

President

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Two thousand eight was an eventful year for FAUSA.

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For years, we had struggled to keep our website up-to-date, but that changed when I received an email from Debbie Hastings, formerly of the Chilterns AWC, and now of Falmouth, ME. Although she was not yet a FAUSA member, Debbie, a professional web designer, contacted us with an offer to help with our site.

She totally redesigned the site for us, making it our primary communication tool to nonmembers. Our members can find anything they want to know about us there, too. All of our information is on the site, including our constitution, administrative guidelines, and downloads for anyone interested in promoting FAUSA's interests. I was thrilled to unveil the new site at the FAWCO 2008 Conference in Seoul, Korea.

On September 1, we announced an exciting new addition to the website. New members may join and current members may renew their memberships using the new online registration form. They are then directed to our PayPal page, where they may pay using a credit card. We were all pleased to see that in the first two weeks, we had four new members used the new capability to join FAUSA.

Because our mission is to serve as a network for our members, our next goal is to produce a password protected area with a directory database that is searchable by our members. We also intend to set up a communication system through the site. We intend to have these new capabilities in place by March 1, 2009.

I can't thank Debbie Hastings enough for her work for FAUSA!

FAWCO Conference in Seoul, Korea

As usual, FAUSA members were very much in evidence at the FAWCO Conference in Seoul, Korea. Many of our members were and are active in the Federation and the Foundation. It is the best opportunity for us to get our message to the FAWCO club representatives, and we take advantage of it. In addition to my FAUSA report, I met with the FAWCO reps and presidents. Now all of our information is available to be downloaded from our website, so it is no longer necessary to carry the printed materials to the conference.

Keeping the FAWCO reps informed about FAUSA so they can educate their members about us is one of our constant challenges.

At the conference, we were inspired to donate \$500 to Helping Hands Korea, to help refugees from North Korea.



2010 FAWCO Conference in Boston

At the 2007 FAUSA Annual Meeting in New York City, the delegates instructed the Board to pursue an invitation to host the 2010 FAWCO Conference in Boston. FAWCO accepted our offer, so we negotiated and signed a contract with the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Charlotte DeWitt and I currently co-chair the conference committee, and we are in the process of putting together the planning team.

Our immediate focus is on obtaining a “star” speaker and on seeking sponsorships for the event.

We need to have the financing and general agenda ready for our presentation at the 2009 FAWCO Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Goals for next term

1. Improve communications with FAWCO Reps—
 - a. Have something in every monthly “News for Reps”
 - b. Contact each rep personally by email to encourage her to tell her members about FAUSA.
2. Improve our membership network—
 - a. Have the web-based searchable directory in place by March 1
 - b. Have the “bulletin board” communication system in place by March 1
3. Streamline FAUSA’s government structure
 - a. Appoint a task force to examine our Constitution and Administrative guidelines
 - i. Are we following them? If not, why not?
 - ii. Are there recommendations for changes?

It has been a pleasure to work with all of our exceptional volunteers! Thank you for the time you put into this group. Getting to know you is the VERY BEST part of this job.

Respectfully submitted,

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