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Dear Transatlantic Program Alumni,

Our reunion last weekend was a great success, and we would, once again, like to thank all of you who came for your active participation in the program and in our discussion about building an effective Alumni Network. For those of you who were unable to join us and as a reminder for those of you who were in Chicago, we discussed **electing a President for the Alumni Network**.

As we currently have only two years of past student alumni, it was suggested that each year should have a representative to help build-up and shape the Alumni Network. For this reason, we propose that **TA 2005 and TA 2006 each elect someone from their respective years**. These two alumni will then serve for the first year as **Co-Presidents** and will share the responsibilities of the Presidency. We think this is an ideal solution, as the role of the President will certainly encompass more work in the first year of the Alumni Network than in future years.

The Presidents' field of action would include:

- Helping compile the Alumni Newsletter
- Acting as a central facilitator for the Network (including assisting in the set-up and operation of an online Network forum, i.e. the List-Serve) for networking, etc.
- Organizing social events and future reunions and
- One year term (**double presidency will be starting as of March 1, 2007**).

Of course, your ideas about how to shape and run the Alumni Network are more than welcome - after all, it's your Network!

Those interested in running for the position of President of their respective years, please send Sabine Klensch (klensch@gaccomm.org) a short description about yourself, including what you have been doing since your TA experience. Most importantly, please explain the reasons why you would like to become President, why you would be an effective candidate and please be sure to include your ideas about how you would work to build up the Network.

Please send us your candidacy with this information via email by Monday, Feb 5, 2007.

We will assemble the information with the names of the candidates and send it out to all Alumni, who will then vote via email by Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Past Events!

Transatlantic Program Reunion in Chicago, Jan. 20-21, 2007



The 2nd Transatlantic Program (TAP) Reunion took place in Chicago last weekend. An extraordinary number of 18 TAP alumni and Prof. Dr. Helga Kraft found their way to the GACCoM office. Sabine Klensch, Justin Flaxbart and Tanja Herrmann were delighted to welcome the '05 and '06 TAP participants. It was great pleasure to see everyone! After some small talk broke the ice between the two different TAP years, a lively discussion about the future of the Transatlantic Program began. The group also decided unanimously to elect a president for the new Alumni Network for the upcoming year. After the meeting, the group got to know each other better over some of Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza at Gino's East Pizzeria. After dinner, the group moved to a night full of blues music, dancing and fun. On Sunday after breakfast at the GACCoM office, the participants regrettably parted ways again. We are already looking forward to our next reunion in 2008! Thank you again for coming and we hope to see you all soon!

More News...

Transatlantic Program 2007

We would like to introduce you to our new participants in the Transatlantic Program 2007! You can see the new of TAP 2007 by visiting our website www.transatlanticprogram.org → Participants of the Transatlantic Program 2007. The internship placement is underway. The new participants are as excited as you were to know where they will live and work in Germany this summer.

We encourage you to send us your feedback, ideas, photos, and news for the upcoming newsletter in April 2007!

Tell us about your German-related activities at your college or university, in your current job or how you spend your leisure time. What have you done since your Transatlantic Program experience to promote German-American relations? Your input is not only interesting for us personally, but it is also important to help keep this unique opportunity for US students running in the future. Please send your feedback to Sabine Klensch at klensch@gaccomm.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Your GACCoM Team!