Finally, I would like to emphasize our outreach to the schools; we have made a real effort to get the schools excited about the Academic World Quest and the Model United Nations programs and it looks like we’re making progress. This a real contribution to our community and you can all be proud. We’ll keep you posted.

We’ll be happy to have you with us for another great season.

Sincerely,  

Colin Moseley, M.D.

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

This past year, WACHH made progress in addressing two important lessons learned during the Pandemic that will be key to our future financial stability . . .

- Revenues: $241,256
- Expenses: $235,594
- Membership Dues and Event Fees
- Other
- Program Services
- Management and General

Diversifying revenue sources beyond membership has become vital to our Business Model.

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*Revenue from temporarily reducing some of our activities and increasing non-dues contributions.
Please join us in welcoming Dr. Richard Moniuszko to our Board. Rich will be overseeing our Model UN and Academic World Quest (AWQ) programs following the excellent leadership of Jeanie Silletti and Joan Lemoine who are both leaving the Board after completing their two terms. Fortunately, Rich will be able to continue to draw on the talents and Beaufort Country School connections of Cathy Robine, who will be managing AWQ as a non-board member.

Richard is a career educator, with more than 40 years serving public schools of Virginia, NC and SC. His experience has included serving as Interim Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Fairfax County (Virginia) Public Schools (the 10th largest and one of the highest performing school districts in the country) and Interim Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent in Richland School District One in Columbia, SC. In addition to his many other school district leadership positions, he also served as Associate Professor in Educational Leadership at George Mason University in Fairfax Virginia. Rich earned his Doctor of Education at the University of South Carolina, his MS at Winthrop University, and his BS at the University of Virginia.

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• $15 when signed up online by Wednesday the week of the speaker
• $20 walk in the day of the presentation
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WE WANT TO THANK THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO STEPPED UP IN 2022–2023 TO MAKE OUR PROGRAMS SO SUCCESSFUL!

3500 volunteer hours donated
Committee Spotlight 2022-2023

Volunteer for a committee in 2023-2024!

Program

Recruit speakers for the Friday morning Distinguished Speaker Series. Responsibilities also include coordinating with the speaker as part of the preparation process, escorting them Thursday and Friday during their visit, introducing the speaker, preparing the 8-10 relevant questions and answers that are displayed on the screen before the speech, and coordinating dinner with the speaker on Thursday evening.

Chair: John Gilbert [Programs@WACHH.org]

Discussion Groups

There are three discussion groups in World Affairs Council. Volunteers serve as our facilitators of the discussions.

- **Great Decisions:** Three groups meet weekly for 8 weeks to discuss one of 8 Chapters covering critical global issues in the Great Decisions Briefing Book. Each facilitator leads the three group discussions for one of the chapters.
- **Fall Forum:** Three groups meet 4 times each over two months to discuss a book in depth. Each facilitator leads the three group discussions for one of the 4 sections of the assigned book.
- **Book Club:** The Book Club Committee is responsible for selecting the books for Fall Forum and the Book Club, preparing website content and flyers, and serving as facilitators of the monthly Book Club discussions.

Chair: We are looking for a new Chair as Bill Patterson moves into the role of Board Secretary, please let Leah Long [ExecutiveDirector@WACHH.org] or Cindy Petitt [VicePresident@WACHH.org] if you are interested.

Student Outreach

Plan and administer WACHH’s two student programs: Model UN and Academic World Quest. Coordinate with the local school administrators to recruit student participation and ensure programs support the academic needs of the schools. Volunteers provide support to the students, develop AWQ study questions, and support the AWQ competition.

Chair: Richard Moniuszko [studentprograms@WACHH.org]
Academic World Quest Chair: Cathy Robine

Membership

Develop a strategy for rebuilding and retaining membership that includes planning and administering the annual renewal drive, conducting member surveys, coordinating new member orientation, and leading the Community Ambassador program. Community Ambassadors lead membership and renewal drives in their communities.

Chair: Lynn Cordy [Membership@WACHH.org]
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Finance

Assist the Treasurer in overseeing the finances of WACHH and provide advice to the Board on all finance and accounting matters.

Chair: Dave Borghesi
[Treasurer@WACHH.org]

Development

Create and implement WACHH’s development strategy to attract business sponsors, Distinguished Speaker sponsors, and donations through various initiatives (year-end fundraising, Birdies for Charities, etc.).

Chair: Rick Mitchell
[Development@WACHH.org]
Business Sponsor Liaison: Peter Cooper

Marketing

Develop and implement WACHH’s marketing strategy to build awareness of WACHH’s programs, attract sponsors, and attract new members. Responsibilities also include producing the Quarterly Newsletter and Annual Report, and developing marketing materials.

Chair: Cindy Petitt [VicePresident@WACHH.org]

How do we get such great speakers?

The Program Committee begins planning for the Distinguished Speakers Series a year in advance. For example, planning for the upcoming 2023-2024 session started in September 2022. Program planning typically kicks off with a brainstorming session to identify potential areas of focus, such as high impact global issues and trends, prominent thought leaders in international affairs, countries or regions that haven’t been covered in a while or that are of emerging importance. Each Committee member takes a topic, thought leader and/or country/region to further research. As prospective speakers are identified, their biographical information and videos of past presentations are shared with the whole Committee for vetting and to prioritize recruitment efforts. Assigned Committee members then start the often arduous process of trying to contact prospective speakers, which may involve reaching out to numerous sources who may be able to facilitate an introduction. Once contact is established, an invitation is extended, and if accepted, a date is agreed upon.

Given the profile of the speakers targeted, a Committee member may devote several weeks recruiting a speaker only to experience an unsuccessful outcome. In fact in some years, the Program Committee may reach out to as many as 30 or 40 prospective speakers before locking in confirmations for all speaker slots. WACHH is fortunate to have such a dedicated Committee that perseveres year after year to bring in engaging speakers and keep our members informed of world affairs.
Fast facts

**the weekly quiz**
- Average score: 7.52
- Highest number of perfect scores by a single member: 14
- People have taken the quiz, as far away as Australia: 623

**we have...**
- Members: 780
- New members: 211
- Members for 15+ years: 35

**members are from**
- Bluffton: 20%
- Hilton Head: 75%
- Outside SC: 5%

**average attendees at Friday Distinguished Speaker Series events**: 380

**average livestreams**: 39

**guests attended**: 517

**increase in revenue from sponsorships**: 71%

**members made donations**: 19%

**highest number of views on a social media post**: 1600

**And it is a fact...**

...that we would like to thank our former Executive Director, Maureen Korzik, who retired in February 2023. Her contribution, warmth, and tireless efforts have been invaluable to WACHH.
The World Affairs Council of Hilton Head educates, engages and inspires its members, local high school students, and our larger community on matters of international importance by:

- Bringing 14 internationally recognized experts to our local area each year.
- Providing a safe place for people of different views to participate in facilitated group discussions that are both stimulating and civil.
- Working in partnership with our local school system to offer unique learning opportunities to high school students.
- Creating opportunities to meet others with broad international experiences and from diverse careers such as national security, foreign policy, military, academia, multinational business, and economic/humanitarian development.

Over the past 42 years, WACHH has represented Hilton Head Island/Bluffton as a vibrant community of intellectually curious people who want to stay current on international affairs.

What is our Value Proposition?

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