A. Welcome and EWCA background given by President David Jones

B. Thank exiting officers—Linda Lindsey and Bettye Walsh

C. Welcome new officers—David Jones continuing as the president for 2 years, Carolyn Kadel as the new vice-president for 2 years, Ronnie Littlejohn continuing as the member @ large for 2 years, Jeff Dippmann as the new as the member @ large for 2 years

D. Thank you was extended to Julien Farland for newsletter editorship and a request was made to send any newsworthy items to Julien to demonstrate the achievements of the alumni

E. ARC v. ASDP distinction: The NC program included a page defining each organization and its purpose

F. Status report 501 c3: The president is working to gain tax-exempt status for the chapter. Once this status is achieved the chapter can begin fundraising. The chapter currently has $4000 housed at the EWC and once the tax-exempt status is awarded those funds will be moved to a chapter bank account and managed by the chapter’s treasurer.

G. Bali conference: This bi-annual conference is open to all EWC alumni. The conference dates are Nov. 12-13, 2008. The chapter’s president will be in attendance, but additional representation from the chapter’s alumni is encouraged.

H. 2009 ASDP NC will be hosted in Philadelphia by the Community College of Philadelphia. Fay Beauchamp will serve as the local arrangements chair and George will serve as the program chair. The conference sessions will be held at the Community College of Philadelphia.

I. Faculty Development Opportunity: Fay Beauchamp distributed the JSA/ARC “International Crossroads at Fukuoka, Japan: East Asian and Western Connections Past and Present” faculty development workshop materials with an application deadline of 4.15.08. The workshop dates are June 9-14, 2008.

J. East West Connections journal: 2007 issue is completed but the editors are seeking assistance with copy layout and the publication software. Any alumni
who could assist with identifying an intern to use the software are encouraged to contact David Jones.

K. 2010/EWC 50th Anniversary ideas/events for Chapter: The Chapter is planning fundraiser event for all ASDP alumni. Paul Dunscomb will oversee the planning committee and will formally seek and meet with volunteers at the 2009 NC in Philadelphia. Suggestions from the alumni for possible fundraising events are:

1. Clam bake
2. Formal dinner
3. Selling of leis
4. Alumni auction of international cultural artifacts
5. Raffle for roundtrip airfare to Honolulu
6. Walking tours of Honolulu’s Chinatown
7. Raffle for roundtrip airfare to Hong Kong

J. Directions/vision for Alumni Chapter: The following programs have been identified as goals for the Chapter:

a. Fundraising for the purpose of faculty development stipend
b. Alumni Tours: continuing education tours, possibly coordinated by Overseas Adventure Tours (OAT)
c. Alumni Newsletter
d. NC Student Papers awards
e. faculty development/research program at the EWC—programs would be open to senior faculty at institutions without Asian studies faculty. EWC to provide office space and housing.
   f. membership dues added to the NC registration form
g. student scholarships