



Annual Report for 2011

January 23, 2012

Mission

The Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA) is a non-profit organization that has served the Dayton region for over 60 years. Our mission is to “promote informed opinion and decision-making concerning international issues. We engage people on diverse world issues, points of view, and culture to link individuals and organizations with common interests.”

After many years at the University of Dayton, DCOWA is now at Wright State University. DCOWA is one of 97 councils in the United States which belong to the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) headquartered in Washington, D.C. Each of these councils has the same interest in international affairs and often share speakers and programming.

2011 Board of Directors

Carolyn Rice- President

Montgomery County Treasurer; former Director of Executive Education at Wright State University's Raj Sooin College of Business

Mark J. Meister- Treasurer

President and CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History which operates the Boonshoft Museum of Discover, SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park, and Fort Ancient

Steve Axtell- Secretary

Attorney and Partner in Thompson Hine, LLC's Environmental practice group; defends governmental enforcement actions and private actions, environmental permitting, regulatory compliance counseling, environmental audits, and business sales and acquisitions

Amy Anderson

Director of the University of Dayton's Center for International Programs; The Center for International Programs provides leadership, coordination, strategic planning and administrative support for the internationalization of UD's campus.

Katherine Mitakides

Doctoral student at Miami University in political science with a focus on international relations and comparative politics; currently active with the Junior League of Dayton, the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, and the Board of Directors of the Opera Guild of Dayton

Thomas Pearson- Community Leader & Retired NCR Executive

Donna M. Schlagheck

Professor and Chair of Political Science at Wright State University; expert on American foreign policy and international terrorism; consults regularly at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and is a frequent guest/expert featured on area television and radio programs

Dona Vella

Director for Development for Hospice of Dayton; formerly served as Development Director for Dayton Art Institute, Cox Arboretum & Garden MetroPark and Executive Director for Kids Voting

Yufeng Wang

Professor of History at Sinclair Community College; Past President of Dayton Association of Chinese Americans & currently serves on the Board of the Dayton International Peace Museum.

Special Directors for 2011:

Jacob Dorn- Professor of United States history at Wright State University with publications on religion and social reform in modern America.

Alex Heckman—Director of Education & Museum Operations at Dayton History

David L. Neer- Community Leader & Financial Services Professional with Merrill Lynch

President's Report

2011 was an outstanding year for DCOWA. Here are just a few examples of the many accomplishments achieved:

- Although our partnership with Wright State University's University Center of International Education has proven to be of great benefit to both organizations, we amended our agreement this year to reflect our evolving relationship. Likewise, we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dayton International Peace Museum to formalize ways we can work together to promote each other's programs and mission.
- As a result of our successful application to the US State Department, DCOWA was granted a one-year provisional status in the International Visitor Leadership Program. UCIE administers the International Visitor Program, and we have hosted groups from Russia and Turkmenistan to Dayton this fall.
- The youth programs offered through Junior Council on World Affairs (JCOWA) continues to grow with more than 250 students members located in 16 regional high schools. JCOWA added one new regional event to its usual lineup of programs. In October, JCOWA held its first International Career Day attended by more than 110 students. JCOWA students at four high schools planned programs on September 11th to honor the tenth anniversary of the September 11th tragedy.
- DCOWA executed a successful end of year appeal for youth programs, raising more than \$2,500.
- The adult programs varied from topics like peace through trade and nuclear security to learning more about the current situation in Iraq, Libya, and China. We offered both the Great Decisions discussions and Insights programs through the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at UD.
- The Nominating Committee recruited a diverse group of new board members that will energize the organization and set the stage for future success.

All in all, I am very proud of all we have been able to accomplish throughout the last year. Unfortunately, the unrest generated by the "Arab Spring", the DCOWA trip to Egypt entitled "The Splendor of the Nile" originally scheduled to happen in September 2011 was postponed to September 2012. We remain optimistic that it will be a spectacular opportunity for those who want to travel and expand their horizons.

It has been a real honor to serve as President of DCOWA for the last two years. I extend my deepest thanks to the DCOWA Board, Wright State University and UCIE staff, and my fellow DCOWA members for the chance to work with all of you to fulfill the mission of DCOWA. I am excited about DCOWA's future and am very confident that 2012 will see DCOWA continue to grow and thrive.

Carolyn Rice
January 23, 2012

International Visitor Leadership Program

In February 2011, Wright State University, University Center for International Education in collaboration with Dayton Council on World Affairs received provisional membership into the US State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program.

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Launched in 1940, the IVLP is a professional exchange program that seeks to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other nations through carefully designed short-term visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. These visits reflect the International Visitors' professional interests and support the foreign policy goals of the United States.

During the last year, Dayton was able to host a group of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educators from Russia to learn about *Innovative STEM Curriculum*; a group of government officials from Turkmenistan to learn about *Public Transportation*; and a group of government officials from Iraqi to learn about *Government Transparency*. We hope to apply for full membership into the network in 2012.

Submitted by Michelle Streeter-Ferrari
Wright State University Center of International Education

2010 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee members for 2011 were Steve Axtell, Stephen Foster, Ponnice Kendall, David Neer, Carolyn Rice, with Mary Mathews serving as chair. The Committee met as a whole numerous times. Individual meetings among committee members and potential candidates were also scheduled.

The Committee made the following recommendations which were approved for the 2012 Year:

Past president to serve consecutively with newly elected president:
Carolyn Rice

Special Directors to serve for one year as advisors:
Steve Axtell
Ponnice Kendall
Dave Neer

Leadership Dayton representative:
Alex Heckman, for a one-year appointment, with the opportunity to be appointed to a three-year term in 2012.

New Directors for three-year terms:
Dr. Jacob Dorn, WSU professor, founding professor of the University's Honors Programs, long time associate and supporter of DCOWA.

Dan Johnson, Merrill Lynch; he and wife taught in Korea before he went into the investment business.

Dr. Kevin Kelly, Dean, College of Education and Allied Professions, University of Dayton.

Michelle Jackson, LexisNexis Instructional Designer and Developer, has lived overseas.

Dr. Jason Pierce, head of Political Science Department, University of Dayton, extensive international experience, former Fulbright Scholar.

Stephanie Precht, Director of Public Affairs, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce; one of Forty Under 40 honored by the Dayton Business Journal.

Tom St. Denis, II, President, The Harbour Group, LLC., a specialized insurance broker providing comprehensive medical insurance for international students, scholars, exchange organizations, colleges and universities and government agencies.

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Balance Sheet
December 31, 2011

ASSETS

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|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash - Huntington Checking | \$ | 4,762 |
| Cash - Morgan Stanley/SB Money | | 5,795 |
| Cash - Morgan Stanley/SB Inves | | 3,425 |
| Prepaid Expense | | 705 |
| Accounts Receivable | | <u>450</u> |
| Total Current Assets | | \$15,137 |
| Property and Equipment | | |
| Total Property and Equipment | | 0 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Endowments - Andrew Gillan | | 61,159 |
| Endowments - George Houk Mead | | 18,645 |
| Endowments - Pfeife Smith W/A | | <u>63,462</u> |
| Total Other Assets | | <u>143,266</u> |
| Total Assets | \$ | <u>158,403</u> |

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

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|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 3,525 |
| Deferred Revenue | | <u>2,850</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | | \$6,375 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | | <u>0</u> |
| Total Liabilities | | 6,375 |
| Capital | | |
| Equity | | 147,445 |
| Endowment Donation | | 877 |
| Net Income | | <u>3,706</u> |
| Total Capital | | <u>152,028</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Capital | \$ | <u>158,403</u> |

REVENUE and EXPENSE

REVENUE

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Memberships (includes JCOWA) | 9,014 |
| The Dayton Foundation Funds | 8,436 |
| Programs | <u>6,944</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$24,394</u> |

EXPENSE

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Administrative Expenses | 10,026 |
| Program Expenses | 7,843 |
| Scholarships | <u>5,432</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$23,301</u> |
| Net Income | \$1,093 |