

SINO-American Education Consortium
Annual Meeting
Hilton Riverside New Orleans
Burgundy Room
Saturday, January 25, 2003 -- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Dr. Linda Webb, Associate Director, SINO-American Education Consortium Presiding

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order-Dr. Linda Webb

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Dr. Webb. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves. Those present were: Dr. Yiping Wan, Kennesaw State University. Dr. Craig Kissock, University of Minnesota; Dr. Darrell Bloom, International Council on Education for Teaching; Dr. Joy Xin, Rown University; Dr. Steven Thorpe, Southern Oregon University; Dr. Linda Webb, Kennesaw State University.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 3 SINO-American Education Consortium Business Meeting held in conjunction with the International Conference will be put on the website for review and approval.

14th Annual SINO-American Education consortium Conference-Dr. Yiping Wan

Dr. Wan reported that the 14th Annual Conference was a great success, with 322 registrations. 61 of those registrations were international participants, 101 were graduate students. Of the 90 proposals submitted, 85 were accepted. In addition, there were four keynotes, one special workshop, and three panel discussions. These numbers were impressive, particularly in view of past history. There was no conference in 2001 and only 34 proposals and registrations in 2000.

15th Annual SINO-American Education Consortium Conference-Dr. Yiping Wan

The 15th Annual Conference will be in Wuhan, China June 10-June 12. It will begin late on the 10th, and run through the 12th. A trip has been scheduled around this conference. Information can be obtained by emailing the consortium or Central China University. Eighteen to twenty people are currently in our delegation. This includes six deans from around the state. Another 15-20 individuals are expected to join the tour. The information is also in the newsletter. On page 6 of the newsletter is a call for papers. The call for papers is also on line. Given the popular demand, the Consortium may add a special international symposium in October back to the USA.

16th Annual SINO-American Education Consortium Conference-Dr. Yiping Wan

The 16th Annual Conference will be back in the United States. It has been determined that the best time for mainlanders to attend the conferences in the U.S. is around a national holiday week (week of October 1). The site decision will be made at the 15th

Annual Conference, and self-nominations are being accepted. National Lewis University and KSU both have the interest to hold the 16th conference.

Membership-Dr. Linda Webb

Institutional membership is currently \$750 dollars for U. S., Hong Kong, and Taiwan members. The suggested new U.S. individual rate was an increase from \$35 to \$40. The Chinese rate of 100 Yuan is less due to the lower average income. Consideration is being given to increasing the Chinese individual rate to 200 Chinese Yuan.

Much discussion centered on the membership dues. A majority of those present favored increased the U. S. rate to \$50 and leaving it there for several years rather than having constant small increases.

Newsletter-Dr. Yiping Wan

A copy of the newsletter was included in the packets. Contents were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report-Dr. Yiping Wan

Dr. wan reported that the Consortium broke even on the conference. Contributing to the breaking even was the contribution of a reception from Dr. Wan's Dean's Budget at KSU. The Consortium currently has \$2,000.00. \$1,000.00 will be spent to send a KSU faculty member to help plan the conference in China. Wuhan will get 8,000 yuan to offset conference costs. If additional financial support is needed, the Consortium may set aside additional 4,000 Chinese yuan, paid as membership dues and kept by Dr. Cheng Aimin, to cover the cost for conference proceedings, and other expenses, deemed necessary by executive officers.

Other Business

Dr. Bloom commented that there's a great opportunity to make more use off issues the organization can facilitate. One suggestion was that we explore issues/topics like diversity (how do we facilitate things such as student teaching in China, etc. Dr. Wan stated that there are currently KSU and GSU student teachers in China and that the consortium can facilitate student teaching and other projects in China for other institutions.

Dr. Wan also reported that KSU is working to set up a Chinese Language testing center (perhaps system-wide in the state of GA).

Dr. Bloom suggested that we set up a strand for discussion, perhaps on our website, to discuss topics such as 'How do American institutions work with Chinese institutions?' It was also suggested a special topics program might be held in the US this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.