

## IVSAA MEETING 28 JULY 2007 MINUTES

On Saturday afternoon, July 28, 2007, assembled IVSAA members gathered for a brief **business meeting**.

Treasurer's report: Carlie shared the report covering the two years since she took over responsibility for the financial recording keeping for IVSAA. During this time the bank balance has been \$9,000 or more. Discussion ensued about possible responsible uses for so much money. The Ecuador reunion in April received \$500. This contribution went a long way to allow participation of about 22 former national volunteers. Someone recalled that an earlier decision affirmed that the IVSAA treasury can be spent on regional gatherings. However, the group agreed that it is not appropriate to subsidize reunions in the US.

It was suggested that we begin thinking about worthy causes to which we might give money – especially in Bangladesh or Ecuador. It was agreed that the Executive Committee can make decisions about spending IVSAA money. If you would like a copy of the treasurer's report, contact Carlie Numi.

IVSAA Website: The website has been operating for about two years. Richard Peters reported that about 50 people visit it per week. He gets very little feedback about the website or additions to it. He reminded us that visitors should add whatever they want on the site. He would like to see conversations about issues such as development. There needs to be some control over controversy as this was a problem that drove some people away from a conversation in the past.

Photos from this reunion can be put on the website by anyone so moved. The report on the Ecuador reunion will be put on the website. It was suggested that Bangladesh and Ecuador folks be pulled into our database, recognizing that language problems could limit this effort.

Executive Committee: The group decided to invite Richard Peters to join the Executive Committee of IVSAA as the webmaster. The other members are Mike Chilton, President; Linda Worthington, Vice-President; Carlie Numi, Secretary/Treasurer.

Before adjourning for a celebratory dinner, it was mentioned that there may be a trip to Vietnam in January or February 2009, and that Dr. Huong may be helpful to this venture.

Submitted by Carlie Numi, secretary