

# **DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS**

## **2016 Annual Report to the Members**

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### **Annual Meeting of the Members**

**Monday January 25, 2016**

**Sinclair Community College**

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 p.m. on January 25, 2016. Members constituting a quorum were present for the transaction of business. Board member Kim Bramlage took minutes of meeting.

Members attending the Annual Meeting were provided with the program for the Annual Meeting which included the agenda and proposed meeting minutes of the January 26, 2015 Annual Meeting.

The President of the Council, Pramod Kantha, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and presided as Chair of the meeting. The first item of business was approval of the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting of members and Board of Directors. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved and adopted.

Board member Carolyn Rice presented a brief report on the financial health of the Council in the Treasurer's absence. Upon motion made and seconded, the finance report was approved and adopted.

The slate and 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 President of the Council for a second term. Ms. Miller and Ms. Allen began their second terms as Treasurer and Secretary for the Council, respectively. Newly-appointed Board member Monica Schultz was elected to Vice President/President-Elect for 2016.

Member Jake Dorn suggested that the Board refer to the Council by-laws for clarification on voting for the slate of officers...should the membership vote to approve or only the Board?

Mr. Kantha presented a brief president's report on the state of the Council. He summarized activities for 2015 and welcomed Ms. Schultz to the Board.

With no further business being presented, a motion to adjourn was made and approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Presented by Kim Bramlage

### **President's Report**

2016 was a very eventful year for DCOWA. We kicked off the year with our annual meeting on January 25 with a keynote speech on Climate Change, Water and Energy by Dr. Philip Hayden, a former DCOWA Board member. The annual meeting was attended by around 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. In 2016, Tom Martin, continued to set a very high bar for adult programming committee. I would like to thank Tom for setting an outstanding example. As Tom, moves to another committee, we look forward to an equally dedicated chair to continue the tradition of excellence. I would also like to thank our Members and Marketing Committee chair, Carolyn Rice, for maintaining a vigorous membership drive. For another year, Bridget Federspiel has maintained an excellent record of JCOWA programming. I am also happy to report that in 2016, we were again able to award one 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, especially with our website and programming.

I am very thrilled by our speaker this year, veteran journalist, Sid David, and his very timely presentation on The Presidency, The Press and The People. I would like to thank Board member, Michelle Miller, for bringing Mr. Davis to the Board's attention, and successfully approaching him for this presentation.

I am also very pleased to hand over the leadership of DCOWA Board to our new President-Monica Schultz. Monica has been very active on DCOWA Board and I wish her all the success in her new role. 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.

## Treasurer

### PROFIT AND LOSS

January 1 - December 30, 2016

	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	
4010 Corporate Memberships	500.00
4020 Individual & Family Memberships	1,225.00
4030 JCOWA Student Memberships	702.46
4110 Gillan Fund	1,270.39
4120 Mead Fund	358.25
4130 Smith Fund	500.00
4210 Adult Programs	2,860.00
4220 Annual Meeting	4,590.00
4240 JCOWA Grants & Misc	6,730.34
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,736.44</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$18,736.44</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
5000 Administrative Expenses	783.45
5010 JCOWA - Administration	5,500.00
5060 Insurance	650.00
5070 Postage	18.80
5200 Bank Charges	50.00
6111 Adult Programs - Great Decisions Boods	171.50
6120 Adult Programs - Meals/Refresh	1,727.50
6130 Adult Programs - Speaker Fees & Exp	500.00
6210 Annual Meeting - Meals/Refresh	2,378.84
6310 JCOWA - Meals/Refreshments	671.58

6320 JCOWA - Supplies	440.82
6330 JCOWA - Teacher Workshops	709.20
6340 JCOWA - Transportation	2,080.00
6350 JCOWA - Travel & Hotel	1,650.76
6360 JCOWA - Gifts & Prizes	2,061.25
Other General and Admin Expenses	164.03
Uncategorized Expense	271.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,829.53</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -1,093.09</b>

## **Membership & Marketing Committee**

Membership is absolutely essential to DCOWA’s continuing vitality as an organization. I am pleased to report that DCOWA’s membership remains stable at approximately 75 for another year, not including the hundreds of students who belong to JCOWA chapters in high schools throughout the Miami Valley.

DCOWA continues to participate in Leadership Dayton’s Board Match Expo each March and have always received a new board member through that match. We offer any local speaker who presents at one of our programs a complimentary one year membership to encourage them to get involved and attend events. We are currently reaching out to past members and board members whose memberships have lapsed to re-engage them as we approach our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday as an organization in 2017.

DCOWA understands the importance of marketing our organization and events if we are to hold successful events and fulfill our mission. The committee continues to focus its efforts on keeping the website fresh and informative to visitors.

Thanks to Hunt Brown, Michelle Jackson, Kim Bramlage, Monica Schultz , Angela Lilly, Michelle Streeter-Ferrari and her team at Wright State’s University Center for International Education for all their contributions to the DCOWA Membership and Marketing Committee in 2016.

Carolyn Rice, Chair

## **Adult Programming Committee Report**

The members of the committee are: Thomas Martin, chair; Michelle Jackson, Louis Keiler, 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 in April, along with faculty members from Sinclair Community College.

In June, in cooperation with the Dayton International Peace Museum, we sponsored a dinner at the Amber Rose with Igor Tolochin of St Petersburg University in Russia, who spoke on “The Sense of the Absurd: Living with the Russia/Ukraine Conflict.” About sixty members and friends attended.

In August, DCOWA co-sponsored with Welcome Dayton a panel discussion on immigrants and refugees in Dayton, with three immigrant women (from South Africa, Kuwait and Morocco) who talked with an audience of about 40 about their problems and success in adjusting to life in Dayton.

In April, at the Goodwill/Easter Seals Building, we offered a discussion on current issues in the Persian Gulf region, with speakers Jacob Dorn (a past president of DCOWA) and Josh Cummins of WPAFB, both recently returned from National Council on US-Arab Relations visits to the region.

On October 18, at Wright State University, we sponsored a national webcast, ‘China Town Hall,’ broadcast by the National Council on United State-China Relations. The guest was former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and our local speaker was Dr Laura Luehrmann of Wright State, a China specialist. The event was well attended by members as well as WSU students. China Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving 70+ cities throughout the United States.

In November we co-sponsored (with a donation of \$200) a lecture at WSU on the civil war in Syria and ISIS by visiting professor Amr al-Azm of Shawnee State.

Also in November several board members took part in the JCOWA International Career Day.

Facilitated by Board member Carolyn Rice, we also provided two speakers for Rotary luncheons, who presented on the current situations in Bosnia and Syria.

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 Capt. Sam Combs of WPAFB, Ellen Fleischmann of UD, Liam Anderson of WSU, Theo Majka of UD, Christopher Agnew of UD, Vaughn Shannon of WSU, Shuang-ye Wu of UD, and Carlos Costa of WSU. Board members also appeared at each session to promote DCOWA membership – with some success.

## **Youth Committee**

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 student membership. In 2016 the current membership schools included: Chaminade-Julianne, David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center, Dayton Regional STEM, Dunbar Early College, 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 was 310.

JCOWA hosted a variety of events: International Quiz Bowl, Geo-Bowl, International Career Day, and Youth Forum. In addition, in 2016, the Dayton Council was awarded the Turkish Cultural Foundation grant through the World Affairs Council of America. This is the fifth time DCOWA received the grant. The generous grant allowed JCOWA to host a teacher workshop in the spring. Unfortunately, due to the political atmosphere in Turkey, the Turkish Cultural Foundation suspended its annual teacher trip to Turkey in the summer of 2016.

In 2016, the JCOWA hosted its first silent auction event at the annual meeting in January. The silent auction raised over \$1100 for JCOWA programming.

The winner of the 2016 International Quiz Bowl was Chaminade Julianne High School. Advisor Tony Ricciuto accompanied his students to Washington DC in April to compete in the WACA-sponsored Academic World Quest. DCOWA covered the cost of the hotel for the team.

JCOWA furthered with its connection to the Dayton Sister Cities organization. In May, Chaminade Julianne hosted students from Augsburg, Germany. The German students also visited Stivers School for the Arts. Kevin Lydy accompanied his students to Oiso, Japan. Both teachers are JCOWA advisors, working with Dayton Sister Cities in planning the trips.

The Pfeife Smith Scholarship was awarded to a Dayton Public School student in 2016. Maria Arias from Stivers School for the Arts received \$4000 to help fund her first year of college at Sinclair Community College.

Events for the remaining 2016-17 school year are:

Geography Bowl (Students and Adult teams) University of Dayton, Ballroom in Kennedy	April 26 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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National Academic Quiz Bowl	April 29
National Press Club University	
Washington, DC	

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](mailto:bfedersp@dps.k12.oh.us).

### **Nominating Committee**

**Board of Directors** – Current DCOWA bylaws require us to have a Board of Directors consisting of 15-24 members. As of December 31, 2016, there were 15 DCOWA Board Members.

**New Board Members** – We are pleased to announce two new board members who are beginning three year terms in January 2017. Our new board members are:

Sangita Gosalia, University of Dayton

Dr. Vaughn Shannon, Wright State University

**2017 DCOWA Leadership** – The Nominating Committee has worked with the current Board Membership to confirm the Council’s officers for 2017. The DCOWA Leadership Team for 2017 includes:

**President – Monica Schultz**

**Vice President – Open**

**Treasurer – Michelle Miller/Vaughn Shannon\***

**Secretary – Kim Bramlage**

The Nominating Committee will work with the President to determine how many additional board members to recruit in 2017.

\*Michelle Miller will work to transition the Treasurer’s responsibilities to Vaughn Shannon during the first quarter of 2017.

