



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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IFYE UPDATE

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Program Update:

IFYE is growing! It may be a baby-step, but it is growth. Another candidate was interviewed, selected, oriented and placed in Estonia for a September departure! He joins the other eight IFYEs to bring the 2018 class of IFYEs to nine (9). All will return in December for the national debriefing in Washington, D.C.

A news release has been sent to more than 600 media outlets, publications and organizations that announces we are ready to accept 2019 IFYE applications and the application is on the website. Our goal is to get well into the double digits with the number of Outbounds and to have the application, interview and selection complete in January or before.

There is a \$500 incentive to anyone who recruits a person who completes the IFYE interview, is selected, completes the national IFYE orientation and lands in the host country. If multiple persons are designated by the IFYE as being responsible for their participation, the \$500 will be divided between those named. **Up to \$500 per IFYE recruited is available for you!!**

The Program Committee continues to update the IFYE handbooks for state coordinator use. A portal for the state coordinators contains information that assists them in doing their important tasks for IFYE.

Since the last IFYE update, the insurance policies for the IFYE Board and all the participants have been reviewed. More complete coverage has been obtained and put in place by the IFYE Board. Please contact a board member if you have questions regarding the insurance coverage.

Board Update:

The majority of the tasks identified during the annual IFYE Board meeting held in Indianapolis on July 6-8, 2018, have been completed. Details of the Board's activity can be found on the membership portal of the IFYEUSA.ORG website.

We are saddened that Jan Wood has resigned from the IFYE Board and committees for personal reasons. Dottie Nelson has also resigned from the Program Committee. We thank both of them for their service to IFYE and wish them well. This leaves us with nine members on the IFYE Board. One will "retire" at the end of 2018. The board can have 16 members. The Nominating Committee is aggressively seeking persons to be board and committee members. There is a volunteer application on the website if you are interested. If you have questions, please contact Pat Hutsell at 303-519-0765. She is a board member and chairs the Nominating Committee.

Executive Director Update:

Working with Foundation Search, inquiries are being made to major foundations and companies for funding to be used to sustain IFYE financially. This past month we sent 34 letters of inquiry to see if IFYE could garner the support of the foundations or organizations that were contacted. To date, seven have indicated interest and financial information has been sent to them to assist them in making their decision.

Work continues to enhance fundraising for IFYE and to align IFYE recruitment with agriculture organizations and associations. Various grower associations are being contacted to support participation in our 2019 program. Some are looking at the IFYE program as a member benefit.

The three-week job shadowing pilot partnership between Syngenta (a major agri-business company with facilities worldwide) and IFYE finished at the end of July. Lisa Schmidt, an IFYE from Germany, participated in the program. The positive experience from the program has resulted in discussions to introduce this program at Syngenta locations in other parts of the world for our Outbound IFYEs.

Discussions were also completed for our Outbound IFYEs this year to live on coffee plantations in Costa Rica and job shadow at a coffee roasting and packaging facility. After living and participating on the coffee plantations, they will then move and live with employees of Café Montaña and job shadow to learn their process of roasting and packaging coffee for export and retail outlets.

More information on both programs will be published in our next newsletter. Look for it in November.

- **The IFYE Board continues to look for a volunteer with marketing expertise to lead a Marketing Committee to develop IFYE promotion materials. Please contact any board member.**
- **The IFYE Board will still take your recommendations for a CPA or qualified person to be hired to do the 2018 audit and 990 filing. Please contact any board member.** Four are currently in consideration. Thanks to those who responded with names.

Financial Update:

Work on the 2019 IFYE budget will begin in earnest soon. The successful Organizational Capacity Campaign (OCC) and the receipt of a major bequest from the estate of a Michigan IFYE has given the association some “breathing room” financially. However, we cannot rest on our good fortune or we will be back in the same poor shape from which we came. Fifty-eight (58) IFYEs stepped up in a major way to participate in the OCC project. That leaves 3,470 from our database to make smaller donations to allow us to maintain financial success.

The national budget for 2018 contained alumni donations of \$11,500 in the income section. Any non-life member donating \$30 or more will be credited as an annual member when they make the donation. Regular general contributions to IFYE remain a vital component for the success of the exchange program.

- Please use the attached invoice for making your general financial contribution to IFYE, or visit the IFYE website at www.ifyeusa.org, click on “Ways to Give,” and follow the instructions to make a donation or a recurring donation.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- 2019 National IFYE Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, August 7-11, 2019. Put this on your calendar now!
- 2023 World IFYE Conference, Tentative plans are for it to be hosted in Austria.

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PLEASE COMPLETE:

NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE**__ **ZIP** _____

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I wish to support IFYE in 2018 with the following: \$5,000 \$2,500

\$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250 Other Amount \$ _____

I wish to support IFYE with an annual Membership fee. \$30 for 2018 annual membership

- If you are a **life member**, you will always be a life member and do not need to pay the \$30 annual Membership.
- **ALL life and annual members** have access to the Member area on the website.
- You can be a member with your \$30 annual membership only, but all contributions (by non-life members) above \$30 membership will count as a general donation.

Enclosed is \$20 for the postal mailing of two IFYE NEWS and eight issues of the IFYE UPDATES published during 2018.

PAYMENT METHOD

I have enclosed my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ payable to **"IFYE Association of the USA**

I would like to pay the above amount on a payment schedule. Please contact me. Phone # _____

Please charge my credit card: MC _____ Visa __ Discover _____ Amex _____ **AMOUNT \$** _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: __/__/____ Security Code: _____

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I will pay online at **http://ifyeusa.org**

Please send me (by email) access information to the IFYE website "Paid Membership area"

My email address is: _____

I am unable to financially support IFYE at this time. Please discreetly remove me from the *contact for donation* list.

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