



### Special Interest Articles:

- 2005 MAIE Winter Conference
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- 2004 NAFSA Region VII Conference

### MAIE Mission Statement

Mississippi Association of International Educators is an association of individuals which advances international education exchange and global workforce development and serves its members, their institutions and organizations and other engaged in these activities.

MAIE upholds and promotes standards of good practice; provides training, professional development and networking opportunities and advocates for international education and global workforce development.

Mississippi Association International Educators

## A Message from the Chair

Dear Mississippi Association of International Educators,

The MAIE executive board met in Jackson on September 20, 2004 to report on events that have taken place since last year's conference and to discuss and plan MAIE initiatives.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- the planning of the 2005 state conference
- a discussion of the training sessions for the fall
- a report on our Website development
- a report on the upcoming regional conference in South Carolina
- a discussion of the 2005 Region VII conference in Mississippi

In this newsletter, you will find the results of our discussions. We are excited about the direction in which MAIE is moving. Please plan to attend the conferences and training sessions. We'll see you there!

Your comments, contributions, and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Molly Watkins, MAIE Chair 2004

## Stonecypher to give keynote at Spring Conference

The Mississippi Association of International Educators (MAIE) will hold its annual state conference February 24 – 25, 2005 at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps in Jackson. The two day conference will begin with a luncheon and keynote address given by Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director of the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Stonecypher has accepted our invitation to speak to the association membership," says Phil Bonfanti, Chair-Elect of MAIE. "Dr. Stonecypher will address the role of international education in higher education at a time

when many of us who work in the field are facing a number of unprecedented challenges."

In addition to the keynote address informative seminars concerning international education such as immigration, regulations, and programming will be presented.

New for this year, conference attendees will have the option of attending one or both days of the conference. "We plan to organize sessions into general topic areas for each day of the conference, so that conference attendees interested in just immigration issues can come one day, (cont. page 3)

### 2005 MAIE Winter Conference February 24 – 25

#### Registration Information

Single day - \$30\*  
Full conference - \$45\*  
Registration includes lunch for each day of registration.  
\*First time conference attendees receive \$5 off the cost

#### Hotel Accommodations

Cabot Lodge Millsaps  
2375 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: 601-948-8650 or  
1-800-874-4737  
Fax: 601-948-8650  
www.cabotlodgemillsaps.com

#### Room Rates

MAIE conference room rate \$70  
Available until February 9



*Region VII States 2004  
Conference in Myrtle Beach,  
November 7 – 9.*

## Mississippi to represent in Myrtle Beach

Mississippians attending the NAFSA Region VII conference in Myrtle Beach this November 7-9 will have the opportunity to represent the state and attend state sponsored events.

On Sunday, November 7 from 5pm to 6pm, the Mississippi Association of

International Educators (MAIE) will hold a meeting to discuss the upcoming state conference and next year's regional conference on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. On Monday, November 8, MAIE will host a table in the exhibitor's section promoting the Region VII NAFSA Conference.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Members who are eager to help promote the 2005 conference and represent Mississippi at the exhibition table should contact Molly Watkins, MAIE Chair at (662)325-2648 or [mwatkins@ce.msstate.edu](mailto:mwatkins@ce.msstate.edu).

### TRAINING

#### NORTH MISSISSIPPI AREA

##### TRAINING SESSION

October 20, 2004

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Oxford campus of the University of Mississippi  
\$20 registration fee  
(Includes lunch)

Topics may include F-1 general rules; F-1 work regulations; SEVIS and the new fee; filing H-1B petitions, and J-1 scholar issues

For more information contact Jean Robinson, MAIE North Area Representative  
[jrobins@olemiss.edu](mailto:jrobins@olemiss.edu)

#### CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI AREA TRAINING SESSION

November 15, 2004

TBA

Topics may include dealing with social security offices, driver's license issues, taxes, international students and banking, SEVIS and immigration regulations  
Immigration attorney David Ware and IRS representative Kathleen Heidron will present

For more information contact Kathy Sims, MAIE Central Area Representative  
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## Make plans now to attend the 2005 NAFSA Region VII Conference November 6 - 7

### Beau Rivage Resort ~ Biloxi, Mississippi

## MAIE to offer training

Mississippi Association of International Educators is pleased to announce two training sessions this fall to help schools cope with common immigration concerns. Anyone in the state is welcome to attend either session. Please contact either Jean Robinson [jrobins@olemiss.edu](mailto:jrobins@olemiss.edu) or Kathy Sims [ksims@jsums.edu](mailto:ksims@jsums.edu) for more information.

## Call for Topic Proposals and Suggestions

The Mississippi Association of International Educators (MAIE) is now accepting presentation proposals and suggestions for the 2005 MAIE Conference set for February 24 and 25 in Jackson.

Proposals on a variety of topics from "how an institution is implementing the latest regulatory changes" to "innovations in programming" and round table discussions on recent issues are all welcome.

"It is certainly a challenging time for international

educators," states Watkins, "and that means a time to pull together and help each other out."

Suggestions for sessions and presentations that members would like to attend at the conference are also welcome and needed.

The deadline for proposal submission is November 15, 2004. Please submit your proposals and ideas to Dr. Phil Bonfanti, Director, International Services Office, Mississippi State University (Box 9742, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Phone: 662-325-

8929, Fax: 662-325-8583  
[pbonfanti@iso.msstate.edu](mailto:pbonfanti@iso.msstate.edu))

When submitting a proposal, please provide the following:

*Presentation Information:*

*Presentation Title:*

*Abstract or Description of Presentation:*

*Audio-visual equipment requirements (only necessary items, please):*

*Presenter Information*

*Name(s) of Presenter(s):*

*Institution(s) or School(s):*

*Contact Information:*

Or complete the MAIE Conference Proposal Form on the last page of this news letter.

## Conference (cont. from p. 1)



*The extravagant breakfast buffet at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps, site of the 2005 MAIE Winter Conference*

and those interested in programming another day," explains MAIE Chair, Molly Watkins. "Of course, we hope that the sessions will be interesting enough to encourage attendees to stay for both days."

Conference participants are encouraged to attend both days and stay overnight at the conference venue. Following the first day of sessions, the hotel hosts a hospitality reception. All conference participants are encouraged to stay for the reception and socialize with fellow international educators;

however, Cabot Lodge guests will enjoy complimentary cocktails, beer, wine, and soft drinks. In addition, conference goers who stay at the Cabot will enjoy a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast to start the second day of sessions. A special conference room rate of \$70 is available until February 9 (ask for the MAIE conference rate).

To encourage new participation, MAIE is offering a \$5 discount to first time conference attendees. Conference fees for one day are \$30 and \$25 for new comers. Registration fees for

two days are \$45 and \$40 for first timers. Registration includes lunch for each day of registration.

"We hope that everyone in the state of Mississippi involved in international education will make time to attend the conference," says Bonfanti, "to get caught up on the latest changes in immigration regulations and trends in international programming, and to network with their colleagues!"

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### INTERNATIONAL TAX / VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 27, 2004  
Mississippi State University  
9 am to 4 pm

- Conducted by an IRS tax specialist
- Overview of federal tax laws and treaties for international students, scholars, and researchers
- Hands-on training in completing tax forms  
How-to establish a VITA site at your institution
- All participants will qualify to take the VITA exam for VITA Volunteer Certification.

Registration is free, space is limited.

For more information and to reserve a seat at the workshop, please contact  
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