



## MINUTES

AMCHAM BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING, MARCH 4, 1994

Participants: Rick Mayo-Smith, Michael Scown, George Neilans, Chris Heerin, Buck Titsworth, Charles Benoit, Jennifer Cano

- **Events**

- 1) **March Luncheon** - Rick Mayo-Smith reported that he had invited Madame Chi Lan of the VietcoChamber to be speak at the next lunch. Notice to be given to members once she confirms. Owen Jones to look for additional speaker in case Madame Lan is not available. Coopers and Lybrand will be presenting a brief tax seminar for interested members following the lunch.

- 2) **Kellogg MBA Students** - George Neilans reported that he received a request from the Kellogg MBA program to arrange a meeting for a group of visiting students to speak with some members about Vietnam's business climate. George will arrange a small coffee for students to speak to some members.

- **Government Relations**

- 1) **Senate Staff** - It was reported that Citibank has proposed sponsoring a trip for Senate Staff to visit Vietnam. Citibank would like to do this in conduction with AMCHAM. It was agreed the HCMC Chapter does not have the funds to contribute to this delegation, but would certainly organize events if such a delegation were to visit.

- 2) **Position Paper** - The AMCHAM position paper needs to be revised. Regional AMCHAMS papers will be collected and Michael Scown will work on a redraft.

- **Charity Committee**

- 1) **Heart to Heart** - AMCHAM will make tentative arrangements for a reception or the Heart to Heart organization in case the medical supply delivery does occur. All agree that the logistics for carrying out this effort are very difficult to organize.

- 2) **HCMC Poverty Alleviation Program** - Charles Benoit reported on HCMC's poverty alleviation program through the BDTP. The program grants low interest loans to individuals and families with proposals for income generation projects. The Committee will consider this program as it identifies charities that AMCHAM may contribute to in the future.