



DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

Annual Meeting of the Members

Monday, January 29, 2024

Online at Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81446364677>

6:00pm

Please find below the 2023 Annual Report of the Dayton Council on World Affairs. Included in this report is the following:

- 2023 President's Report
- 2023 JCOWA events Report
- 2023 Treasurer's Report

As a matter of business, the membership of DCOWA considered and voted to **approve** the following actions:

1. Election of New Board Directors
 - a. DeAnn Hurtado
 - b. Karla Knox
 - c. Charles Richardson
2. Election of New Board Officers
 - a. Secretary, Charles Richardson
 - b. Treasurer,
 - i. Kathy Rowell will continue to serve in early 2024, until 2023 taxes are filed and other relevant fiduciary powers are transferred.
 - ii. at that point, DeAnn Hurtado will become Treasurer.

On behalf of the Board,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek A. Petrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Derek Petrey
President, Dayton Council on World Affairs

2023 President's Report

Since 1947, the Dayton Council on World Affairs has been committed to educating the Miami Valley with programming, events and speakers of global reach and local importance. We pride ourselves on bringing important insights, information and perspectives to the region. We are a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to global awareness and policy discussion informed by facts and sound analysis. We are also committed to raising future generations of global-minded students and leaders through our Junior Council (JCOWA) program, a program involving 14 regional High Schools, and through the annual Pfeife-Smith scholarship for students who pursue higher education in the Dayton area.

Here are highlights from our 2023 events and activities:

- February JCOWA Fun-raiser: Past Board Director Thomas Martin led a fun and challenging Latin American trivia night at El Mesón, while the participants enjoyed a 4-plate meal. We raised \$500 for the Junior Council on World Affairs, our partner organization that works with local high school students.
- March Meet-and-greet with Humphreys Fellows: We hosted a welcome dinner at Franco's for two legal experts who visited Dayton through the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship/ Community College Residency Program. **Rudo Chasi** from Zimbabwe uses her expertise in handling wildlife crimes on behalf of the Zimbabwe Parks & Wildlife Management Authority, and **Roza Aiylchieva** from Kyrgyzstan, has worked in economic development for agriculture.
- April Virtual Voyages: **Anthony Struthers-Young** (UC - San Diego) presented his doctoral research based on fieldwork in southwest Burkina Faso, documenting both the languages and musical traditions of the Northern Toussian people.
- May Annual Banquet: We held our Annual Banquet at Sinclair with keynote speaker **Tom Thompson** who is Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety at Sinclair Community College and the Executive Director of Valens Solutions. Valens Solutions is a non-profit organization founded in 2020 which focuses on connecting immigrants to a variety of resources. His presentation was on Listening to and Serving our Immigrant Population.
- June Board Director's Retreat - we met to discuss applicants for the Pfeife-Smith Scholarship, voted on revisions to the DCOWA Code of Regulations related to requirements for all boards of non-profits in Ohio to sign a conflict of interest and ethics statement, and to discuss future events. We offered two awards, one for \$3000 to a UD student, and one for \$1000 for a Sinclair student.
- October and November Third Monday - we gathered at Third Perk in Dayton engage with potential members and students. Many thanks to Third Perk owner Juanita Darden, who kept the coffeehouse open after hours to host both events.
- November China Town Hall - DCOWA Board Member Pramod Kantha, Professor of Political Science, Wright State, organized Dayton's viewing of the China Town Hall. We watched the live interview with US Ambassador to China **Nicholas Burns** and then followed up with engaging discussion with our local expert discussant **Dr. Laura Luehrmann**, Chair of Wright State's School of Social Sciences and International Studies..
- December Open Board Meeting and Dinner - we held our final board meeting at Figlio Dayton, to close out the year.

We are looking forward to many events in the upcoming year, including the return of Great Decisions in 2024, a JCOWA fun-raiser in February, two movie viewings, and our Annual Banquet event in May. You can find an updated list of events at our website calendar of events (<https://www.dcowa.com/calendar>).

I am very grateful to our Board of Directors, and want to thank especially Dr. Katherine Rowell and Heather Atkinson, who will be stepping down as Treasurer and Secretary this year. I am optimistic that DCOWA will continue to connect our members with each other, the greater community, and the world. .

Thank you,

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Dr. Derek Petrey
President, Dayton Council on World Affairs

A slideshow related to this report is freely accessible at the following link:

[2024 DCOWA Annual Meeting](#)

Slate of officers and directors 2024

President (continuing)	Derek Petrey	derek.petrey@sinclair.edu
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Membership (continuing)	Carolyn Rice	carolyn_rice2002@yahoo.com
Treasurer (outgoing)	Katherine Rowell	katherine.rowell1124@gmail.com
Treasurer (incoming)	Charles Richardson	charles.richards3303@sinclair.edu
Past President / Social Media	Vaughn Shannon	vpshannon71@gmail.com
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Standing Directors	Pramod Kantha	pramod.kantha@wright.edu
	Heather Atkinson	wynterskys@gmail.com
	Ileana Marin	imarin@kettering.org
	Karla Knox	KARLAKNOX@msn.com

2023 JCOWA Activities Report
Submitted by Bridget Federspiel, JCOWA Youth Coordinator

Current membership for the Greater Dayton Junior Council on World Affairs comprises 156 students in nine chapters at the following local high schools and/or career technology centers:

- Chaminade-Julienne
- Dayton STEM
- Lebanon
- Meadowdale
- Springboro
- Stivers
- Thurgood Marshall
- Vandallia-Butler
- Yellow Springs

Events for 2023 included:

- March 15 - The Academic Quiz Bowl was hosted by University of Dayton Kennedy Student Union, with 40 teams from eight schools competing. Springboro won the competition.
- April 22 - The Springboro team represented the Dayton Council on World Affairs at the Academic Quiz Bowl in DC
- Oct. 20, 2023 - A student-centered Dayton Literary Peace Prize Author Series event was hosted at Kettering High School. The book was *North*. Three schools attended with 40 students.
- Nov. 30, 2023 - The Geography Bowl was hosted by the University of Dayton with 40 teams of students (approx. 150 students) participating. Springboro teams swept 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

2023 Annual Treasurer Report
Submitted by Dr. Katherine Rowell

Dayton Council on World Affairs 2023 Annual Treasurer Report			
MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY			
2023 Monthly	INCOME	EXPENSES	Net
JANUARY	\$3,415.75	\$2,991.48	
FEBRUARY	\$1,095.00	\$677.60	
MARCH	\$1,686.39	\$1,004.00	
APRIL	\$914.00	\$0.00	
MAY	\$120.00	\$2,393.77	
JUNE	\$1,715.38	\$2,899.00	
JULY	\$915.80	\$1,315.00	
AUGUST	\$175.00	\$0.00	
SEPTEMBER	\$938.47	\$0.00	
OCTOBER	\$915.80	\$354.00	
NOVEMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	
DECEMBER	\$320.00	\$2,625.00	-2048.26
	\$12,211.59	\$14,259.85	
DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS			
2023 Account Balances			
CASH INVESTMENTS AS OF 12/31/2023			
CASH ON HAND			
		Huntington Bank	\$ 49,290.33
		Morgan Stanley Account Transferred	
		INVESTMENTS Morgan Stanley Account Transferred	
		Total Cash & Liquid Investments	\$ 49,290.33
DAYTON FOUNDATION FUNDS AS OF 12/31/2023			
		George Houk Mead Education Fund (#2610)	\$ 22,755.67
		Andrew Gillan Fund (#3142)	\$ 70,992.47
		Pfiefe Smith Scholarship Fund (#3264)	\$ 96,519.72
*Morgan Stanley accounts were closed and money transferred to Huntington Bank (Consolidation and Cost Savings)			
			\$19,537.49
Brief note about Expenses			
			\$8938.85 JCOWA Expenses
Remaining Expenses are admistrative such as liability insurance, WACA dues, accountant filings, non-profit status dues, annual meeting,etc.			