

Dayton Council on World Affairs Annual Report for 2017

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Members
Monday, January 23, 2017
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 23, 2017. 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 25, 2016 Annual Meeting.

The President of the Council, Pramod Kantha, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and presided as Chair of the meeting. The first item of business was approval of the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting of members and Board of Directors. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was delayed and will be presented at a later board meeting, in a separate document. [Note for 2018: the document was submitted and is on the website.]

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. Monica Schultz was named President of the Council for her first term. Vaughn Shannon and Kim Bramlage will begin their first term as Treasurer and Secretary for the Council, respectively.

Additional reports (attached) were presented by various board members.

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, Secretary

DCOWA President's Report 2017

Since 1947, the Dayton Council on World Affairs has been bringing speakers and important topics from every corner of the world, covering every facet of life – from trade and business, to politics, to education and health care, to culture and technology – especially to our leaders of tomorrow in our JCOWA program.

Just like every long-running organization, we've had our ups and downs. From having paid staff, our own television show and thousands of participants in Great Decisions in the 1950s and 60s to an all-volunteer board and hosting cozier events today, DCOWA continues to serve our mission of educating and engaging our community about the importance of world affairs.

In 2017, we instituted some changes, a few of which I've highlighted here:

- Refocused our efforts on JCOWA, putting its activities at the center of our meetings, our time and our energy. (It has been and remains the center of our budget.)
- Updated our Code of Regulations to make the volunteer board more effective.
- Rebranded our organization and took control of our online presence (new website, twitter, Facebook, Eventbrite, etc.)
- Updated the Pfeife-Smith scholarship to help match with students in our JCOWA programs and to help them manage the award over the life of their college education.

These activities are intended to make DCOWA more sustainable and to address new challenges, such as the increasing role of technology in people's lives and the continuing decrease in community and civic engagement by hard-working people trying to balance work, families and other activities.

In 2017, our activities also included:

- We sponsored seven JCOWA events for the more than 150 student members of our 14 active school chapters. See Youth Committee Report for details
- We hosted 10 events for our adult community members, featuring guest speakers such as:
 - Sid Davis, US Press and Presidential Politics
 - Former Defense Minister of Japan joint program with DDC
 - Director of Hong Kong's Economic and Trade Office
 - World Trade Day joint program with the International Trade Association of SW Ohio
 - University of Mostar entrepreneurial student dinner
 - Ambassador Blake Diplomacy series
 - US Chamber of Commerce International Trade Rep joint program with ITASWO

- Admiral Michael McDevitt, USN, China Town Hall
- Sponsor for University of Dayton SPHR Human Rights conference
- Three board members attended the World Affairs Council of America 2017 annual meeting, sharing a table with the Cincinnati Council on World Affairs. While there, we learned that many eyes are on our councils to spread the word about the importance of diplomacy as a tool that helps America be great, and why we need to support it now more than ever.
- DCOWA members also participated in monthly Cover to Cover conference calls and Know Now conference calls with the World Affairs Council of America.
- Board members attended the Cincinnati Annual meeting and discussed future joint programs to engage our “in-between” communities in global events.
- DCOWA were present with booth space at the WSU International Festival, World A’Fair, and the Dayton Peace Builders Village.
- DCOWA partnered with the Montgomery County Economic Development group to conduct research into the global connectedness of Dayton and the Greater Dayton area.

In 2017, we saw a significant increase in requests to partner with like-minded organizations and to host official foreign leaders and national delegates. We expect the focus on world affairs and diplomacy to remain high in 2018, and we are preparing by taking the following actions:

- Continue our core focus on JCOWA. Currently we have 14 active schools. Our goal in 2018 is to grow this by adding one or two more schools into our program.
- Seek new sustainable revenue streams to support our ongoing and growing JCOWA programs.
- Connect with JCOWA alumni in the area to find ways to help spread the word that better meets their need for time, activities and interests.
- Increase partnerships with like-minded organizations in the area—from posting their global-focused events on our calendar to passing along member discounts to their events to creating joint programming that better utilizes our volunteer resources.
- Balance our volunteer board to better represent our community, filling a few gaps and aligning board member passion to activities that better impact our ability to fulfill our mission.
- Work with the Montgomery County Economic Development group to publish the results of the global connectedness research.
- Partner with other Ohio World Affairs Councils and our WACA leadership to bring speakers and topics of specific importance to our Ohio Valley to our community.
- Partner with our WACA leadership to provide other forms of programming that make connections on timely topics using technology (such as webinars and teleconferences).
- Encourage new memberships by being present when and where concerns and interest exists on the topic of world affairs and diplomacy.

There has never been a more important time for us—or our leaders of tomorrow—to understand and be engaged in world affairs. DCOWA is doing our best to be prepared and to prepare our community and our leaders of tomorrow.

Monica M. Schultz

President, DCOWA

Adult Programming Report

On January 19 Bridget Federspiel and DCOWA volunteers presented a dinner and program at El Mesón Restaurant on **Cuba Today**: Normalization of relations, the death of Fidel Castro, the new administration – a critical time for US-Cuba relations

Our speaker for the **Annual Meeting** on January 30, 2017 at Sinclair College was journalist **Sid Davis**, a longtime reporter and news anchor for NBC and other networks. In 1963, as a White House reporter, he was present in Dallas when President Kennedy was assassinated, and saw Lyndon Johnson sworn in on Air Force One. As that plane is now at the National Museum of the US Air Force, we took him to see it, and the local media were there to interview him. The Annual Meeting and dinner drew 110 people, and raised several thousand dollars (at a silent auction) for the Junior Council. The minutes of the business meeting will be found later in this report.

On April 4, we hosted a dinner and discussion at The Pub at the Greene for **Steve Barclay**, Director, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York. Barclay began his career with the Hong Kong police force in 1979. He was appointed Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York in 2014. He is responsible for promoting and strengthening the business, trade and cultural ties between Hong Kong and 31 eastern states of the United States. Prior to the appointment, Mr Barclay was Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Sydney for four years until July 2014. Before then, he was a public sector reform advocate and internal management consultant in the Government's Efficiency Unit for nearly a decade. After the dinner attendees enjoyed a lively discussion about China's trade relations with the US, in particular as related to Hong Kong.

On May 1 at Sinclair College we hosted a prominent exiled Turkish journalist, **Abdülhamit Bilici**, for a discussion of freedom of the press issues, not just in Turkey but worldwide. Mr. Bilici is a former Editor-in-chief of *Zaman*, one of Turkey's leading newspapers, until he was removed by the Erdogan government in 2015. He is now in exile in the United States. He travels and speaks to Americans about the dangers of taking freedom of the press for

granted. The event was well attended by college students and others, including representatives of the local Ahiska Turk community.

In June, we hosted former **Ambassador Robert Blake** as part of a grant from the World Affairs Council of America and the American Academy of Diplomacy. The main event was a public screening of the film, *America's Diplomats* at Stivers School for the Arts. Ambassador Blake spoke about the importance of diplomacy and encouraging young people to be involved in world affairs. This was free and open to the public. We also hosted a luncheon at the Marriott for about two dozen academics, students, immigrants, business men and women, and representatives from the University of Dayton, our local League of Women Voters and Welcome Dayton board. During this event, Ambassador Blake spoke about the breadth and depth of engagement foreign service officers manage on post; and he asked questions about what mattered to our citizens as it relates to foreign affairs and diplomacy. Ambassador Blake also met with political science students at UD. In the evening DCOWA members and board members attended a dinner at Salar for the ambassador.

On July, 11, we hosted a dinner for **James Mosher** at Amber Rose. James is a Wright State graduate and Foreign Service Officer first assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. He has also served at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia. Prior to joining the Department of State, James worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Afghanistan, Washington, D.C, and throughout East and Central Africa. James began his career in international relations by serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine. A native of Dayton, James holds BA and MA degrees from Wright State University. He spoke to us about what it was like to work at the US Embassy in Moscow.

On October 10, DCOWA members supported a symposium on Changes in International Trade (focus on NAFTA) with **Derek Gianino**, Director of International Policy for the US Chamber of Commerce.

October 24, **China Town Hall**: again this year we sponsored the annual live webcast of China Town Hall, from the National Committee on US-China Relations. The webcast guest was The Honorable Susan E. Rice, former National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the UN, but we also had a 'live' visiting speaker, **Rear Admiral Michael McDevitt**, US Navy (ret). Admiral McDevitt is a Senior Fellow and former Vice-President at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); a not-for-profit federally funded research center in Washington. He brings us expertise in security issues related to maritime security and US security policy, especially in East Asia and the maritime dimension of China's national strategy and maritime related security issues in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. While on active duty he held four at-sea commands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans including an aircraft carrier battle group. Admiral McDevitt was the Director of the East Asia Policy office for the Secretary of Defense during the George H.W. Bush Administration and concluded his 34 year active duty career as the Commandant of the National War College in Washington. Board members and DCOWA members attended a small dinner for Admiral McDevitt before the evening event. China

Town Hall, sponsored annually by the National Committee on US-China Relations, is a national conversation on China taking place in 80+ communities throughout the United States

On November 8-10, DCOWA supported the **Human Rights Conference** at the University of Dayton. This is an internationally recognized event organized by UD's Human Rights Center. A variety of speakers and workshops addressed issues like human trafficking, fair trade, and the empowerment of women in developing countries. DCOWA offered financial support and in return was granted special access for our members.

On December 10 and 11, DCOWA and JCOWA hosted **Nancy Bocskor**, daughter of longtime JCOWA volunteer Phyllis Bocskor. Nancy is a graduate of Vandalia Butler High School, where she was a member of JCOWA. Today she is an internationally known political speaker and teacher. Her areas of expertise include presentation skills, speech coaching, fundraising, grassroots advocacy and women's leadership training. DCOWA held a dinner for her at Spaghetti Warehouse on December 10, and on December 11 she spoke to JCOWA members at Vandalia Butler about how they can make a difference in today's world.

As in past years, the Adult Programming Committee worked with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton to recruit speakers for the **Great Decisions** classes. This year's speakers included board members Vaughn Shannon and Pramod Kantha, and DCOWA was presented at each session by board members Thomas Martin, Hunt Brown, Carolyn Rice, Gary Shoup, Michelle Jackson, and Kim Senft-Paras. We are committed to supporting the program again in 2018.

For 2018 we are working on a possible Korea event in cooperation with WACA, participation in a special exhibit at Dayton History (Carillon Park) on leadership initiatives in Dayton's history, and more.

Thomas Martin, PhD, Chair

Membership & Marketing Committee

Membership is a vital component to DCOWA's continuing health and well being as an organization. I am glad to report that DCOWA's membership remains stable at approximately 100 adult members and 350 student members in 13 JCOWA chapters throughout the Miami Valley.

DCOWA uses a variety of strategies to recruit new members and increase membership. Each March DCOWA participates in Leadership Dayton's Board Match Expo, and we have always been successful in attracting a new board member through that match process. We continue to offer any local speaker who presents at one of our programs a complimentary one year membership with the goal of getting them involved and attending events. We

routinely reach out to past members and board members whose memberships have lapsed. This combination of tactics has resulted in a stable level of membership.

DCOWA set up its website (www.dcowa.com) separate from Wright State University this year. Board member Arch Grieve deserves great credit for all his work developing the new website. The committee hired a summer intern from the School of Advertising Art to develop a new logo and help us rebrand the organization. In addition, a set of branding standards was developed to ensure we have consistency in all our graphic design elements. We are now using social media on a regular basis to promote our programs and events.

The committee members include Hunt Brown, Michelle Jackson, Kim Bramlage, Monica Schultz, and Arch Grieve for their contributions of time and talent to this committee.

Carolyn Rice

Chair

Nominating Committee Report

Board of Directors – Current DCOWA bylaws require us to have a Board of Directors consisting of 15-24 members. As of December 31, 2017, there were 18 DCOWA Board Members.

New Board Members – We were pleased to welcome six new board members to the DCOWA board in 2017. Our new board members are:

Sangita Gosalia

Arch Grieve

Katherine Rowell

Kim Senft-Paras (has now resigned due to work demands)

Vaughn Shannon

Gary Shoup

2018 DCOWA Leadership – The Nominating Committee has worked with the current Board Membership to confirm the Council's officers for 2018. The DCOWA Leadership Team for 2018 includes:

President – Monica Schultz

Vice President/President Elect – Vaughn Shannon

Treasurer – Open (as of 1/18/2018)

Secretary – Kim Bramlage

The Nominating Committee will work with the President to determine how many additional board members to recruit in 2018.

Youth Committee Annual Report

The members of the Youth Committee are: Philip Chick (chair), Bridget Federspiel, Sangita Gosalia, Linda Harrison, Thomas Martin and Donna King.

The Junior Council on World Affairs program continued to grow in student membership. In 2017/18 the current membership schools included: Chaminade-Julianne, David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center, Dayton Regional STEM, Horizon Science Academy, Kettering, Lebanon, Meadowdale, Springboro, Stivers School for the Arts, Thurgood Marshall, Vandalia-Butler, Wilmington and Yellowsprings. The JCOWA student membership in 2016-17 school year was 241. The 2017-18 membership is 326. Three new high schools joined in 2017: Horizon Science Academy, Kettering, and Yellowsprings.

JCOWA hosted a variety of events: The Thomas V. Pearson Academic Quiz Bowl, Geo-Bowl, Climate Change Forum at Boonshoft Museum, and the annual Youth Forum. In December, Vandalia Butler hosted Nancy Bocskor, a former JCOWA alumni member, at their school. Ms. Bocskor spoke on the importance of political engagement. For the first time, JCOWA students from C-J, Stivers and Wilmington attended the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Authors Series. The students listened to 2014 Nonfiction winner Karima Bennoune speak about her novel, *Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism*.

In 2017, the JCOWA hosted its second silent auction event at the annual meeting in January. The silent auction raised over \$1500 for JCOWA programming.

The winner of the 2017 International Quiz Bowl was Lebanon High School. Advisor Dan McCarty accompanied his 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 furthered with its connection to the Dayton Sister Cities organization. In June, Chaminade-Julianne students traveled to Augsburg, Germany. Dayton Regional STEM hosted students from Olso, Japan in the summer. Both teachers, Tony Ricciulto and Kevin Lydy, are JCOWA advisors, work with Dayton Sister Cities in planning the trips.

In 2017 there were no worthy applicants for The Pfeife Smith Scholarship. The scholarship committee decided to awarded the scholarship again to Ebi Reyes, a recipient of the 2015 scholarship.

Events for the remaining 2016-17 school year are:

The Tomas V. Pearson Academic Quiz Bowl University of Dayton, Kennedy Union	January 30 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
National Academic Quiz Bowl National Press Club University Washington, DC	April 24
Geography Bowl (Students and Adult teams) University of Dayton, Ballroom in Kennedy Union	May 2 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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.

**DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS
TREASURER'S REPORT
January Board Meeting**

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PROFIT AND LOSS

January - December 2017

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Dues	50.00
4010 Corporate Memberships	1,000.00
4020 Individual & Family Memberships	4,325.00
4030 JCOWA Student Memberships	4,550.00
4110 Gillan Fund	2,265.40
4120 Mead Fund	614.43
4130 Smith Fund	7,826.68
4200 Program Revenue	8,998.22
4210 Adult Programs	4,962.01
4220 Annual Meeting	6,382.00
4240 JCOWA Grants & Misc	2,987.88
4300 Fundraising Revenue	25.00
4400 Grant and Gift Income	1,818.86
Total Income	\$45,805.48
Expenses	
5000 Administrative Expenses	836.78
5010 JCOWA - Administration	9,545.00
5020 Legal & Professional Fees	100.00
5050 Office Supplies	163.36
5060 Insurance	720.00
5080 Printing & Advertising	703.89
5090 Registrations/Filing Fees	407.88
5100 Scholarships	3,000.00
5110 Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	47.00
5200 Bank Charges	87.74
6000 Program Expenses	10,606.20
6111 Adult Programs - Great Decisions Boods	142.60
6120 Adult Programs - Meals/Refresh	3,887.42
6130 Adult Programs - Speaker Fees & Exp	250.00
6140 Adult Programs - Travel Program Exp	225.08
6150 Adult Programs - Space & Equipment Rental	200.00
6200 Annual Meeting - Speaker Fees & Exp	2,814.84
6210 Annual Meeting - Meals/Refresh	4,330.71
6300 JCOWA - Rentals	1,020.00
6310 JCOWA - Meals/Refreshments	454.55
6330 JCOWA - Teacher Workshops	75.00
6340 JCOWA - Transportation	2,250.00
6350 JCOWA - Travel & Hotel	5,180.00
6360 JCOWA - Gifts & Prizes	724.12
Dues & Subscriptions	1,500.00

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	TOTAL
Total Expenses	\$49,272.17
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -3,466.69
Other Income	
4910 Interest/Dividend Income	89.53
4920 Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	969.75
Total Other Income	\$1,059.28
Other Expenses	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-1,276.27
Total Other Expenses	\$ -1,276.27
NET OTHER INCOME	\$2,335.55
NET INCOME	\$ -1,131.14

2016-2017 DIFFERENCE	DEC. 2016	DEC. 2017	NET CHANGE
Cash & Investments			
Huntington	\$34,112.39	\$25,775.28	-\$8,337.11
MS	\$ 7,947.60	\$ 7,894.74	-\$ 52.86
Cash on Hand	\$42,059.99	\$33,670.02	-\$8,389.97
Investments (MS)	\$ 7,947.60	\$ 8,190.60	+\$ 243.00
TOTAL	\$50,007.59	\$41,860.62	-\$8,146.97
Foundation Funds			
Mead	\$ 17,614.96	\$19,277.99	+\$ 1,663.03
Gillan	\$ 60,626.38	\$66,194.89	+\$ 5,568.51
Pfiefe Smith	\$ 74,036.26	\$78,575.03	+\$ 4,538.77
TOTAL	\$152,277.60	\$164,047.91	+\$11,770.31

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HUNTINGTON CASH

MONTHLY NET, 2017	EXPENSE	INCOME	NET
JANUARY	5283.72	5516.85	+\$ 233.24
FEBRUARY	7588.21	10289.00	+\$2,700.79
MARCH	793.52	680.00	-\$ 113.52
APRIL	5135.64	2001.86	-\$3,133.78
MAY	6120.27	374.03	-\$5,746.24
JUNE	3086.24	5773.51	+\$2,687.27
JULY	1843.75	2779.10	+\$ 935.35
AUGUST	3879.78	4000.00	+\$ 120.22
SEPTEMBER	6371.57	1880.00	-\$4,491.57
OCTOBER	2979.24	2904.62	-\$ 74.62
NOVEMBER	2494.14	2040.00	-\$ 454.14
DECEMBER	2596.68	1260.00	-\$1,336.68

Submitted 01.09.18 by Vaughn Shannon, Treasurer