Liz at "South Cape" - the southern-most part of Australia

The last 10 days of our exchange were spent in northern Tasmania, where we first began our Aussie adventure. There, we experienced farm life. Our host family lived on a dairy farm outside of

Scottsdale in the Dorset region. We enjoyed herding the cows into the milking barn. The baby calves were adorable. We loved being outside, riding the 2-wheeler, and having something different to do each day. We found the sights, sounds, smells, and atmosphere farms create quite enjoyable. We tried our hands at milking, which is harder than it looks. We went wallaby and possum hunting with our family. Our host mother drove us to a family member's to go kayaking one of the days too. We also developed the skill of whip cracking. We would practice until our arms and wrists were sore; but, by the end of the week, we were professionals.

"Being involved in 4-H has been a great experience; and getting the chance to be an IFYE was a great opportunity. I am so glad to have gone on the exchange. It was a great way to live, learn, and meet new people in a different country. I would recommend being an IFYE to anyone who is outgoing, flexible, likes people, and [is] willing to learn." [Liz]

"We are so fortunate to have IFYE and Rural Youth coordinate and organize such an amazing and unforgettable exchange. Without host families, this would be impossible. We will take the things we've learned, the people we've not only met but became friends with, and our experiences in Australia with us for the rest of our lives. We highly recommend and encourage anyone who has a sense of adventure, is open to learn, a people person, and wants to experience a country from the inside out to be an IFYE." [Mary Jo]

As an Aussie would say, "Cheers mate, catch ya lata!"



Carousel at the dairy. The dairy we stayed at consisted of over 500 head and were milked twice a day.



Sheep Dog trials. This breed of dog was a kelpie, a common cattle and sheep dog.



An exchange's host father took us on his boat. We drove the southern coast line of Tasmania and even had a couple of seal encounters while on the boat.



(Left) Liz feeding a wallaby at ZooDoo, an interactive Zoo near Hobart. (Right) "Tassie Devils" at ZooDoo. Both the wallaby and Tasmanian Devils are native Australian animals.

Timing is Everything

Written by Art Deisher

Approved by Diana Jaun & IFYE Association Board

We all have heard the adages about time:



Time waits for no one.

Don't do tomorrow what you can do today.

Save for a rainy day.

Don't worry about tomorrow;
when it gets here, it will be today.

Time is precious. Spend it wisely.

All these can apply in one way or another to the IFYE program, too.

The IFYE Association Board is pleased to announce that the IFYE Returns Campaign has been fortunate to receive its second donation of \$5,000. Diana Duncan Jaun, 1963 IFYE from California to Israel, was considering making a future donation through her Trust to sustain IFYE. But, it is never known when Trust money will be distributed and Diana wanted to enjoy seeing the effect of her gift. So, when she heard of the activities currently being pursued by the IFYE Association Board and the wonderful gift Lillis Larson had provided, she decided NOW is the time to gift.

Diana admits she has never attended an IFYE conference, but treasures her *"Israeli IFYE experience of 50 years ago, so I decided to join the IFYE Returns Campaign."*

The IFYE Association Board began a \$30,000 "IFYE Returns Campaign" to assist in expansion of the IFYE program. Idaho has returned to the IFYE program after a decade-long absence. Other states are on the verge of doing the same. A Partnering Director, Alan Lambert (1980 IFYE SD to Germany), has been hired by the Association to solidify national IFYE programming in states and seek national partners for IFYE. A fund-raising/grant-writing consultant (Marsha Carey, Grant Professional Certified, GPC) has been hired to assist the Association Board in securing funding. Revitalization is occurring.

Now is the time for those who want the IFYE program to be around for decades to step up and donate. Be a significant person and take a place in history as IFYE Returns. Your gift can be confidential if you so wish.



Timing is everything. Saving to give tomorrow will not help the cause if the cause dies today. Diana's attitude and support is very much appreciated by the IFYE Association Board.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if like-kind groups bonded together to equal or exceed Lillis and Diana's contribution? For example, like-kind would be all the alumni going to Israel or all those traveling in 1963. (Or other countries/years)

While large gifts make a big splash, a smaller gift is appreciated and makes an equally effective ripple in the water, too. What was the IFYE experience worth to you?

All donations are tax deductible. Checks payable to the "IFYE Association of the USA" should be sent to Art Deisher, IFYE Associate Treasurer, 6037 Frejon Lane, Sylvania, Ohio 43560.

Thank you, Diana, for your wonderful gift. It demonstrates your caring for IFYE and its continuance.



Association Board Activities

Introduction: This past spring, the Association Board initiated a communication link regarding activities of the Board to all those indicating that we could use their email address. This information has been sent regarding the monthly conference calls since then and is called "Association Board Bulletin". It is sent to those on MailChimp and those having non-MailChimp email. These are NOT minutes, but are a synopsis of some of the activities during the monthly Board meeting.

Notes:

Provided on this page is a further condensation of **highlights** from the May and June meetings. It is not planned that this will be published with each IFYE NEWS, but is provided as a notification of what the Board is doing. If you receive hard copy only of communication and would like to receive the more detailed monthly Board bulletin, please contact vwerner@sbcglobal.net (Bulk Email Manager) for addition to the list. Thank you.

Association Board Highlights

May 12, 2013 IFYE Association Board Conference Call
Fifteen of the sixteen Board members participated.

SELECTED ITEMS DISCUSSED/ACTION TAKEN:

Foundation Board Report - Marj Loyd, President, announced that the Foundation has given 10 scholarships to outbound IFYEs in amounts ranging from \$350 to \$500 per individual. (*Two scholarships each went to Idaho and South Dakota and three each to Colorado and Kansas.*) On May 5th, the Foundation Board approved the reworking of a Letter of Intent to move forward to join the Association Board. Four members each from the Foundation and Association are to make recommendations for the restructuring of the new consolidated Association Board.

IFYE Association Board's proposed new structure: Dick Wagner and Betty Jo Smith-Roberts explained that all persons currently serving on both the Association and Foundation Boards (*Board members, ex-officio Board members, advisors*) will be contacted on a conference call. This call will be to establish whether or not the person wishes to continue on the new Association Board or in any capacity on a committee and the eligibility for committee membership.

Training Contract: A Board Email Vote (*held between April 26 and 28, 2013*) resulted in the approval of Marsha Carey's contract to train members of a newly organized Association Board. As recommended by the Executive Committee, this contract includes pre-training research and post-training follow-up. Training will take place in Illinois in June.

Concept of hiring a part-time Executive Director: It is recommended that we hire a part-time Executive Director to get us going for 12-18 months; then, possibly, hire a full-time Executive Director. Final decisions will be made by the new IFYE Association Board.

Partnering Advisory Committee update - As of April 30, 2013. Farm Bureau has agreed to be a communication partner for IFYE and approved IFYE to continue to work with Farm Bureau and Young Farmers & Ranchers in states that are interested in promoting the IFYE program.

Program Planning Committee update: A motion was made and passed to give Alan Lambert the authority to act on behalf of the IFYE Association in matters of delegate insurance coverage in 2013. The Program Planning Committee also worked on standardization of forms, National Coordinator Handbook, and looking at helping Western PA to revive their IFYE program.

Recruitment of 2014 Board Members: Betty Jo Smith-Roberts announced that the following people have agreed to join the Association Board in January 2014 although they will begin meeting with the Board in June and after during this year: Jean

Richardson (NH), Mike Coates (IA), and Andy Smyth (ID). Region B is still to be determined.

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## Association Board Highlights

**June 15, 2013 IFYE Association Board Meeting**  
*A Face-to-Face Meeting in Bloomington, IL*

**Note:** This was the first meeting of the newly consolidated Board composed of both Foundation and previous Association Board members. It followed a day-and-a-half training on governance and fundraising by Marsha Carey, Non-profit Consultant. Twelve of the fifteen Board Members were present plus one 2014 Board Member.

### SELECTED ITEMS DISCUSSED/ACTION TAKEN:

**Election of Officers (through December 31, 2013):** Voting was done office by office after the floor was opened for nominations for each office. No nominations from the floor were given and the slate was unanimously approved. (*See results on page 2 of this newsletter.*)

The **Immediate Past President of the Association** (a non-elected office) will be held by **Marj Loyd**

Dick Wagner appointed **Dale Yonker** to sit on the Executive Committee as the **Treasurer of the Foundation Funds**.

Maurice Johnson will hold the appointed position of **Resource Development Liaison**. The person in this appointed position is a liaison with the contracted individuals.

**Use of a CPA Firm - Norma Wu, Treasurer:** With the potential influx of grants and IFYE Returns, donations may exceed \$50,000 and we should seek professional tax preparation by a CPA. A committee was charged with gathering information about CPA and bookkeeping services reporting back to the Board in July.

**Partner Development Report - Alan Lambert, Partner Development Director:** Alan indicated that the actual expenses were 51% of the amount originally budgeted. He also suggested that we move in the direction of "controlling" our own program, instead of "partnering" with another entity to become the premier international exchange program for age 19 and over.

**Program Development Report - Alan Lambert:** Discussion centered around a "Program with a Purpose". A motion was made and passed that the Program Committee propose a pilot project to the Board. This would be in one country for IFYEs to institute some of the program ideas from the committee report.

**World Conference 2018:** It was moved and passed that the United States delegation at the Thailand World IFYE Conference in November 2013 issue an invitation to come to the United States for the World Conference in 2018, date and location to be determined.

**Contracts:** Betty Jo Smith-Roberts reported that contracts have been written or updated for the IFYE Shoppe Manager, Financial Advisor, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Bulk Email Provider. These should come before the Board for approval within the next couple of months.

**Website Redesign Contract:** After discussion and viewing of the Website Redesign Contract, it was awarded to Tracy Rhodes of Sierra WebSolutions, LLC in Reno, Nevada. Ginny Warner was appointed as the Association liaison to the contractor.

**IFYE Returns Campaign:** It was the consensus of the Board members present that Art continue to write creative messages to distribute in order to encourage further donations. Numeric update as of 7/24: \$32,705 has been received from 55 donors. \$26,870 has been received in 2013.

**Funding for Executive Director:** The Finance Committee should bring a proposal to the Board at the July Conference Call.

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Elaine (Ellis) Watson's global activities include being an exchange student to Germany prior to her IFYE experience in Peru and attending the World IFYE Conference in Australia five years ago. In the 1970s, she also served on the IFYE Association Board of Directors. She and her late husband Bill (MD – Italy 1964) hosted several high school exchange students in their home,

John H. Wells first expanded on his IFYE experience by becoming an IFYE Fellow during 1975-76 at which time he received an advanced degree. John is currently Director, Education & Research Division, of USDA Rural Development's Cooperatives Program in Washington, DC. Part of his responsibilities includes briefing/training international delegations (academics; business, finance, and cooperative leaders; and, government officials) on understanding cooperatives and programs serving rural areas. He is currently working on a Foreign Agricultural Service project conducting an assessment of farmer cooperative opportunities in Tunisia (North Africa). To date this year, he has met with/briefed/trained 10 delegations (Seven countries – including three 25-member groups alone from China).

Mildred (Crawford) Weidemann was active in IFYE organizations while she worked her way across the U.S. from Virginia to Illinois to Colorado in her positions with Cooperative Extension Service, USDA. She was also charter President of the IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc.

Marj Loyd has traveled extensively in more than 50 countries. In addition, she has been active in orienting IFYEs on the state level for many years and on the national level for two years.

Marla Peterson served as a research administrator at The Ohio State University before she became the campus-wide Dean for Research and Professor of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology at The University of Tennessee. At Ohio State, she wrote proposals that resulted in awards from USAID, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank for efforts in Egypt, Jordan, and Mexico. She chaired a conference held at the United States Department of State for Ministers of Labor from all Latin America and Caribbean nations and worked with a team of university professors to develop a counseling program at St. Petersburg Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia. She has also authored an article for the National Council of Research Administrators on *Initiating and Managing University-Based International Research and Development Activities*.

Maurice Johnson's experiences include five trips to Sweden (his IFYE host country) and several trips to Japan with Labo. Dwight Palmer, former WA State 4-H Leader, and he initiated the Japanese Labo/4-H exchange over 40 years ago. He has also spent four months in The People's Republic of China as a visiting professor - extension education, one month in Kazakhstan with Rockefeller Foundation reviewing extension (ag) types of program, and two trips to Ecuador as the Idaho President of the Partners of the Americas. While Assistant to the Dean, College of Agriculture, he served on a committee to establish a degree program at the University of Idaho in International Programs.

Norma (Lawton) Wu lived with her husband and daughters in Taiwan for 17 months (1980-81). She has stayed active in local IFYE activities in the USA, including the family hosting over 10 international visitors. From the young 22 year-old who said she would "never travel to Asia", Norma has traveled to Australia, China and Japan, as well as traveling on eight trips to Taiwan over the years. Her continuing interest in Taiwan includes being involved in the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (F.A.P.A.) lobbying for Taiwan's recognition as a country separate from China. (*Taiwan is one of only a few countries not recognized by the UN.*)

Richard Wagner has coordinated Rotary Youth Exchanges for the Normal (Illinois) Rotary Club. His other main international experiences have included hosting exchangees, taking their family to visit Eileen's (OH 1965) host families in The Netherlands, and two daughters who had international living experiences.

**10th World IFYE Conference
11-18 November 2013**

**Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel
Pattaya City
Chonburi Province, Thailand**

"Towards Green and Happy Society"

<http://www.worldifye2013.com>



IFYE Website Redesign in Process

If you have recently logged on to the IFYE website, you may have seen some changes. In June 2013, the Board approved the redesign and update of this website. So, check your bookmarks - they may need to be changed. The URL is now just plain ifyeusa.org with no "www" at the front. You will also notice other changes in the next few months - We ask your patience as we update this site. Thank you.

CareGiver's Journal in Finals of Vesto Competition

Congratulations to Marie (Hopper) Gibson (VA-China-1982) for being a finalist in the NV Governor's Business Plan competition this spring. Marie is a business management consultant located in Reno, NV. She has developed "The Caregiver's Journal" as a simple, yet powerful tool enabling family members to care for and advocate for their hospitalized patient. This journal was featured in her business plan. (See <http://www.the-caregivers-journal.com/caregivers-news/>)

2014 National IFYE Conference

June 19-22, 2014

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, Nevada



9 – By plane, train, or automobile ... it's easy to get there

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport, less than 2 miles

from conference headquarters, offers over 80 non-stop and direct flights daily from around the country. Prefer traveling by train? The California Zephyr is the Amtrak route that services the Reno-Tahoe region. The Zephyr runs daily between Chicago and San Francisco, coursing through the plains of Nebraska to Denver, across the Rockies to Salt Lake City and into Reno. Interstate 80 and Highway 395 connect Sparks to the surrounding states with beautiful drives through the valleys, mountains, and national forests.

8 – Exciting, fun-filled location

John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel and Casino is located in a quaint Victorian Square surrounded by shopping, restaurants, brew pubs, movie theatres and well lit walking paths. The room rate for single or double occupancy is \$99 per night plus applicable taxes. Triple or Quad occupancy rates are \$10 per person over the quoted rate. The conference rate includes: shuttle transportation to/from the airport, wireless Internet, two bottles of water per day, unlimited use of pool and fitness center, and valet or self-parking. Want to explore early or stay late? The rates apply 3 days before and 3 days after the conference dates.

7 - Exciting Conference Service Project

We have partnered with a local organization that has a substantial local impact in northern Nevada and often includes global service learning projects for adults, youth, and youth workers. We will be working with them to help provide support for community garden and health/nutrition programs in an international outreach effort in Guatemala, as well as locally.

Community Chest, Inc. and Turning Point, Inc. and their global partners will co-host with us for this project portion of the conference that has two components:

- *Service Project Fundraiser* on Friday evening. Funds generated here will be divided equally between IFYE (to support IFYE participant[s]/programming) and the community health/nutrition experience in Guatemala and locally.
- *Conference Service Activity* on Saturday that will be conducted at the community garden in Virginia City. June is the month to prepare and plant in this part of the country; so, bring your gardening gloves and plan to get your hands in the dirt. If weather changes our plans, there will be an emphasis on the creation of books in Spanish and English – for use with the “Cow Bus” and for use in Guatemala in January 2015.

6 – Tours of the Area

Optional pre-tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 18th. Potential tours include: Virginia City, Lake Tahoe, behind-the-scenes tour at local museum (State Museum at Carson City, Clothing Museum, or the University of Nevada library), South Lake Tahoe boat trip, Opal Mining, Petroglyphs, etc. Pre-registration and payment will be required for the tours. *More details will be supplied in the December 2013 newsletter.*

5 - Workshops

Potential workshops with a local flair include sustainable agriculture and water issues, Basque history of the area, Washoe Indians, Pony Express, and thermal energy. We are also looking

Top Nine Reasons to Attend

forward to workshops that may be presented by the Inbound IFYEs to learn about their home countries.

4 – Get to meet the 2014 Inbound and Outbound IFYEs
New in 2014 ... the National IFYE Orientation for Inbound and Outbound IFYEs will run in conjunction with the IFYE Conference. We are very excited to have the Inbound and Outbound IFYEs participate in the conference as part of their orientation. They will arrive on Wednesday, June 18th, and participate in a full day of orientation training on Thursday. Once the conference begins, the Inbound and Outbound IFYEs will join in the following conference activities with other conference participants: Opening Ceremony, the Keynote Speaker, workshops, Service Project Fundraising, the Community Service Project, International Banquet and the closing event. During the business portions of the conference (regional meetings and the annual business meeting), the Inbound and Outbound IFYEs will continue with the orientation training specific to their needs.

3 – Share your IFYE stories with the 2014 Inbound and Outbound IFYEs

One of the best things about having the IFYE Orientation in conjunction with the IFYE Conference will be the opportunities to get to know the Inbound and Outbound IFYEs and share our stories with them, as well as learn from them. All our conference participants have enthusiasm, tips, and funny stories to share with those who are just beginning their adventure!

2 – The Early Bird Registration Fee

The fulltime early bird registration (*postmarked before March 1*) is \$350. Fulltime regular registration (*postmarked March 2- June 1*) is \$400 and full time late registration (*after June 1*) is \$450. The full time registration fee includes all scheduled conference activities beginning Thursday evening through Sunday a.m. A brief outline of the conference schedule follows:

Thursday, June 19

- Opening Ceremony (dinner provided)

Friday, June 20

- Keynote Speaker (breakfast provided)
- Regional Meetings (lunch provided)
- Afternoon – workshops
- Service Project Fundraiser (dinner provided)

Saturday, June 21

- National Annual Business Meeting
- Lunch
- Afternoon options (country presentations by inbound IFYEs; hands on community service project, free time)
- International Banquet (dinner provided)

Sunday, June 22

- Closing Event (brunch provided)

1 – Mine Your Potential by Reconnecting with IFYE

Special invitations will be going out to the 25th and 50th anniversary year IFYEs. So, if you traveled in 1988/89 or 1963/64, watch for your invitation. Of course, we hope IFYEs from every year will participate and reconnect with IFYE during the 2014 National IFYE Conference!

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*Specific conference details and the official registration form will be included in the December 2013 IFYE News and on the IFYE website.*

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## In Memoriam

**Donald Dechow (September 11, 2011)**

**Charles Grimes (May 20, 2013)**  
(OH-Denmark-1954)

**Joyce Medford (May 20, 2012)**  
(KS-Germany-1955)

**L. Alberto Roybal (January 16, 2013)**  
(NM-Ireland/No Ireland 1964)

**William Temple (September 11, 2012)**  
(MI-Argentina-1956)

## Final Chance to Join World IFYE Conference Trips!



The World IFYE conference in Thailand in November is fast approaching. Since it is unlikely there will be another *IFYE News* before mid-October, this is your last chance to join a pre or post conference trip.

At this time, there are six trips: Three before and three after conference. Conference is November 12 to 18.

The pre-conference trip to China, Hong Kong, and Bangkok begins Oct. 19. Two other trips begin October 31: One to Vietnam and Cambodia and the other to Thailand. All three trips end at the world conference.

Immediately after conference, three trips are available. The shortest is a three-day trip to Bangkok that returns to United States on November 21. Two other trips conclude the day before Thanksgiving, Nov. 26. One travels to Vietnam and Cambodia and the other throughout Thailand.

Due to the lack of registration on both the Thailand pre- and post- trips, the scheduling of those trips will be "by request only" basis. Please contact Global Adrenaline for specific arrangements.

For further details and prices, contact Art and Beth Deisher at [ADEISHER@BEX.NET](mailto:ADEISHER@BEX.NET) or call them at 800-497-7840. They live in the Eastern Time Zone. You can go on both a pre- and a post-conference trip if you wish!! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

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