



USAID Alumni Association

March 2018 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - 11:30 - 2:00 - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue **Nancy Wilson**, President and CEO of Relief International - an NGO at work in many of the most fragile countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East - will speak on "**Practicing Development in Fragile Locations - Experiences from the Field**".

Monday, April 16, 2018 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - Ambassador and former USAID Counselor **Jim Michel** - "**Fragility - Implications for Peace, Security, and Sustainable Development**", based on his recent CSIS report.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - **UAA Spring Reception** at Pat and Alex Shakow's residence in Maryland.

Saturday, September 8 **UAA Annual Picnic** at Fort Hunt in Alexandria, Virginia

Friday, October 26 - **UAA Annual General Meeting** at the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington, D.C.

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** Sadly, the [In Memoriam](#) page has a quite a few new entries.
- In [Articles](#), read items on: 1) how our overseas programs are a win for America and the world; 2) how the Marshall plan spooked the Soviets and sparked the Cold War; 3) how deep cuts proposed by Trump would threaten our national security and diminish America's standing in the world; 4) State training on dealing with harassment; 5) Tillerson's scale-down of his State restructuring plan; 6) Jonathan Miller, the newly nominated AA for Africa; 7) the link between foreign aid and domestic social spending; and 8) why pegging US Foreign Assistance to countries' UN votes is a bad deal.
- In [Web Links](#), check out a new blog by alum Jose Garzon, that responds to requests by students and young professionals for "straight talk" about the development profession.
- There are two new items in the [Forum](#): 1) information on a National Peace Corps Association travel program; and 2) an AFSA notice on threats to pay and retirement benefits.

- **UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue**: On February 12, **John Mellor**, former USAID Chief Economist and Emeritus Professor at Cornell, spoke to a Development Dialogue audience about key themes in his new book **Agricultural Development and Economic Transformation: Promoting Growth with Poverty Reduction**. Hear the audio of John's talk [hear](#) and see his slides [here](#).

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to office@usaidalumni.org or, better still, post it on the [Forum](#).

Looking for someone with a USAID alumni background and skills to hire or as a volunteer? If you would like to post a job or volunteer opportunity, please email us at office@usaidalumni.org, Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

Annual UAA Winterfest!!

This year's Winterfest on February 11 was a great success. Frank and Antoinette Almaguer graciously hosted at their lovely home the afternoon get-together for 52 UAA members and guests. We enjoyed food, drinks, and lively conversation with other alumni, including some old and new or renewed friends. Frank lived up to his promise to hold off the expected inclement weather and provided gentle weather to enhance our pleasure for the afternoon. For those of you who were unable to join us, we encourage you to come to the Spring reception to be hosted by Alex and Patricia Shakow on May 20.



Carol and Bette greet Marilyn Zak as she and other guests arrive at the Winterfest



Co-host Frank Almaguer enjoys the balmy weather on the back deck with Jim Michel - center - and other guests



Co-host Antoinette Almaguer stands - center on steps - with two guests and others in the background. You are invited to have fun identifying friends enjoying the festivity

2018 UAA Awards Program

The annual UAA awards program begins soon with your help. We know many of you and your alumni friends have inspiring stories to share about your service to your communities and your lasting contributions to others. Please consider nominating your fellow UAA members or yourself for the prestigious UAA Alumni of the Year award that will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2018. The deadline for all nominations is July 31, so it's not too soon to act. Stay tuned for the 2018 UAA awards program announcement and guidance in next month's newsletter.

Development Issues Committee

The Development Issues Committee will be holding its next meeting on Thursday the 5th of April, 2018 at the Pan American Development Foundation at 2:00 P.M. Our invited guest will be Ms. Jeanne Bourgault, President and CEO of Internews which promotes free press around the world.

Update on USAID Strengthening Program

As of mid-February Cohort 7 of the UAA mentoring program is in full swing with 18 matched pairs of mentors and mentees. The program got off to a slow start this year due to a dearth of mentor applicants. For the future, we need to start recruitment earlier and focus more on recent retirees with current knowledge of Agency policy and practice. Likewise, there were fewer mentee applications than in prior years, due primarily to an Africa Bureau personnel change. When ongoing relationships from prior years are included, we now have a total of 26 matched pairs from a variety of grades, FS4 to Senior Foreign Service, and backstops, with the preponderance being in health (50), program and projects (02/94). Since inception in 2013, the Program has matched 109 pairs.

Cohort 7 commenced with an excellent training program for Mentors at the USAID Training Center, led by Neil Levine, an accomplished ex-USAID officer and a certified professional coach and consultant. The session included participation by video and phone and provided highly informative sessions on current Agency human resources policy by Gary Juste and Steve Olive of HCTM. The training

received overall high marks from participants, including the Bureau Coordinators, who are playing an increasingly important role in the program.

The UAA mentoring program has proven its value over time based on the positive feedback from mentees over the years and on the evaluation carried out in 2016. USAID management has been very supportive. Given current uncertainties, the Program will be even more important in future years as it will provide mentees with independent sources of advice, counsel and feedback.

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USAID History Project Update

As you all know, the USAID history project is well underway. John Norris has been reviewing vast amounts of material from all sources. Presidential libraries are an important repository of key documents. We are delighted that two UAA members in the Boston area will soon be doing research for John in the JFK Library. **We repeat our request - if you live near one of these libraries and would like to help John's research, please let us know**(ashakow@comcast.net). The direct involvement of Presidents in decisions regarding AID is of particular interest, and has generally been under-reported in development literature. Of course, material that illuminates the behind-the-scenes decision-making related to AID and the presidents with verve and color is of terrific value.

Once again, we want to thank our generous UAA members for their tremendous support for the project. Nearly all UAA members and friends who made pledges over the past couple of years have fulfilled their pledges and in some cases provided even greater amounts. To date, about \$210,000 has been received from more than 150 donors. We continue to encourage contributions to be sure the project can be completed and to promote various post-publication educational activities drawing on the book. Moreover, we believe that the widest possible UAA member participation - at whatever dollar level - in this important project is a key to its ultimate success.

If you have not contributed, please do so now by sending a check payable to the "UAA/USAID History Project" to the UAA/USAID History Project, c/o DACOR, 4th Floor, 1801 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. You will receive a grateful acknowledgment from the UAA co-chairs and a receipt for tax purposes.

AGM Evaluation

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the UAA's most important event each year. Accordingly, the Executive Committee greatly values your feedback on the event. The results of our evaluation of the AGM are below. We also surveyed members who live in the DC area who did not attend the AGM, to learn what we might change so that they would choose to attend.

Forty-nine of the 114 members who attended the November 3, 2017 USAID Alumni Association (UAA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) completed an on-line survey evaluating the meeting. Results were positive overall, with some suggestions for improvements. The same three factors as last year were most-liked: the themes chosen for the program offerings and the quality of the panels and individual speakers; the presentation by the Administrator and the discussion that followed; and the chance to meet friends and former colleagues, and the

adequacy of time allowed for this. Other comments specifically cited preferring all plenary sessions, so that difficult choices of what to miss were unnecessary.

To see the full reports on these surveys, click on the report title: [2017 AGM Evaluation Summary](#), [2017 AGM Non-Attendee Summary](#).

Alumni Profiles - Charles Moseley

Charley Moseley brought a wealth of experience to USAID that included service in the US Air Force and over 20 years as an executive and engineer for U.S. and international power companies. He joined USAID in Guatemala in 1976 as a PSC and as a direct hire in 1977. He retired from USAID in Russia in 1993 after leading the design and initial implementation of major energy and environment programs for the former Soviet Union. He has served long-term assignments in 11 countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.



After retiring from USAID, Charley returned to the private sector to manage power generation companies in Ecuador and as international development and implementation manager, consultant and advisor with USAID, USTDA, and IEA-funded assignments in Africa, Turkey, Central and South Asia with a focus on Pakistan and Afghanistan. He has led the design and delivery of numerous courses and served as a senior manager in a major international consulting firm. In 2004 he was recalled to USAID to set up the Office of Engineering and Infrastructure in Afghanistan and again from 2009 to 2011 to set up USAID/Pakistan's new Office of Energy and lead the conceptualization, design, contracting, and initial implementation of a \$1.5 billion energy sector program. From 2013 to 2016 he served as World Bank-funded Team Leader and Senior Transaction Advisor of Afghanistan under the four-country CASA 1000 Power Transmission and Trade Project.

Charley's most enduring activity since retiring from USAID has been working with Charles Bliss, a fellow engineer and USAID retiree. A key element of their joint activities has been the development of patentable methods to capture and utilize carbon dioxide from power plants' combustion of fossil fuels. In 2015, Bliss and Moseley were awarded a US Patent for a "Method to Optimize the Utilization of Captured Carbon Dioxide through the Cultivation and Processing of Microalgae." They are continuing their collaboration in several other new methods and anticipate the award of a second patent in April 2018.

Charley and his wife Patty celebrated their 44th anniversary on October 23, 2017. All five of their children are married and have given them nine grandchildren. Four sons live in: Houston (John/two sons), Los Angeles (Clifford/two sons), Kansas City KS (Charlie/two daughters) and Pasadena (Henry/one daughter). Daughter Nellie has two boys and lives in Burke, VA. He can be reached on: mcboseley@moseleyhorizon.com and 1-703-273-7104

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