

NORVA Business Meeting

Minutes: Monday, March 24, 2008

Attendees

Annabel Khouri
Katie Morris- Guatemala, new RPCV
Mary Lou Haag
Debra DiFranco
Cinda Dietrich
Amy Tomon
Carolyn Myers
James Djunaidy
Christy Bartley
Natalie Elwell
Lisa Purdy – Fulbright South Korea, Council on International Programs
Maureen Gallagher

Purpose of NORVA: The purpose of NORVA comes from our bylaws and is quoted below:

“Specifically, the Corporation's purposes include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. To foster better understanding of international issues
- B. To participate in implementing the Third Goal of the Peace Corps
- C. To assist in recruitment efforts of the United States Peace Corps
- D. To provide and support educational programs in the community about developing nations
- E. To provide opportunities for returned Peace Corps Volunteers to exchange information and ideas, and to network with other returned volunteers
- F. To provide assistance to Peace Corps Volunteers in the field
- G. To solicit and accept monetary contributions, and pledges from any individuals and organizations; and to do all other things necessary and appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purposes”

Officers

Group voted to create co-president positions:

- James Djunaidy & Christy Bartley serving as co- presidents

Secretary – Annabel Khouri

Treasurer – Kendra Daniel

Committees

Membership- Mary Lou Haag

- Work with Kendra to establish our membership with NPCA. Gain access to affiliate site and our new members
- Maintain current excel membership list
- Create system to collect NORVA membership fees (\$15/yr)

Service Projects- long term/short term – Maureen Gallagher and Natalie Elwell and Carolyn Myers

Ideas/suggestions:

- Council on International Programs: <http://www.cipusa.org/>
- MedWish
- International Services Center - <http://www.internationalservicescenter.org/>
 - Volunteer for cultural festival

Christy had a great idea to use a new NORVA website as a clearing-house/posting spot for international volunteer opportunities.

Community Outreach – Debra DiFranco

- “Speakers Bureau” - Speakers to schools and community events. Purpose is to promote Peace Corps and NORVA.
- Volunteer Recruiting Events: Deb will work with the Chicago Peace Corp office to help provide NORVA volunteers
- Sunday Meal Service, 2nd Sunday of every month, NORVA is funding and providing volunteers. Led by Barbara Ferris and Paula Connor

Social Activities – Amy Tomon and Maureen Gallagher, Co-Chairs

Ideas: Happy Hours/Post International Films in Cleveland for people to meet up/interesting Books/Picnics/Potlucks, etc.

Fund Raising

- Air Show Volunteers – TBD
- Looking for new fund raising ideas and committee chair

Funding Projects – Mary Lou Haag

- Peace Corps Partnership
- PAGE Grant
- Fund NORVA Member international/community project

Communication – Amy Tomon & Officers

- Newsletter – Hard Copy vs. Posted on net....TBD
- Website
 - Annabel has been approached by a webmaster to build a new site
 - Christy will check out other RPCV group sites
 - Next meeting vote on funding to build and pay annual fees
 - Give someone the responsibility to update

- Website needs: Officer information, calendar, Listserv information, Volunteer opportunities
- Listserv
 - Possibly move to new website

Christy, James, Annabel and Mary Lou now have manager status to update membership in Google listserv link to NPCA

Next Meeting Date:

Annabel's House
1599 Belle Avenue, Lakewood
Monday, April 21st, 6:00