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Wisconsin State Meeting

NAFSA REGION V CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2017

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Leadership Team

- **Chair:** Sarah Christensen, UW-Fox Valley
- **Chair-Elect:** *Vacant*
- **Past Chair:** Maria Morawski, ECE
- **English as a Second Language (ESL) representative:** Amy Jacobson, UW-Oshkosh
- **Education Abroad Representative:** Kelsey McDaniels, UW-Oshkosh
- **Admissions/Recruitment Representative:** Katerina Roskina, China Credential Services LLC
- **ISSS Programming Representative:** Shannon Jolly, Beloit College
- **ISSS Regulations Representative:** Liz Kruse, UW-Platteville
- **Two-Year Institution Representative:** Danielle Clarizio, UW-Marinette
- **Social Media/Website Coordinator:** Sam McCabe, UW-Madison
- **Membership and Communications Coordinator:** Sara Friar, Edgewood College
- **Treasurer,** Rachel Haos, Alverno College

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Introductions

NAME, INSTITUTION, KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY, & HOW MANY
YEARS IN THE FIELD

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Updates

- Membership Drive
 - 261 members (85 new)
- Financial Report
 - Amount in WAIE account: \$20,272.72
 - Filing 990-N tax documents
- New WAIE Facebook Group
 - 120 members
- Finalizing Bylaws
- MailChimp Account
 - Streamlined email communication process and option for “unsubscribe”
- Updated WAIE Leadership Team Position Descriptions



Re-Cap of 2016-2017 WUW

Month/Topic	# RSVPs
October 2016 - Education Abroad Emergency Planning	18
November 2016 - Friendship Families (ISSS)	20
December 2016 - ESL	5
February 2016 - Curricular Practical Training (ISSS)	16
April 2017 - International Student/ESL Marketing and Recruitment Strategies	11
June 2016 - International Education Office Student Workers	25
Total	95

Save the Date!

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| October 25, 2017 | ESL: Finding Success in the Shrinking ESL Classroom |
| November 8, 2017 | Education Abroad: Pre-Departure Orientation |
| February 14, 2018 | ISSS: Immigration Hot Topics |
| April 11, 2018 | Credential Evaluation ABC's: How Does it Work? |
| June 13, 2018 | Intercultural Skill-Building for Students, Faculty, and Staff |

All WUW conversations will be from **3-4 p.m.** CDT.



Listening to Your Feedback

Spring 2017 Survey Results

Feedback: 25 individuals indicated that they were unsure what would be expected if they joined the WAIE leadership team.

- **Action:** Updated position descriptions on WAIE website with more detailed description of position expectations, including skills/experience needed

Feedback: Respondents requested more online forums/discussion boards, message board for questions, sharing resources among institutions, etc.

- **Action:** WAIE Facebook group was created; WAIE Shared Resources Google Drive available

Feedback: A call for improved communication and increased transparency from the WAIE leadership team.

- **Action:** Membership Renewal drive was completed in September 2017 and a plan is now in place to regularly update our member list. A MailChimp account was set up for WAIE; MailChimp allows users to unsubscribe from emails if they wish. With the completion of this membership drive, the WAIE leadership team is working on developing a communication plan/email schedule for improving communication with membership.

Listening to Your Feedback

Spring 2017 Survey Results

Feedback: 93% of respondents believe that WAIE leadership team members should be professionally based in Wisconsin, while 55% of respondents believe that WAIE leadership team members should not be required to live in Wisconsin.

- **Action:** The draft bylaws state (section 2.1): “To be considered eligible for membership in WAIE, a professional interest in the state of Wisconsin is required.” [Note: To be eligible for the chair stream, WAIE membership requirements must be met.]
- **Consider:** Employees who work at Wisconsin-based institutions may live in bordering states, especially employees who work at institutions that are located close to the borders of Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, and Illinois.

Feedback: 79% of respondents believe that WAIE leadership team members should need to relinquish their position when they are no longer professionally based in Wisconsin. 65% of respondents believe WAIE leadership team members should not be required to relinquish their position when they move out of Wisconsin. 54% of respondents believe that the bylaws should specify when a position must be vacated.

- **Action:** The draft bylaws state (section 3.6): “A vacancy in the chair position because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled by the chair-elect and elections shall be held for a new chair elect. If the chair position must be vacated because the chair no longer has professional interests in the State of Wisconsin, the chair could continue to serve (if he/she chooses) for a reasonable period of time (the length of which will be at the discretion of the leadership team) during the transition.”

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Spring 2017 Survey Results

Feedback: 38% of respondents believe that the WAIE Conference should occur ever year; 30% believe it should take place every other year; and 22% think it should take place every other year with workshops/roundtables offered in the “off” years.

- **Action:** The draft bylaws were intentionally rather vague on the topic of conference frequency, to allow for further discussion and discretion of the membership/leadership team. While the draft by-laws mention an “annual conference”, conference is not defined and a workshop or roundtable, for example, could be considered a “conference.”

Feedback: 66% of respondents believe that prior service to WAIE and/or NAFSA should be a requirement for entering the WAIE Chair stream.

- **Action:** This was incorporated into the final draft of the bylaws (section 3.2): “To be eligible to serve as a director (chair, chair-elect, or past-chair), the candidate must meet WAIE membership requirements and one or more of the following criteria: Previous experience on WAIE Leadership Team, previous leadership in NAFSA, or previous leadership in another professional organization in the field of international education.”

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Coming Up

- Chair-elect Election
 - Applications until October 22nd
 - Elections October 23-29
- Bylaws
 - Comment Period: November 1-December 1
 - Vote by membership to pass finalized bylaws: January or February 2018
- Conference
 - April 5-6, 2018 in the Fox Cities
- Grant Applications - Available Soon
 - Hong Rost Memorial Award for Innovation in International Education Student Service Nominations – Deadline December 1
 - Advocacy Day Grant – Deadline Spring 2018
 - WAIE Conference Grants – Deadline Spring 2018

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Future Initiatives

- Communication Schedule/Strategic Plan
- Conference Planning
- Exploring/implementing ideas from the 2017 survey
 - Mentoring program
 - Wisconsin Advocacy Day
- WAIE Leadership Team Tenure List
- Website Revamp
- Grant Summary Sheet
- Assigning specific roles to leadership team positions

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