Activities in 2014

Naha, Okinawa

Sept. 18, 2014: During a lunch meeting held during the EWC/EWCA conference, board members nominated former vice president, the late Dr. Kiyoshi Hamano, to the EWC Wall of Honor under the name of the Kansai Chapter. Kiyoshi’s active and enthusiastic service is missed by all. He also served as administrative officer of the Tokyo Chapter.

Doshisha University

Dec. 7, 2014: An ad hoc meeting was held to approve a new type of chapter organization (see adjacent article).

Myoshinji Temple, Kyoto: (see photos, p. 3) After the ad hoc meeting, many attendees participated in the one-year memorial service for Kiyoshi Hamano. The service was small but moving. After the service, we attended a dinner reception in which everyone shared personal memories of Kiyoshi. His family really appreciated hearing of the special ways that Kiyoshi touched the lives of EWCA/UH friends.

KC Board approves new organization after loss

Kiyoshi Hamano, Professor of Economics at Kansai University and former vice president of the Kansai Chapter (KC), died unexpectedly on December 23, 2013. KC held an ad hoc meeting on December 7, 2014 to discuss how to proceed with chapter activities following this tragic loss.

The agenda for the meeting was:

Item #1: Proposal of re-structuring of the Kansai Chapter Board

Item #2: Report of the special chapter meeting at the Okinawa Conference

Item #3: Report/requesting the Board consent of nominating Kiyoshi Hamano to be added to the Wall of Honor

Item #4: Nomination of new board members and establishment of positions.
Seiko Furuhashi proposed to shift the governing style to:
(1) Establish a governing board and distribute duties and authorities to the members while the president is still responsible for the overall governing of the Chapter. New board members Takashi Mita (Osaka University) and Fred Anderson (Kansai University) were approved by the Board. (2) Each position will be shared by at least two people (main and sub) in case one of them is transferred or goes on leave. This will be effective for deduction of individual responsibilities and for risk management. This will also activate the interaction among board members. With unanimous approval, the new board is:

**President:** Seiko Furuhashi (Overall supervision, Liaison to EWCA and other Chapters)

**Vice-President:** Yumiko Okamoto (Assistant to the president, administrative supervision)

**Administrative Officers** (including treasury): Nobukazu Tanii, Yumiko Okamoto, Fred Anderson

**Information Manager:** Takashi Mita

**Public Relations:** Marie Thorsten, Seiko Furuhashi

**Additional Board Members:** Fumiteru Nitta, Yasumasa Maeda

The Board thanks the two retiring members, Hideaki Sakamoto and Kazufumi Boh for their service and we look forward to having them back to the Chapter in near future. Two advisors (ex-presidents) remain in their present position.

Seiko reported that the Okinawa Conference was a great success, thanks to the Okinawa Chapter and EWCA staff. The KC Board gave ex post facto consent to the nomination of Kiyoshi Hamano to the Wall of Honor.

**Attendance on Dec. 7:** Board Members: Seiko Furuhashi, Yumiko Okamoto, Nobukazu Tanii, Marie Thorsten; Advisors: Eiji Saito, Tomohide Ashida; Observers: Eriko Yamamoto (Chubu Chapter), Mariko Kitayama-Takagi (UH Alumni Association)

**Next Proposed General Meeting:** May 31, 2015

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PHOTOS from Memorial Service and Reception for former Kansai Chapter Vice President Kiyoshi Hamano (1958-2013)