

DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

Annual Meeting of the Members
January 26, 2015
Sinclair Community College
Dayton, Ohio

Pursuant to notice, the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Dayton Council on World Affairs, an Ohio non-profit corporation (the "Council"), was held at Sinclair Community College at 5:30 pm on January 26, 2015. Members constituting a quorum were present for the transaction of business.

Members attending the Annual Meeting were provided with the program for the Annual Meeting which included the agenda and the proposed minutes of the January 27, 2014 Annual Meeting.

The President of the Council, Mr. Kelly, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and presided as Chair of the meeting. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting of members and Board of Directors. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved and adopted.

A brief report on the financial health of the Council was presented. Upon motion made and seconded, the finance report was approved and adopted.

The slate of Directors and Officers were presented to the members. Upon motion made, it was resolved by the members that the slate of Officers recommended by the Nominating Committee was approved. Mr. Kantha was named the President of the Council. Ms. Miller and Ms. Allen began their roles as the Treasurer and Secretary for the Council, respectively.

Mr. Kelly, the outgoing President, then delivered a brief report on the State of the Council. He summarized key activities of the Council over the past year and gave an overview of the plans for 2015. Mr. Kelly recognized and thanked the outgoing Officers for their efforts on behalf of the Council. Ms. Rice thanked Mr. Kelly for his efforts on behalf of the Council.

No further business being presented, upon motion made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

/s/ Shahrzad P. Allen, Esq.
DCOWA Secretary

President's Report

2015 was a very eventful year for DCOWA. We kicked off the year with our annual meeting on January 26 with a keynote speech on Ukraine, Russia and the West by Matthew Rojansky, a leading expert on U.S. relations with the states of the former Soviet Union, especially Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, and the Director of the Kennan Institute at Wilson Center, Washington D. C. The annual meeting was attended by over 100 people. DCOWA kept the momentum going through the year with many great programs organized by the programming committees. While the committee reports below present details of these great programs, on behalf of DCOWA Board, I would like to thank the chairs and members of DCOWA programming committees for their untiring dedication through the year for making it another outstanding year for the community and members of DCOWA. Tom Martin has set a very high bar for adult programming committee, and Bridget deserves all the kudos for excellent JCOWA programming. I am also happy to report that in 2015, after a hiatus of a couple years, we were able to award two Pfeife Smith World Affairs Scholarships totaling \$ 4,000.

I would also like to express DCOWA's deeply felt appreciation to Sinclair Community College, University of Dayton, and Wright State University, especially the University Center International Students (UCIE), for their continuing support to DCOWA. I am happy to report that DCOWA has renewed its agreement with Wright State for another year of collaboration which includes the International Visitor Leadership Program that brings leaders and practitioners from all over the world to Dayton.

The passing away of Tom Pearson, a long time Board Member, and great cheerleader of DCOWA was the saddest event of the year for all of us. Tom, 74, died on May 8, 2015 while on vacation in London. To honor Tom's wonderful contribution to DCOWA, the Board has decided to rename the Quiz Bowl as Tom Pearson Quiz Bowl. Tom's absence will especially be felt at the annual meeting.

Finally, I am very thankful to all the members of DCOWA Board for their unwavering support and dedication to DCOWA mission, and to all the members of DCOWA, whose continuing commitment and support energize us all to stay focused on our jobs.

Nominating Committee

Board of Directors - DCOWA bylaws require us to have a Board of Directors consisting of "not less than 15 nor more than 24 persons". As of December 31, 2015, there were 20 DCOWA Board Members.

Class of 2018 - There are five Directors in the Class of 2018, who are beginning a new three-year term this year. They include Ali Al-Hamdani (first term), Hunt Brown

(second term), Carolyn Rice (second term), Monica Schultz (first term) and Maxine Thomas (second term).

2016 DCOWA Leadership – The Nominating Committee has worked with the current Board Membership to confirm the Council’s officers for 2016. The DCOWA Leadership Team for 2016 includes:

President – Pramod Kantha

Vice President – Monica Schultz

Treasurer – Michelle Miller

Secretary – Shahrzad Allen

The Nominating Committee will work to recruit 2-4 new Board Members in early 2016, to replace current Board Members who have recently confirmed their intention to resign from the Board.

Thomas St. Denis II

Chair, Nominating Committee

Membership & Marketing Committee

The members of the Marketing and Membership Committee for 2015 were Kim Bramlage, Alex Herczeg, Hunt Brown, and Carolyn Rice (Chair). Many thanks are also due to Wright State University’s Center for International Education (UCIE) for providing webmaster support and Angela Lilly for monthly administration of the membership renewal process.

Membership provides critical funding for DCOWA to pursue its’ mission. DCOWA continues to face the challenge of an aging membership, but we have been successful in our various efforts to recruit new members to replace members who do not renew. At the end of 2015, DCOWA’s membership remains relatively stable at 75 with only a five member decrease since 2014.

Highlights:

- Leadership Dayton’s Board Match Expo continues to be a wonderful way for DCOWA to recruit young leaders to our board. For the sixth year in a row, we were successful in gaining a new board member, Ali Al-Hamdani, to our board.
- The Young Professional initiative led by board members Dan Johnson and Michele Miller continued to hold events with a focus on combining international affairs with social networking. The spring event focused on Argentina and was held at Warped Wing Brewery and attracted a crowd of approximately 20.

- The importance of marketing DCOWA remains vital for DCOWA to hold successful events and fulfill our mission. DCOWA introduced a new brochure in 2015 and makes every effort to keep the website fresh and informative. Collaborations with various community organizations with an interest in international affairs boosts DCOWA's visibility in the community. Examples of this collaboration included several board members involvement in the Dayton Peace Accords 20th commemoration activities along with the dinner for the Mayor of Sarajevo that was a joint event between Dayton Sister Cities and DCOWA.

The Membership and Marketing Committee looks to continue these efforts and always strives to find ways to promote DCOWA's benefits and mission whenever we can.

Adult Programming Committee Report

The members of the committee are: Thomas Martin, chair; Michelle Jackson, Mohsen Khani, Jacob Dorn, Jason Pierce, Maxine Thomas

Several Board members took part in the Junior Council on World Affairs Geo Bowl at the University of Dayton on April 20, along with faculty members from Sinclair Community College

On June 4, we held a dinner and discussion on US-Iran relations at the new Goodwill-Easter Seals building, thanks to Board member Kim Bramlage of Goodwill. Professor Mohsen Khani of Sinclair Community College, an Iran native and DCOWA board member, was the speaker and moderator. About three dozen members attended.

On September 25, at El Mesón restaurant, we sponsored a tapas dinner and discussion for about three dozen participants, with Cuban journalist and blogger Elaine Díaz Rodriguez.

On October 5, at Sinclair Community College, we sponsored a national webcast, 'China Town Hall,' broadcast by the National Council on United State-China Relations. Panelists included Robert Rubin, former Secretary of the Treasury; Sheldon A. Day, Mayor of Thomasville, Alabama; and Daniel H. Rosen of the Rhodium Group and Columbia University. Our local speaker was John Gauthier, President of Fuyao Glass America, Inc. China Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving 70 cities throughout the United States.

DCOWA participated directly, as an organization, and indirectly via individual Board members, in all of the events commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords. As an organization, we sponsored two evening receptions in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UD, on the history and future

of the Peace Accords, with speakers Professor Keith Doubt (Wittenberg) and Professor Bill Ayres (WSU), both experts on Bosnia. In addition, on November 17, at Sinclair, we sponsored a dinner in honor of Dr. Ivo Komšić, Mayor of Sarajevo. This was a very successful fundraiser, with about 100 people in attendance including Dayton's mayor. Individual board members took part in a South Slavic Cultural Day at Centerville Library in September; and Board member Hunt Brown, as president of Dayton Sister Cities, was largely responsible for all the Peace Accord events sponsored by that organizations, and individual Board members also took part in all these events.

Facilitated by Board member Carolyn Rice, we also provided two speakers for Rotary luncheons: Feb 9 - Jonathan Winkler "The historical roots of the Snowden revelations" - Oct 26- Liam Anderson on "Syria" - Nov 16 - Kurt Bassuener "From Oligarchy to Democracy: Bosnia's Challenge 20 Years After Dayton."

Finally, DCOWA facilitated the Great Decisions course at UD's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in September and October. Approximately 70 participants gathered weekly to hear lectures delivered by WSU, UD, and Sinclair faculty and others on topics outlined in the Foreign Policy Association's 2014 Great Decisions publication. The eight speakers, all recruited by Board members, included Philip Stewart, Michael Haubrock, Board president Pramod Kantha, Liam Anderson, Opolot Okia, Tabitha Woodruff, Vaughn Shannon, and Carlos Costa.

Youth Committee Annual Report 2015

The members of the Youth Committee are: Bridget Federspiel, Linda Harrison, Dr. Pramod Kantha, Dr. Deborah Gavlik (chair), and Donna King.

The Junior Council on World Affairs program continued to grow in membership. In 2015, The current membership schools also included: Belmont, Chaminade-Julianne, David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center, Dayton Regional STEM, Dunbar Early College, Kettering Fairmont, Lebanon, Stivers School for the Arts, Thurgood Marshall, Vandalia-Butler, and Wilmington. The JCOWA student membership in 2014-15 school year was 302, and in 2015-2016 school year, student membership is 310.

JCOWA continued to host a variety of events: International Quiz Bowl, Geo-Bowl, Dayton Peace Accords: 20 Years Later, and Youth Forum. In addition, in 2015, the Dayton Council was award the Turkish Cultural Foundation grant through the World Affairs Council of America. This is the fourth time DCOWA received the grant. The generous grant allowed JCOWA to host a teacher workshop in the spring, send three local teachers to Turkey on a study tour and host a community outreach program in the fall. The three local teachers who traveled to Turkey are: Christopher Cox (Belmont High School), John Davis (Springboro High School) and Leslie Rogers (Stivers School for

the Arts). In December, DCOWA applied for the 2016 Turkish Cultural Foundation grant and is awaiting approval.

The winner of the 2015 International Quiz Bowl was Dayton Regional STEM School. Co-advisors Kevin Lydy and Arch Grieve accompanied their students to Washington DC in April to compete in the WACA held Academic World Quest. DCOWA covered the cost of the hotel for the team.

JCOWA continued with its connection to the Dayton Sister Cities organization. In June, 18 students from Chaminade- Julienne traveled to Augsburg, Germany. Tony Ricciuto and Kevin Lydy, both JCOWA advisors, work with Dayton Sister Cities in planning the trips.

The Pfeife Smith Scholarship was awarded to two Dayton Public School students in 2015. Janelle Pina from Meadowdale High School and Carolyn Thompson from Stivers School for the Arts both received \$2000 to help fund their first year of college.

JCOWA Events for the remaining 2015-16 school year are:

Quiz Bowl University of Dayton, Kennedy Union	Feb. 8 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Geography Bowl (Students and Adult teams) University of Dayton, Ballroom in Kennedy Union	April 18 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Quiz Bowl Georgetown University Washington, DC	April 26

If any member would like to help promote JCOWA in a particular school and/or district, please contact Bridget Federspiel at bfedersp@dps.k12.oh.us.

2016 Dayton Council on World Affairs Board Members (As of 1/20/2016)

Class of 2016

Jennifer Reitz, first term

Michele Miller, first term (Treasurer)

Mohsen Khani, first term

Shahrzad Allen, first term (Secretary)

Thomas Martin, first term

Deborah Gavlik, first term

Class of 2017

Phillip Chick, second term

Michelle Jackson, second term

Pramod Kantha, second term (President)

Jason Pierce, second term

Thomas St. Denis, second term

Kim Bramlage (Leadership Dayton – first term)

Class of 2018

Ali Al-Hamdani (Leadership Dayton – first term)

Hunnting (Hunt) Brown, second term

Carolyn Rice, second term

Monica Schultz, first term (Vice President / President Elect)

Maxine Thomas, second term

Ex Officio

Stephen Foster, WSU, Associate Vice President for International Affairs

Staff

Bridget Federspiel

Other

Michelle Streeter-Ferrari, WSU, Director University Center for International Education and DCOWA Program Administrator

Joy Wanderi, WSU International Visitor Program Advisor

Lifetime Achievement

Margaret Karns

Jake Dorn

Director Emeritus

William Wild

Per DCOWA Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall consist of “not less than 15 nor more than 24 persons”

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TREASURER'S REPORT
January 16, 2016
Books Reconciled EOM December 2015**

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

CASH ON HAND – \$ 42,126.37

Huntington Bank - \$33,813.90

Morgan Stanley – \$8,312.47

INVESTMENTS (Morgan Stanley) - \$7,916.20

TOTAL CASH AND LIQUID INVESTMENTS - \$50,042.57

DAYTON FOUNDATION FUNDS - \$160,898.23 (As of June 30, 2015)

Mead Education Fund	\$ 16,776.36
Andrew Gillan Fund	\$ 59,520.77
Pfiefe Smith Scholarship Fund	\$ 67,292.43

OPERATIONS

- YTD Revenues: \$30,423.42 (including \$6,485 for Annual Meeting)
- Expenses: \$27,973.97
- Operating Surplus: \$2,449.45

Open Items & Planned Activities

- Close Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Account and transfer cash to Huntington
- Develop Investment Policy Statement for Mead-Walker-Resor & other invested funds; consider formal board designation for these funds