

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REPORT TO THE BOARD  
December 2009**

**Regional Representative: John Vicentia Sr.**

**Chapter: International**

**1. Accomplishments for this quarter September – December 2009**

- Conducted Board Meeting Conference Calls on September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed Diversity Plan.
- Successfully recruited a new Board Member to fill a vacant At-Large Representative Board position and recruited two Chapter members to run for office this spring.
- Working in collaboration with the National Office, we have solidified our accounting and financial practices.
- Our At-Large Representative from Dubai is working hard to promote the social work profession in that country.
- Greater attention has been paid to keeping our Chapter website updated.
- We are providing information and Chapter updates via email at least once monthly to our Chapter members in an effort to engage members in our activities.

**2. Emerging Issues and Challenges**

- Our President Elect, Vice President, and an At-Large Representative resigned during the past quarter.
- Our Chapter must focus on engaging our members and providing valued services. This is a challenge because our members are spread out throughout the world and our efforts to gather data from members on services they desire has not been successful.
- It has been difficult to find candidates desiring to run for President in the spring election.
- It has been difficult to recruit members to serve on committees. Without committee members it has been a challenge to host social events and outreach activities.

**3. Chapter's Ideas about National Level Issues**

- None at this time.

**4. General Comments**

- There is a positive working relationship between the National Office and the International Chapter. We continue to benefit from the support of our Senior Chapter Relations Consultant, Richard Loomis, and the support we receive from the accounting staff in D.C.
- Our chapter is in good shape financially.
- Next board meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>.

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