



PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS



Rio Grande do Sul



Indiana

ANNUAL REPORT
of
INDIANA CHAPTER
INDIANA – RIO GRANDE DO SUL PARTNERSHIP

2004

Brief History of Indiana – Rio Grande do Sul Partners

The Partners of the Alliance, which later became the Partners of the Americas was formed in 1964. In June of that year Mr. James Boren of the U.S. State Department went to Porto Alegre to meet with the Rio Grande do Sul Governor, Mr. Ildo Meneghetti, to discuss this people to people program. Fortuitously, for us in Indiana, the Governor and several top civil officials were unavailable and the American Consul, Mr. Thomas Duffield, asked a leading citizen to meet Boren for this purpose. That person was Mr. Dante Campana.

In September, the Consul received word that both Indiana and Wisconsin would agree to Partnership with Rio Grande do Sul. Because of Campana's familiarity with Indiana, he having done business with Cummins Engine in Columbus, Indiana, Dante chose Indiana!

On November 6, 1964, official confirmation of the partnership of Rio Grande do Sul with Indiana was received. At a November 18, 1964, meeting, Dante Campana was asked to organize the Rio Grande do Sul Committee. He did so and became its first president, a role he played for five years. Pictured with Dante Campana in Dr. Robert Carmin, Professor of Geography and later a Dean at Ball State University in Muncie Indiana. Several government and industry leaders, with encouragement from Senator Birch Bayh, were active in the formation and work of the Indiana Committee of the new partnership



Dante Campana and Robert Carmin

In January, 1965, six members of the Indiana committee came to visit Rio Grande do Sul, to get to know the state, its people and problems and to establish the basis of the alliance and to promote the program. The group met with the Governor, Mr. Ildo Meneghetti, mayors and other officials in thirteen major cities.

They were:

Dr. Robert Carmin - Professor of Geography and later Dean at Ball State University

Mr. Robert Yoho - Director of the Indiana Department of Health

Allan David Mueller - Manager of a rural Electric Cooperative

John Morris - Representing Labor: AFL-CIO

Glenn Sample - Vice President Indiana Farm Bureau

Walter Walb - Vice President American Hoist Company

Following these pathfinders, a long list of citizens from professional and academic life led the two committees.

Our Partnership has been very active in providing educational and practical opportunities for hordes of Gaucho professionals through exchange visits. At the same time our Hoosier culture has been enriched by these exchanges which range over every Partners program area.

An especially vibrant area is youth exchanges. In addition to our ongoing Youth Ambassador's Program, a Youth Agricultural Exchange has been introduced in cooperation with FFA.

Another long standing area of exchanges is language teaching. Starting with Cristina Borba in 19xx, scores of Gaúcho ESL teachers have visited Hoosier educators for exchanges of ideas and to deepen their skill. Hoosier educators have also lectured in Rio Grande do Sul.

Efforts have been made to initiate programs in Soccer and other athletic fields.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lilya Wagner

Lilya Wagner, Ed.D., CFRE, is a member of the Philanthropic Studies faculty and teaches graduate courses at Indiana University. She is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker and workshop presenter. Her latest book, *Careers in Fundraising*, received the 2002 Skystone Ryan Research Prize, awarded by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

In March, 2004, she was named Director of the Women's Philanthropy Institute at Indiana University's Center for Philanthropy.

Dr. Wagner has been a member of the Indiana Board of Directors for 5 years.



President's Report

One of the highlights of this year was the rechartering of the Indiana Chapter, a task led by Bill Fuller and with the cooperation of board members who provided information. Receiving the official notice of our membership status indicated, once again, our interest in reaching across to our partners in Brazil and involving both organizations in activities of mutual interest.

Visitors from Brazil enriched our experience stateside, and we're laying plans, through the visit of immediate past president Leslie Barratt to Brazil in November, for further interaction in face-to-face experiences. Brazilian theater artist and educator Joice Regina Dill de Brito E Cunha was in Indiana from January 20 through February 10 as a teacher in residence coming from the Bi-National Center (Cultural) in Porto Alegre. Cecelia Ignes Paranhos Luz was in Indiana from Feb 1 through 13. Cecelia was interested in learning how students become involved in volunteerism and civic activism. These teachers spent time in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Lafayette and Muncie.

Youth activities remain a focal point on the chapter's agenda. Jhani Laupus and Becky Roberts worked with the successful Youth Ambassadors program; two young men reported on their experience in Brazil during the annual meeting. This program enriches the lives of young people on both sides of the partners. The Youth Agricultural Program, lead by Abby Dougherty until she changed jobs and now taken on by Stephanie Warner, also reported at the annual meeting. Two young women spoke with enthusiasm about all they experienced during their three-week stay and illustrated their remarks with pictures, as did the Youth Ambassadors. The State Department Youth Ambassador program also continues under the guidance of Hal Roepke, who is coordinating the host families in various Indiana cities.

Without host families and Partners' members who assist in the arrangements for hosting all Partners' visitors, our efforts to engage members in both cities would be feeble at best. Many thanks for all those who have participated and made these programs a success this year as well as in the past.

Another project lead by Norma Singley is Viva Vila. This is an effort to aid girls and young women in Alegrete in far western Rio Grande do Sul by providing sewing materials and helping with the training that results in their increased capability to not only provide handmade products but also to achieve more financial resources.

Thanks to Ben Strout, the Partners' newsletter keeps members informed and focuses on our shared goals. The newsletter is available on the Partners' website, which is <http://www.bsu.edu/web/indpartners/>. We invite article ideas and contributors so that we can communicate about activities and interests.

Partners achieved good visibility were Global Fest in West Lafayette, managed by Sallie Fahey, and the International Festival in Indianapolis, coordinated by Jhani Laupus. Our thanks to volunteers who helped staff the Partners' booths.

Another participant is our representative at the Nationalities Council meetings, Jerry Karwowski.

Partners is a volunteer-run member organization, and the national office has recognized how valuable this is: to us, to the cause, and to funders of Partners of the Americas. Hal Roepke is coordinating the effort to document volunteer hours of service, a request of the national office. We encourage all to report their hours, since this influences current and future funding, both of national as well as Indiana efforts.

Volunteerism extended to student involvement. Professor Melvin Sharpe of Ball State University frequently uses Indiana Partners' situations as a source of class projects for his students. Last spring such a project was a Strategic Plan for Membership Development. A summary of the students report was prepared for the Indiana Partners' Board of Directors by member Virginia Riesenbeck. Ginny is also producing a new publicity and recruitment piece, a brochure that is in final stages of preparation. We look forward to adding this item to our information resources, especially for new members.

Our thanks to departing board members: Rick Bein, Chris Felts, Stanley Sunderwirth and Maria Williams-Hawkins. They have served well and found it necessary to resign. Bob Book is heading the nominating committee that will fill vacancies left by these capable people.

Partners of the Americas, Indiana Chapter, is dependent on the active involvement of its board and members so that mutual interest goals can be met. With that in mind, I invite suggestions, comments, and questions from the membership, particularly in ways that we can best serve your and the organization's interests and meeting of goals.

MINUTES OF 2004 BOARD MEETINGS

Secretary Judith Roepke

Judith Roepke, PhD, RD was born in Winnipeg, Canada. She attended the University of Manitoba and emigrated to the United States in the 1950's.

She earned an MS from Ball State University and a PhD from Purdue University and is now a retired professor from Ball State University. Her specialty is nutrition of lactating women and their infants.

Dr. Roepke is a member of the La Leche League Intl. Professional Advisory Board and the United State Breastfeeding Committee.

She and her husband Hal have two children and three grandchildren.



INDIANA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Lilya Wagner about 2:15 pm. Board members present were asked to introduce themselves.

Members present were: Jerry Karwowski, Lilya Wagner, Bill Fuller, Leslie Barratt, Rick Bein, Alyssa Couch, Ben Strout, Sallie Fahey, Brian Fahey, Abby Dougherty, Glenn Pratt, Betty Cook, Bob Book, Jhani Laupus, Judith Roepke and Hal Roepke

Minutes of the November 8th, 2003 meeting as distributed were approved unanimously.

Leslie Barratt welcomed new members and distributed copies of the "Responsibilities of Board Members, Indiana Partners of the Americas, inc., 1999. B. Fuller agreed to send the same on e-mail to all board members. (Action B. Fuller).

Leslie reported on the Annual Partners meeting in November, encouraging all officers to attend during the early part of their service to help them have a better understanding of the breadth of POA and to give them ideas for their portfolio. Bill Fuller and Vera Lea Fortini Cavalheiro were recognized for their service to the Partners Board as outgoing members of the board.

We are challenged to grow our membership by finding new things to offer new members. L. Barratt indicated that we will have 13 visitors from Brazil during the months of January, February and March and are encouraged to take membership brochures and forms to all the Partners events and activities in which the visitors participate.

Lilya Wagner introduced the new officers: Lilya Wagner, president; Bill Fuller, VP for Membership; Jerry Karwowski, VP for Public Relations; Norma Singley, VP for special Projects; Judith Roepke, secretary and Hal Roepke, Treasurer. J. Roepke was asked to send information about officer names and addresses to Partners national office (Action, J Roepke).

S. Fahey recommended that an orientation packet be put together for new members of the board to include By-Laws etc. L. Wagner and L. Barratt will work on this. (Action, L Wagner and L Barratt)

Hal Roepke gave the Treasurer's Report for 2003. The balance for all accounts for the beginning of the year was \$17, 432.81 and was \$18,575,97 at the end of 2003. The motion to approve the financial report was made by L. Barratt and seconded by B. Fuller. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the RGS Partners dues of \$100 were accidentally paid twice to national and a refund should be requested. (Action H.Roepke)

Hal Roepke indicated it was time to build the budget for 2004. If no suggestions were made he would proceed to duplicate the 2003 budget. S. Fahey suggested that there be more lines identified in the budget for other

sources of income. Ben Strout reported he was very pleased with the services of "Neighborhood E-mail" and recommended that the annual contract be renewed. Hal Roepke has received the invoice for \$1500. It was moved by G. Pratt and seconded by R. Bein that the invoice is paid, renewing the service agreement for another year. Motion carried unanimously. (Action H.Roepke)

B. Strout asked that comments, diaries and photos from visiting students be sent to him for inclusion in the newsletter.

Leslie Barratt reported that six Youth Ambassadors will arrive on Monday, January 12th and return to RGS on March 8th.

A group composed of one teacher and four students from Bi-national centers throughout Brasil is being sent by International Partners. They are currently in Washington DC and the five of them will be in Indiana from January 15 through 22. In addition, two adults on individual travel grants will be here. Joice Regina Dill de Brito E Cunha will be in Indiana from January 20 through February 10 as a teacher in residence coming from the Bi-National Center (Cultural) in PA and Cecelia Ighes Paranhos Luz will be in Indiana from Feb 1 through 13. Cecelia is interested in learning how student learn to become involved in volunteerism and civic activism. These teachers will spend time in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, West Lafayette and Muncie.

Bill Fuller reported on the rechartering of Partners chapter membership, which must be done every three years. Our report should be submitted sometime in March and should include: the current list of members, the annual plan for next 18 months, the annual report for 2003, current By-laws as approved in 2002 and statement of current dues. All of the above will be or are in place. Our partners in Brasil are working on their part of the annual plan.

Discussion of the by-laws ensued and it was moved by Lilya Wagner and seconded by Jhani Laupus that Bill Fuller should look at our current By-laws with the view to recommending changes in the use of "he" to more gender-neutral language by inserting Director when appropriate and recommending other changes such as approval process by electronic mail, standing committees, roles for the president-elect and past president. These changes would be sent out for review and discussion at the March meeting. Motion carried. (Action, B. Fuller)

Jhani Laupus reported on the Youth Ambassadors program and related issues. There will be 6 students arriving January 12, 3 girls and 3 boys, who will be in Indiana from January 12 through March 8, 2004. They will be hosted as follows: 1 in Indianapolis, 2 in Muncie, 2 in Terre Haute and 1 in Northern Indiana at Demotte. The Partners Social Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2004 at the St. Luke's Methodist Church 101 West 86th st. All board members are asked to attend and bring families if possible. We are all asked to bring snack foods and desserts. (Action -ALL)

Brian Fahey reported that the number of membership in 2003 was 40. S. Fahey indicated the 30 memberships had been received at the annual meeting and 5 had since been received. As files were being turned over to the new membership chair, Bill Fuller, the suggestion was made that a reminder about membership be put in the newsletter. (? Action).

B. Fuller, VP for Membership, is starting a drive to contact all old members who are not currently active and to contact all persons who have benefited from travel to Brasil but are not current members. Bill asks that all members of the board distribute membership brochures and send names of contacts to Bill Fuller for follow-up. (Action- all board members)

Bill will send names of new members to B. Strout for addition to the newsletter list. (Action B. Fuller) It is clear that a list of the benefits of membership would be helpful when recruiting new members. This will be discussed at the next meeting (Action, all, and Lilya Wagner, agenda)

S. Fahey reported for N. Singley that she has collected about 100 pounds of material for the Viva Vila project but needs authorization to expend money to send these material to Brasil, J.Roepke moved and B. Booth seconded the motion to expend up to \$350 for the mailing of the material to Alegrete, Brasil. Motion carried.

S. Fahey discussed the Indiana-Rio Grande do Sul trade mission exchange and indicated that she and B.

Fahey are working with others to reinvigorate this process and determine the future of the project.

B. Fahey also reported that he continues to work on the project for which \$500 was authorized to determine whether the cost of communication with Partners members in Brasil could be reduced. He is optimistic about the project and will submit a plan at the next meeting.

S. Fahey indicated that there is considerable interest in RGS to form a statewide network of Federal Universities patterned after IVYTech.

B. Fahey suggested that we work to develop a system of sister cities between Indiana and RGS.

A. Dougherty reported that the FFA applications for the exchange have been sent out in Indiana and the RGS applications would soon be distributed. According to Juliano Nogueira RGS can host up to 6 students

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, March 21 at L. Wagner's home at 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 23 at L. Wagner's home 2 pm

Saturday, July 24th at Brebeuf High School 10 - 12 a.m.

L. Wagner adjourned the meeting about 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judith B.Roepke, secretary.

INDIANA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Board Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. Members present were: Bob Book, Norma Singley, Bill Fuller, Hal Roepke, Alyssa Couch, Betty Cook, Lilya Wagner, Judith Roepke, Rick Bein, Andres Lelong, Ginny Riesenbeck, Suzy Fletcher, Chris Felts, Jhani Laupus, Abby Daugherty and Jerry Karwowski. A quorum was present. Minutes of the January 11 meeting were approved with one edit. "Hal Roepke has received the invoice for \$200.00" for the Neighborhood e-mail.

The Treasurer, Hal Roepke reported the current balance in the general account as \$11,988.50. The balance in all accounts is \$18,698.02. The Certificates of Deposit are now valued at \$8,352.98. The membership income to date is \$2580.00. This is compared with income of \$2,690 for all of 2003. The report was approved. Hal also distributed the budget with edits suggested at the previous meeting when the budget was adopted.

Updates: Rechartering: Bill Fuller indicated that rechartering was required every three years to ensure that Partnerships have remained active. For this we need:

1. The three-year plan, which is expected from Juliano Nogueira. L Wagner will follow-up with Juliano to determine the status of the plan.
2. Annual report for 2003. B.Fuller indicated this was in progress. Awaiting reports from N. Singley, S. Fahey and J Laupus
3. List of Officers. Done by B.Fuller.
4. Dues payment. \$100 has been received from RGS. Our dues will be paid. Action H. Roepke
5. Current By-laws. B.Fuller has these.
6. Letter of Understand from each Partner. L Wagner action.

L. Wagner formally delegated the rechartering action to B.Fuller.

Membership: Bill Fuller reported that letters sent to lapsed members has been fruitful. We have a total of 36 paid memberships to date. A total of 62 letters were sent and 20 responses have been received. B.Fuller will review records to determine whether board members are all current with membership. Action B.Fuller

Newsletter: No report; however there is indication that B. Strout is working on the next edition.

Amended by-laws: B Fuller reported he has been asked to modify the by-laws in an effort to make them gender neutral, identify standing committee and indicated the officer succession process. These changes had been made and distributed to all. There were not corrections and the by-laws as distributed were approved unanimously for presentation to the membership for approval at the annual meeting in November. (It was understood that at that time the motion would indicate the date upon which the changes would become effective)

Testimonials: L Wagner has received three testimonials to date. Others indicated they had prepared statements and would forward to L W. Action ALL

Communications plan: No report from B. Fahey

Board packet: L Wagner identified the items to be included in the board packet and requested assistance from certain members. See list in the mailing attached to the agenda. Action ALL

Board chair's manual: L Wagner is preparing a board chair's manual to be passed on to incoming presidents. Board members present were asked to indicate in the manual with which section they would assist in developing the manual. Action All

Updates on projects

Youth Ambassadors Program:

J Laupus reported on a very successful YA Program for this winter. The students returned safely. She anticipates that 2 students from Indiana will go to Brazil this summer. She is in the process of preparing her report. Action J. Laupus

Youth Agriculture Exchange

A. Daugherty, B. Book and L. Barratt have met and are expecting 4 students and 1 teacher from Brazil for three weeks between July 16 and August 7 from Brazil as part of the Youth Agricultural Program. Action A. Daugherty

Other:

B. Cook reported that very few recipes have been received. Discussion centered on the scope of the project and the suggestion that a "pamphlet" of recipes might be more reasonable and could be given to new members etc. B. Cook action.

It was suggested that we hold a Gaucho Festival on September 18 or 19, date close as possible to September 20th to celebrate Gauchos Day. Members would be invited to bring Brazilian food and friends. This would be an effort to enhance membership and visibility. A very brief fall board meeting could coincide with this event. (It was agreed that the celebration would be separate from the annual meeting.) A subcommittee composed of C. Felts, A. Lelong, R. Bein and B. Cook was appointed to plan this event (and met immediately after the board meeting) Action members of the September 20 Ad hoc. committee.

There was discussion about the soccer program and it was agreed that if a club could be found which would be interested in sponsoring a clinic taught by a Brazilian coach that would pursue this matter but not at this time.

Unfinished business:

N. Singly indicated she is still collecting material and supplies to send to Viva Vila in RGS. There was discussion about participation in Global Villages and L. Wagner agreed to look into the requirements. Action L. Wagner

Brochure: G. Riesenbeck reported that the brochure is nearly ready for printing. With translation, it will take 8 sides and be a four-fold.

Items from National:

Need to set up a committee to address grant opportunities at the next meeting L. Wagner action.

Next meeting: May 23, 2:00 pm at L. Wagner's home other meetings: - July 24th at Brebeuf High School 10 am to 12. (G. Pratt Action)

- September 18 or 19

- Annual meeting; November 6, 2004

Adjourned at 3:00

INDIANA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Board meeting minutes, June 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The members present were: Brian Fahey, Sallie Fahey, Leslie Barratt, Bill Fuller, Betty Cook, Suzy Fletcher, Lilya Wagner, Hal Roepke, Rick Bein, Andres Lelong, Ben Strout and Judith Roepke. A quorum and a majority of members were present.

It was reported that Abby Dougherty has resigned from the board as her employment status has changed. L. Wagner will seek another representative from FFA. L. Wagner will contact board members she has not met to determine whether their time does not permit them to continue on the board. Action. L. Wagner

1. The minutes of the March 21, 2004 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

2. Treasurer's report: The treasurer, H. Roepke, reported the current total of all accounts is \$19,397.73. The income from 2004 dues to date is \$3,315.00 compared with \$2,630.00 for all of 2003.

3. Rechartering: B.Fuller reported the report is almost complete. It will be sent electronically by June 15, 2004. The Biannual Plan has been received from RGS and will be included in the plan along with a report from J. Laupus about the youth exchanges. Action: B.Fuller

4. Communication Plan: B. Fahey reviewed the option available for low cost alternatives to land line phone calls and reported on three technologies, which hold varying degrees of promise for personal computers. He recommends that we each experiment by talking with one another within the chapter using "Skype" which is free and requires only the purchase of an H323 headset and downloading of free P2P software program from www.skype.com. B. Fahey will continue to explore other technologies.

B. Fahey identified a glitch in the web pages for our partnership. It was recommended that J. Roepke contact the Webmaster for the POA to request that they link to our more up-to-date web page and delete the old one. Action: J.Roepke

5. Information manual has been developed by L. Wagner and was passed around for review.

6. Membership brochures: L. Barratt reported that the completion of the brochure is awaiting some information from POA, then will be sent to L. Wagner and B. Strout for final editing and then sent to Brasil for translation before printing. Updated membership brochures will be printed in RGS where printing costs are much lower and will be brought to Indiana by a traveler from RGS

7. Committee formation: Our by-laws indicate that we should have committees but do not indicate what they should be. Our current committees are: Youth Ambassador Program committee, City Committees, Youth Agriculture Exchange Committee, an ad Hoc Nominating Committee and other ad Hoc committees as needed. It was agreed that we should have an Executive Committee with duties as provided for in the by-laws.

L. Wagner asked that the committee be composed of: the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and Membership Chair. The motion was approved by the majority of 12/23 current members as required by the by-laws.

8. By-laws: no report.

9. Membership: B.Fuller reported that there are 57 members paid for 2004. He has made vigorous efforts to contact lapsed members.

B.Fuller recommended that we take on some Indiana projects for which we could ask for support from current and past members.

An effort will be made to contact POA and identify some successful projects being undertaken by other partnerships, which we could consider. Action: L. Wagner.

10. Newsletter: B. Strout called for articles and received several responses. An update copy of the board directory will be sent to Ben to ensure that all board members are sent the newsletter. Action: J.Roepke

11. Youth Ambassadors Program: L. Barratt reported that two high school students have gone to RGS and arrived safely. One is from Muncie and the other from Demotte. She indicated that new host families are needed for the January program. Action: All.

J. Roepke said that Dennis Shaw, POA, when calling for H.Roepke, asked whether Indiana Partners would participate in the next US Consulate in Brasil "Youth Ambassador" program next January. The consensus was that we would. H.Roepke will follow-up with D. Shaw and refer to L. Barratt. Action: H.Roepke

12. Biannual plan: the plan report has been received from RGS and needs some clarification by communication with RGS. Action: L. Wagner and L. Barratt

13. Gaucho Day: B. Cook reported that the Gaucho Day celebration would be held on September 18 at the Benedictine Retreat House at noon. It was decided by consensus that there would be no charge for this event and that board members would supply food as possible but the remained of the cost would come from partnership funds.

B. Fahey indicated that both Boston and Los Angeles have Porto Alegre centers, which might be a source of posters and other items. L. Wagner will make contact to determine what resources of information about the Gaucho culture are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting is at Brebeuf High School at 10 a.m. on July 24th

INDIANA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Board meeting minutes, July 24, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. at Brebeuf High School by Bill Fuller, Vice-President for Membership. The members present were: Bill Fuller, Glenn Pratt, Judith Roepke, Harlan Roepke, Ginny Riesenbeck, Ben Strout, Rick Bein and Andres Lelong.

It was reported that Maria Williams-Hawkins had resigned and Stephanie Warner, an FFA Program Specialist will join the board.

1. The minutes of the June 13, 2004 meeting we approved as sent by e-mail.

2. The Treasurer's report: The treasurer, Hal Roepke, reported the current total of all accounts is \$19,652.65. income for the year to date is \$4592.39 and dispersements have been \$2849.16. Income from memberships is \$3990.00.

3. Membership Report: Bill Fuller reported that we have 68 memberships including 11 who renewed their membership since our last meeting.

4. Report of Cecilia Luz: Bill Fuller reported that the report had been sent to the National Office and forward to us. Cecilia described her projected entitled "ADOTE UMA ESPERANCA" or "Adopt a Hope." She described the need for equipment, food and supplies for local children. It was agreed that this project should serve as a project to be adopted by our chapter for support by membership. It was agreed that donations would be solicited at the Gaucho Celebration and in the future. Action: all members

5. Gaucho Celebration: After considerable discussion it was agreed that:

- This celebration should be for members; however, those persons in government and universities interested in Brazilian issues, especially those for RGS will be invited.
- Bill Fuller would contact Partners national office to determine what opportunity we might have for a visit from Malcolm Butler, the Partner's president or Dana Hrink, the recent past Ambassador to Brazil, who is expected to become a member of the Partners board. It is hoped that Partners would sponsor one of these people or award us a grant to cover their expenses.
- An effort will be made to find a person or persons who would volunteer to provide some Gaucho music.
- The video prepared recently by the RGS tourist bureau would be shown.
- The time for the celebration should be about three hours- from 11:30 to 2:30.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved, that \$900.00 should be set aside for this celebration to cover cost of the meals, which will be about \$10.50 per person, mailings and programs. Action: B.Fuller, Andres Lelong, Betty Cook and Rick Bein

6. The marketing report from Mel Sharp's class was presented. Copies were made and distributed. However, Ginny R agreed to review the report and make a brief summary. Action: Ginny Riesenbeck.

7. Annual plan: Juliano and Leslie are addressing the plan.

8. State Department Youth Ambassador program. It was noted that we had agreed by consensus at our last meeting to go forward with this project, if invited to do so.

9. Bill Fuller encouraged members to review the Partners web site for information about travel and culture grants.

10. Membership Brochure: Ginny R reported that the brochure should be ready for critique by the end of July. Action: Ginny R

11. Bill reported that Partners chapters would soon be asked to participate in "Partners Counts" and document time, mileage for travel and costs of Partners activity to demonstrate activity on behalf of the organization.

12. Expenditure of \$100 was approved for the purchase of about 10 copies of the map book "Indiana in maps" to be given to Brazilian visitors. Respectfully submitted, Judith Roepke

INDIANA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Board meeting minutes, September 19, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Lilya Wagner, President. The members present were: Leslie Barratt, Bob Book, Betty Cook, Alyssa Couch, Sally Fahey, Bill Fuller, Norma Singley, Ginny Riesenbeck, Hal Roepke, Judith Roepke, Lilya Wagner.

1. The minutes of the July 24th meeting were approved as distributed by e-mail. J Roepke moved, B. Fuller Seconded, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's report: H. Roepke presented a slight revision to the e-mailed treasurers report though there is no change in the bottom line. The income, year to date is \$4,665.14 and expenses to date are \$3,027.19, leaving a cash balance for the year to date of \$1,637.95. The current balance in the total of all accounts is \$19,516.35, with \$13,776.37 in the General account.

3. Special Event: B.Cook reported on planning for a special Gaucho celebration and asked for additional members for the planning committee and a discussion about purpose. It was agreed that the purpose is to celebrate the accomplishments of Partners, especially Indiana/RGS Partners. It was agreed that all partners members would be invited and each would be asked to invite interested others. Because of uncertainty

about the number of participants and the need for a contracted number with the Benedictine Inn, Lilya suggested that a caterer be employed to serve the meal and that other sites such as St. Luke's Methodist church or Brebeuf HS be considered. . It was agreed that the luncheon should be at noon, on a Saturday in February. We will wait to finalize plans until the November meeting, at which time we hope to have recommendations about potential sites, dates, costs etc. At that time we could draft a letter of invitation along with a reservation form.

4. Annual Meeting: will be held on November 6th at the Barto Cafe at the Indiana State Fair Grounds beginning at 9:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. We expect 40 attendees. The cost will be \$6:50 / person and will be covered by Indiana Partners. B.Fuller will e-mail all Partners members who have e-mail and send an announcement mailer to all. Lilya will develop the program based upon:

Youth Ambassadors report-Becky Roberts

Youth Agricultural Exchange- Stephanie Warner

Youth Ambassadors from RGS- J. Laupus

RGS report- L. Wagner

Indiana report- L. Wagner

Partner's visitor- L. Wagner will contact Washington

Brazilian guest- if one is visiting

5. Youth Ambassador Program plans: Leslie reported on behalf of J. Laupus that the Brazilian students are being chosen and home for students are needed. To date there are two committed for Muncie and one in Terre Haute.

6. Membership listing: B.Fuller agreed to update the membership listing.

7. Project updates: Global Fest: S.Fahey questioned whether the time and effort committed resulted in sufficient outcome. It was suggested that Brazilian Student from Purdue be invited to assist. Higher Education: S.Fahey reported that as a follow-up to a visit from O. de Canto and colleague a year ago, a conference on reform in Brazilian Higher Education was held recently and Stan Jones from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the president from Ivy Tech, Lafayette were invited and attended a conference in Lajuado, Brazil. Rechartering: materials were sent more than once and no further word has been received. The process should be complete. Viva Vila: 86# of materials were sent to Alegrete, received in record time with considerable enthusiasm. It was the consensus of the board that this project should continue and it was pleasing to learn that it has raised considerable interest in Partners among Extension Homemakers.

8. Annual Plan: Leslie and Lilya have had a phone conference with J. Nogueira and they realized there has been some difference in nomenclature, which has caused confusion. This is being clarified.

S.Fahey suggested that we think programmatically during planning and reporting on activity, i.e. youth development, institutional linkages, service, medical exchanges etc.

9. L. Barratt will be in RGS for 6 weeks, beginning November 17, working at Cultural and will help with clarification of terminology for the annual plan. The plan for L. Barratts's project was distributed. B.Fuller moved and N. Singley seconded a motion to approve the project of L. Barratt as a Partners project. Motion carried unanimously.

10. International Festival: J. Laupus will be asked to set up the booth display for the festival. Leslie circulated a list to solicit volunteers from the board to person the booth. L. Wagner will call J. Laupus about the festival.

11. Public Relations report: G. Riesenbeck has summarized the key findings of the student work and will send the summary to all members of the board again as some do not recall receiving the document. Ginny highlighted the key concepts as: Raising awareness among business leaders, university leaders, and high

school and college students. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting and the role of a board member for public relations will be considered.

12. Nomination committee: L. Wagner reported the receipt of resignations for: Rick Bein, Stan Sunderwirth, and Chris Felts. These three board positions in addition to that previously held by Maria Williams-Hawkins should be filled. All officer positions will carry forward to 2005.

The committee members will be: Bob Book, Chair, Ginny Riesenbeck and Alyssa Couch. Bill Fuller will assist.

13. National Board representative: H.Roepke moved, B. Fuller seconded to designate L. Wagner as the delegate in absentee. Motion carried. J.Roepke was asked to download the registration form and send to L. Wagner for submission.

14. Partners Counts: H.Roepke was asked to begin the process of recording volunteer hours. After the beginning of 2005, another board member will be officially asked to take this responsibility.

15. Adopt a Hope: We are waiting for a proposal from C. Luz before taking action. L. Barratt will talk with her in RGS.

16. Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy: M. Butler sent information about this project to increase commitment to citizen diplomacy. The web site is: www.alliance-exchange.org/citizendiplomacy.html. We are encouraged to review the web site for updates.

Respectfully submitted, Judith B.Roepke, secretary.

Indiana Partners of the Americas

Meeting of the Board, 11-6-04

L. Wagner called the meeting to Order at 9:30 a.m. Members present: Kara Cubberley, Brian Fahey, Sally Fahey, Norma Singley, Lilya Wagner, Alyssa Couch, Bill Fuller, Ben Strout, Jhani Laupus, Betty Cook, Andres Lelong, Robert Book, Glenn Pratt.

1. The minutes of the meeting September 19, 2004 were approved as distributed.
2. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. The income for the year to date is: \$4,646.46. The expenses for the year to date are: \$2,986.82. The current balance in the general account after expenses is: \$1,659.64. There was a request to list all expenditures and later decided to include Viva Villa as a line item in the budget.
3. Travel grant application: Ana Marie Heitao Duarte submitted a travel grant application for a psychiatrist for 2 weeks in January to work with at-risk children; proposal approved.
4. Newsletter: the editor is requesting more news and articles from members.
5. Candidates for nomination National Partners Board. L. Wagner requested help in choosing a candidate. Bill Fuller recommended two incumbents whom he knows including Vera Lia Fortini Cavalheiro (from RS). The board agreed. Lilya Wagner, President, will file our vote.
6. Community Committees: Will be discussed at next meeting.
7. Special Event: A. Lelong has drafted a letter, discussed invitation of all Partners members and interested guests; It was suggested the Cathy Morris be invited to play Brazilian jazz for Gaucho Day. The board decided to hold the event the same day as the Brazilian Youth Ambassadors celebration in February. The board suggested promotion of Brazilian Youth Ambassadors Day to general membership.
8. International Festival: Volunteers at the booth have made several good connections and everyone was thanked for helping.
9. Nominating Committee; Bob Book, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that Catherine Terrell,

wife of the CEO of Eli Lilly has been invited to join the board and has not yet responded. Bob is trying to find a member from Noblesville area.

Nominees for board:

Judith Caress (Terre Haute)

Chris Ferris (Farm Bureau)

Jane McCaslin

Jim Nulty (Very Special Arts Indiana)

10. Membership Brochure: G. Riesenbeck working on the brochure. She requested pictures to add to the brochure. She hopes to have it finished for the January meeting

11. Next meeting is scheduled for January 2005.

Indiana Partners of the Americas

Annual Meeting, November 6, 2004

Barto Caf, Indianapolis

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by L. Wagner, who thanked all for attending.

Persons in attendance were: Matthew Oliver, Jacob Nicholas, Don Nicholas, Pam Nicholas, Greg Oliver, Becky Roberts, Raymond Cubberley, Kara Cubberley, Jane McCaslin, Chris Fenner, Beth Adams, Ollilie J Mueller, Peter Cook, Stanley Sunderwirth, Jerry Karwowski, Brian Fahey, Sallie Fahey, Norma Jena Singley, Jim Fuller, Lilya Wagner, Alyssa Couch, Bill Fuller, Ben Strout, Jhani Laupus, Betty Cook, Judy Caress, Andres Lelong, Robert Book, Hal Roepke, Blair Orme, Katie Pickering, Raychel Dodd, Martin Limbird and Mary Catherine Limbird.

1. The guest speaker was Matt Clausen, Vice -President for Partnership Development. Jerry Karwowski introduced him. M. Clausen spoke about activity in Partners International and the need to seek more funding for community projects due to the decrease in Federal Government funding. M. Clausen discussed the importance of Partners Counts to document volunteer time so that partners can continue to receive government funding. In addition he discussed the 40th anniversary of Partners and the annual convention planned for Guatemala in two years. The next annual meeting will be held in Little Rock AR. It will be held one week earlier than usual. He ended his remarks with the presentation of a new Partners video.

2. Minutes from the Annual meeting November 8, 2003 were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's report Hal Roepke summarized the 2004 budget, emphasizing membership income, which exceeded expenses to date. Report approved.

3. Partners Counts: Hal Roepke asked that each person submit their Partners Counts documentation for volunteer time.

4. Membership report: B.Fuller reported that we now have 73 paid members, down 20

5. Web page: <http://www.bsu.edu/web/indpartners> B.Fuller suggested that people look at the page and make suggestion for changes.

6. Rechartering: L. Wagner thanked B. Fuller for his work with the rechartering application and read the letter indicating our success in this process.

7. Board resignations: L. Wagner reported that Chris Felts, Maria Williams-Hawkins, Rick Bein and Stanley Sunderwirth have resigned.

8. Nominating committee: Bob Book, chair, nominated for membership on the board: Judy Caress, Chris Ferris, Jane McCaslin and Jim Nulty. Nominations were approved. Two more people are being sought for

board membership.

9. Global Fest: S. Fahey reported on a successful event in West Lafayette and indicated that Norma Singley has agreed to take over the planning of our booth for next year.

10. Visits: L. Wagner discussed future visitors and thanked L. Barrett for her trip to Brazil.

11. Newsletter: B. Strout asked for articles and suggested the visitors to and from Brazil submit an article for the newsletter.

12. Gaucho Day: A. Lelong and B. Cook recommended inviting current and potential members and discussed an agenda for the day. It was suggested that the event be planned for Indianapolis on February 20th.

13. Viva Villa: the Tippecanoe County Home Makers have been sending sewing supplies to RGS. Indiana Partners paid for the shipping. Both want to continue the project.

14. Youth Ambassador Program: North Bound: Jhani Laupus discussed possible host families in various cities in Indiana including some new areas. She recommended that we invite Ana Isabel Krzimirski to Indiana and that we thank all the RS Companheiros for their help.

15: Youth Ambassadors- South Bound: B. Roberts introduced the Ambassadors for this past summer. They were Jacob Nicholas from Muncie and Matt Oliver from Wheatville. Both gave illustrated reports of their trips.

16. Youth Agricultural Program: the program was presented by Blair Orme, from Rushville High School and two FFA students, Katie Pickering and Rachel Dodd, who went to RS last Summer for 3 weeks.

17. American Consul Youth Ambassador Program. H.Roepke presented planning to date for the 2005 program. There will be one teacher and four students coming to Indiana in January for one week.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40pm

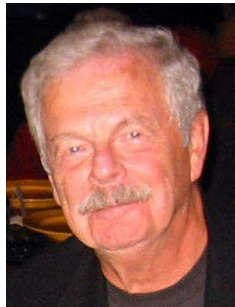
Respectfully submitted

Judith B.Roepke

11-10-04

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2004

Treasurer Hal Roepke



Hal Roepke taught Geology courses at Ball State University from 1965 to 1997 and is currently Secretary of Indiana Partners, President of Rebuilding Together Delaware County, member of Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists and several community boards and committees. His first visit to Brazil was in company with his wife Judy, on a Partners project, where he met fellow geologists and civil engineers. On their return, he was invited to be a board member, then Secretary and then President. As President he enjoyed two trips to RS for planning purposes and a vacation trip prior to the Annual Partners Convention in Buenos Aires in 1996. In addition to numerous visits with Gaucho Partners in RS Judy and he have had the great pleasure of hosting many in their home.

TREASURER'S REPORT

| Summary - as of 31 December 2004 | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Fund | Beginning Balance | ACTIVITY IN 2003 | ENDING BALANCE 12/03 | ACTIVITY 04 | CURRENT BALANCE |
| General Account (incl interest on checking, savings) | \$10,268.86 | | \$11,904.52 | | \$14,032.46 |
| Membership income for 2004, year to date | | \$2,590.00 | | \$3,940.00 | |
| Individual Contribution | | | | \$100.00 | |
| Interest on savings and checking | | | | \$15.68 | |
| Interest on CD's | \$823.54 | \$151.03 | \$974.57 | \$127.29 | |
| CONTRIB FROM POA FOR 1 WEEK GROUP IN JAN. | | | | \$500.00 | |
| Expenses for year to date | | (\$2,152.00) | | (\$2,533.40) | |
| Ck #217 to N Singley for shipping materials to Viva Vila | | | | (\$380.40) | |
| CK#218 to Geog Educ Network of IN for 10 books | | | | (\$100.00) | |
| CK#219 to The Promotion Co for Intl Fest booth | | | | (\$134.00) | |
| EXPENSES RE 1-WEEK GROUP IN JAN. | | | | (\$151.02) | |
| Artist in Residence Grant | \$400.00 | | \$400.00 | | \$400.00 |
| Rural youth exchange fund | \$1,032.56 | | \$1,032.56 | | \$1,032.56 |
| Youth Ambassadors operating budget | \$1,042.06 | | \$978.81 | | \$958.44 |
| Income for year | | \$20.00 | | \$20.00 | |
| Expenses for year | | (\$83.25) | | (\$40.37) | |
| Partners Reach Out (S.D. Fahey) | \$2,571.50 | | \$2,571.50 | | \$2,571.50 |
| Health Fund | \$837.23 | | \$837.23 | | \$837.23 |
| Youth Ambassadors Scholarship Fund | \$115.25 | | \$115.25 | | \$154.25 |
| Contributions | | | | \$39.00 | |
| Total of all Accounts | \$11,092.40 | \$587.71 | \$18,514.44 | | \$19,786.44 |
| Bank Account Balances | | | | | |
| | Beginning balance | INTEREST YR 2003 | ENDING BALANCE Dec 03 | INTEREST Yr 2004 | CURRENT BALANCE |
| Totals: Check Book | \$1,041.82 | \$1.86 | \$1,771.22 | \$3.77 | \$1,685.94 |
| Savings Account | \$2,813.30 | \$9.80 | \$2,623.10 | \$11.91 | \$4,054.01 |
| 30-day CD, 54349618 start 23 Jan'01 end 14 Nov 03 | \$4,152.79 | \$24.13 | \$4,176.02 | | |
| 30-day CD, 54349624 start 30 Jan'01 end 14 Nov 03 | \$4,152.11 | \$23.95 | \$4,176.06 | | |
| 6-month CD 54349624 starting 14 Nov 03 | | | | \$82.23 | \$8,435.21 |
| 11-mo Certificate of Deposit converted to 9mo CD 12/03 | \$5,463.79 | \$102.95 | \$5,565.74 | \$45.06 | \$5,611.80 |
| Totals | \$17,423.81 | \$182.69 | \$18,314.04 | \$142.97 | \$19,786.96 |

OTHER REPORTS

Vice President for Membership – William R. Fuller



Bill Fuller is a retired Mathematics Professor and administrator at Purdue University.

Bill has been an active member of Indiana Partners since 1986, holding many offices. He has visited our Partners state, Rio Grande do Sul seven times, including two as president for partnership planning.

He was first elected to the International Board of the Partners of the Americas in November 1998 and served a total of six years (two terms) on this Board.

For his second time in the position, Bill began a two term as Vice President for Membership this year. He also maintains many chapter records and web page.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT November 6, 2004

This report of activity during 2004 also contains recommendation for amending the By-Laws.

2003 ended with 38 paid memberships in the Indiana Partners of the Americas. These were urged to renew their membership.

In February, 2004, I compiled a list of 32 former members who had paid dues for 2003, but not for 2004. This letter produced 23 renewals. Three non-respondents to this mailing had paid their 2003 dues in response to the Presidents late 2003 letter and may have felt that was payment for 2004. A list of 17 who had last paid in 2002 produced 6 renewals. In May follow-up letters were sent to those non-responders.

On June 1, 2004, I initiated project "Round-up Time", compiling a list of 45 former members who had not contributed for several years, Many of these had a reason to deeply appreciate Indiana Partners. I wanted to say "Scum face" pay up, but I followed Lilya's suggestion of reminding them of a past "fuzzy, warm" experience. "Round-up" produced five renewals. Not a high percentage return on mailing, but did bring in \$305 additional dollars.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

| | 2004 | 2001 |
|--------------|------|------|
| Patrons | 1 | 1 |
| Subscribers | 0 | 3 |
| Contributors | 20 | 18 |
| Families | 24 | 32 |
| Individuals | 22 | 36 |
| Students | 6 | 1 |
| Total | 73 | 91 |

The good news is: We met the budget.

More good news: We almost doubled the 2002, 2003 membership

The bad news is: We are still down 20

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Fuller

RECOMMENDATION:

For even the most dedicated volunteers, life and career sometimes present obstacles to performing promised actions. Accordingly, I recommend that following any Board meeting at which the incumbent VP Membership fails to report positive action, the President immediately appoint an alternate to perform the associated duties.

The By-Laws should reflect this responsibility of the President in the appropriate section.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BY-LAW REVISION:

RENUMBER ARTICLE VII, Section 4 TO BE Section 5

INSERT ARTICLE VII, Section 4 Reassignment of Duties

If, at any Board Meeting, an incumbent is unable to report progress on assigned duties, The President shall assign the incomplete duties to another officer, or appoint an assistant to aid in the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

Vice President for Special Projects – Norma Jean Singley



I have been a member of Partners of the Americas, Inc., Indiana Chapter for fifteen years. During that time I have served as a member of the Board of Directors, Secretary, Vice-President for Membership, and I am currently serving as Vice-President for Special Projects.

Growing up on a family farm, and continuing to live there, has made the Partners' agriculture and veterinary programs of special interest. My working years were spent in the Tippecanoe County Health Department so public and environmental health issues are also of interest.

I am usually in attendance at the home football and basketball games of Purdue University, my alma mater. Go Boilers!

It is a great experience to be a part of the mission of Indiana Partners of the Americas.

Viva Vila continues to grow!

This project, started in Alegrete, RS, by Lisete Menna Barret Dias, is a sheltered workshop for girls and young women. In this setting they develop cooking skills, learn needle craft, jewelry-making, personal hygiene. Indiana Partners continue to support this project by underwriting the cost of shipping supplies for these activities.

In 2004, over 250 pounds of needle craft supplies were shipped to Viva Vila. Lisete described the girls' amazement as they unpacked the boxes and held up the fabric, the knitting needles and yarn, and patterns. With these supplies, the girls made pajamas, skirts, blouses, table napkins, embroidered pieces.

Most of the supplies were donated by members of the Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers. Other donations came from fabric stores and specialty shops in Lafayette and Terre Haute. The Extension Homemakers are enthusiastic about supporting any activities that improve the status of women and the home. Indiana Partners provided the means to get all these supplies to Alegrete.

The efforts of the Alegrete Partners, and particularly Lisete Dias, to bring about Viva Vila are to be applauded and Indiana Partners, as well as Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers, will continue to play a part in the progress of Viva Vila.

Norma Jean Singley Vice President for Special Projects

Youth Agriculture Exchange – Stephanie J. Warner



Stephanie J. Warner is a program specialist for the Indiana Chapter of the FFA. She is a 2004 graduate of Purdue's School of Agriculture.

Stephanie joined the Indiana Partners Board of Directors and assumed the leadership of the new Youth Agriculture Exchange upon the resignation of Abby Dougherty last year.

The Youth Agriculture Exchange is in its third year between Indiana and Rio Grande Do Sul Partners of the Americas and Indiana FFA. In 2003, Abby Dougherty, Program Specialist of Indiana FFA went to Rio Grande Do Sul to establish the proper connections to begin an exchange program for rural and agriculture students of both Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul. Since then, Stephanie Warner has assumed Abby's position in working with YAE.

The vision of YAE: information and technology in agriculture between Rio Grande do Sul and Indiana.

The mission of YAE: to provide the participants with an international exchange opportunity in order to achieve personal, interpersonal and technical improvement.

In July of 2003 and July 2004, three Indiana FFA Members and one agriculture teacher traveled to Rio Grande Do Sul and participated in a three week program. The first week they visited farms and agribusinesses, the second week they stayed at an agriculture school, and the third week they stayed in Rio Grande do Sul learning about the government system, FARSUL (agriculture lobbying group similar to Farm Bureau.)

Also in August 2004, Indiana hosted 3 Brazilian students for a total of three weeks. The Brazilian students stayed with rural families in Jasper County and Clinton County for 2 weeks, participated in summer FFA activities, toured farms, and spent a weekend at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center and the Indiana State Fair. Bill Fox was a great help in hosting the 3 boys this year!

In July of 2005, 7 students and 1 teacher will be traveling to Rio Grande Do Sul and 3 students and 1 teacher will be traveling to Indiana. The YAE program continues to grow as enthusiasm increases for international exchanges!

Health Committee – Virginia Riesenbeck

Virginia (Ginny) Riesenbeck has been a member of Partners since 2000. She has been fortunate to have visited Brazil two times. once under the auspices of Partners. Ginny has a MSN. RN. and is especially interested in Home Care, pain management, and cultural diversity. She has been able to pursue these interests as well as exchanging information about treatment modalities with peers in Rio Grande du Sol. Has participated in seminars ,workshops, and lectures to name just a few of the activities. Ginny counts her involvement with partners as an positive aspect of her life and cherishes the many friends she now has in Indiana and Rio Grande du Sol through Partners of America

Plans were initially made for D. Barnhart, S Fletcher and G. Riesenbeck to go to Brazil in June or July 2005 to present a program on End of Life, Palliative Care to various universities and hospitals. The program was to be directed toward staff, nurses, administrators, and perhaps nursing students. The plans were reviewed by the RS president when he made his visit in February. However a funding problem occurred from ISU and the End of Life, Palliative Care for the Terminally ill will be be presented as planned intact in 2006.

Two students from Anderson University, Cathy Kaiser and Anthony Roberts preparing for their Masters Degree, contacted the Indiana nurses for help in securing lodgeing while in Brazil to set up an exchange program for nursing students. POA did not provide funding for the nurses but did set up contacts with RS POA.