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Babiak Re-elected President

TWG President Mykola Babiak was re-elected to his second term by a unanimous vote at The Washington Group's annual meeting February 25.

The meeting also approved TWG's participation in the formation of the Federation of Ukrainian American Business and Professional Associations, which was launched in Washington the following day, and heard a report on the latest political developments in Ukraine from two members of the Council of Advisers to the Ukrainian Parliament—Ian Brzezinski and former TWG vice president, Myron Wasylyk.

Mr. Babiak, a Washington attorney and consultant who will lead the nation's largest Ukrainan professionals organization into its second decade, said that he would appoint a committee to study new directions TWG might try in the future. The

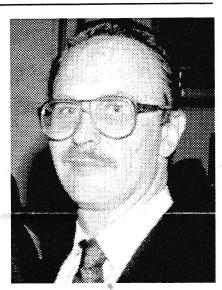
Membership Renewal

Please check your address label for the expiration date of your membership. If it is past or near due, fill out the renewal form and return to TWG before April 15 to be included in the first Ukrainian American B&P Federation membership directory.

panel would look into the possibilities of finding new sources for funding, forming new kinds of memberships, having a paid staff, acquiring office space, etc.

Board of Directors

In addition to Mr. Babiak, the new Board of Directors has many veterans from last year's board, including Andrew Bihun, an industry sector manager with the Commerce Department, as vice president; Michael Terpak, president of Signal Design (See BABIAK on Page 10)



TWG President Mykola Babiak

Lydia Chopivsky Benson Picked To Head First B&P Federation

Former TWG president Lydia Chopivsky Benson was elected the first president of the newly formed Federation of Ukrainian American Business & Professional Associations.

After almost a year of preliminary discussions, The Washington Group and 7 other Ukrainian-American business and professional associations launched the national federation February 26. The final decision was made during an inaugural meeting of its charter members in Washington:

The Buffalo Group, Ukrainian

Business & Professional Group of Chicago, The Ukrainian Graduates of Detroit/Windsor, Ukrainian (See LYDIA on Page 10)

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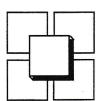
Thank You



New Members

- The Board of the TWG Fellowship Fund would like to express its gratitude to the following donors to the Fund: Eugene Lemcio, of Seattle, Washington, \$15; and Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Tymkiw, of Millersville, Maryland, \$150.
- The TWG Board of Directors would also like to thank Bohdan Buchynsky, of Glendora, California, for providing TWG with a subscription to the Foreign Affairs magazine.

CORRECTION: A notice in the last issue about Slavko Nowytski's videos contained a typo in his phone number. The correct number is 202-338-7636.



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The President's Annual Report

The following is TWG President Mykola Babiak's annual report, presented February 25, 1994, to The Washington Group Annual Meeting:

The activities of the past year can be encapsulated by the word "partnership." That was the theme of the 1993 Leadership Conference, at which more than two dozen panelists and speakers expounded on that concept. That same theme prevailed throughout most of TWG's activities in 1993. Indeed, TWG strove to embody the role of partner through relationships in various areas:

- 1) With other Ukrainian groups and communities. TWG jointly planned and/or sponsored events with Philadelphia's Ukrainian Professional Society (Memorial Day Weekend Beach Bash; Lviv Management Institute students' itinerary); UMANA (US Armed Forces medical mission to Ukraine); and Baltimore (Ukrainian Independence Day picnic). TWG is also currently playing the role of catalyst in bringing closer to reality the formation of a Ukrainian-American national federation of professionals.
 - 2) With non-Ukrainians. TWG sponsored several

speaker events of interest to the non-Ukrainian community and we have made efforts to attract such an audience. We were occasionally able to enlist the co-sponsorship of non-Ukrainian organizations: Meridian International and Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) were among our partners in such efforts. TWG will continue to cultivate these and other contacts in order to network with academics and officials.

3) With native Ukrainians. TWG is often perceived as a valuable and reliable resource for high-level officials and for individual activists within the nascent non-governmental movement in Ukraine and is frequently called upon for advice or logistical support. Among Ukrainian visitors to Washington were Lviv Management Institute students; the mayor of Kiev; representatives of 15 Ukrainian non-governmental organizations who wanted to share their concerns and wishes; and a delegation of 13 Ukrainian government economic officials and advisors, led by Minister of the Economy Roman Shpek.

Over the past twelve months TWG sponsored the following activities, featuring a wide range of guests:

March 5, 1993	Shevchenko Poetry Readings.			
March 21, 1993	Viktor Pynzenyk, Vice-Premier of Ukraine, Minister of Economics.			
March 26, 1993	Vladimir Hromish, Ukrainian-Croatian lawyer, editor, and			
	Julian Tamash, Ukrainian-Croatian professor, in "Brother Against Brother,"			
sala i sa yanasinggiy	a discussion of the status of Ukrainians in war-ravaged Yugoslavia.			
April 25, 1993	Ccuntess Ute Baudissin, Director, Goethe Institut (Reception at Goethe Institut).			
May 29-31, 1993	Wildwood Weekend Bash co-sponsored with UPS of Philadelphia.			
June 30, 1993	Mykola Zaloudiak, representative of Ukraine's president in Poltava Oblast,			
	Olexander Lavrynovych, Vice-Chairman of Rukh,			
	Valery Sholudko, assistant to Ukraine's Procurator General			
	Discussing the political and constitutional ramifications of the power struggles in Ukraine.			
	(Reception at Meridian House)			
July 22, 1993	M. Zavada—dinner/roundtable discussion			
Aug. 22, 1993	Ukrainian Independence Day Picnic, Columbia, MD, (with Baltimore community).			
Oct. 8-10, 1993	1993 TWG Leadership Conference, at Georgetown University Conference Center.			
Oct. 16, 1993	Lviv Institute of Management students—dinner and roundtable discussion.			
Oct. 24, 1993	Orysia Paszczak Tracz: "Erotic Symbolism in Ukrainian Folk Songs" audio lecture.			
Nov. 4, 1993	Robert M. Cook, Director of Insurance Operations, Ukrainian National Association,			
	Insurance products seminar.			
Nov. 18, 1993	V. Nesterenko, Mayor of Kiev—dinner and roundtable discussion.			
Nov. 22, 1993	Eugene Lemcio, President of Ukrainian-American Club of Washington State,			
	Dinner and discussion.			

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Dec. 3, 1993	Yaromyr Oryshkevych, Askold Mosijczuk, Inia Yevich: "The Health Crisis in Ukraine" Video and commentary by Ukrainian-American medical officers participating in US military mission to Ukraine (with Ukrainian Medical Assn. of North America, UMANA).		
Dec. 4, 1993	Meeting/discussion with representatives of Ukrainian non-governmental organizations		
Dec. 10, 1993	TWG Christmas Party.		
Jan. 10, 1994	Mykola Deychakiwsky, Deputy Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Kyyiv		
	Katya Bowers, director of Counterpart Service Center, Kyyiv		
	Reflections of TWG members on the ground in Kyyiv.		
Jan. 26, 1994	Roman Shpek, Ukraine's Minister of Economy, with high-level delegation of Ukrainian		
	economic officials and advisers (with Johns Hopkins SAIS).		
Feb. 7, 1994	Marijka Helbig and Anatolij Popadiuk, AUSCOPRUT.		
	Consultants on investment in Ukraine, joint venture business presentation.		
Feb. 25, 1994	Myron Wasylyk, director, Council of Advisors to the Ukrainian Parliament, Kyyiv		
	Ian Brzezinski, director, National Security Programs, Council of Advisors, Kyyiv.		

I believe that an imminent announcement will prove to be a watershed event for the Ukrainian-American community: the launching of a national Federation of professionals organizations. TWG has been involved in this process from the start, has taken part in all three steering committee meetings to date, and, if the Board recommendation is accepted, will be a charter member of the organization.

TWG is blessed with a large member pool of qualified, dedicated, like-minded individuals who are able and willing to employ their substantial influence for the good of our community. Utilizing the talents of its members, TWG will continue to work to raise the visibility of its members, of Ukraine, and of the Ukrainian-American diaspora, and to air issues of concern, especially among the non-Ukrainian populace.

To ensure continued effectiveness, however, TWG must embark on a serious long-term review of its strategy, with special emphasis on ultimate restructuring of the organization.

Thanks to all who gave generously of their time and energy by serving on the Board of the Directors and the Auditing Committee this past year. Many of you have been perennial players, and it is a measure of your dedication that you continue to be actively involved in TWG's ongoing maturation.

Special thanks go to TWG Vice President Andrew Bihun, whose advice and encouragement gave impetus to many of our activities.

Mykola Babiak TWG President

A letter from Lviv:

Dear Mr. Babiak:

On behalf of the Institute of Management in Lviv, Ukraine, I want to offer my most sincere gratitude for your help and support in the 1993 Student Internship Program. We were all amazed by the amount of time and resources that went into making the program a success.

I truly believe that the internship in the United States is a valuable experience for the business students at the Institute. Judging from the business activities of our former graduates, I can predict that the 1993 MBA

graduates will become business leaders in their communities and will contribute to the slow but sure process of reform in Ukraine. I know that these students have gained a new perspective and a strengthening of will due to their experiences on the internship.

We invite you to come visit us in Lviv! It is a wonderful old city and we would be honored to assist you in any way possible. Thanks again for all your assistance.

Seasons greeting,

Valerie Wright LIM Program Development U.S. Peace Corps Ukraine 1993-4

TWG News

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Actress Seeks Stardom

The following article by Whitney Wyckoff about TWG member Luba Demchuk is being reprinted with the permission of The Fairfax (Virginia) Journal, in which it appeared December 10, 1993.

s an actress just starting out in Hollywood, Burke native Luba Demchuk is often relegated to the background of movie scenes. But Demchuk, 27, is in the spotlight in Ukraine, where earlier this year she filmed her first starring role in a feature film.

The Ukrainian language film— A Night of Questions—is a contemporary love story about an actress who falls in love with a doctor in the time between two successive New Year's Eves. It recently opened in Ukraine, and is scheduled to be released with subtitles in selected U.S. cities in spring 1994.

Demchuk was cast as the actress by Ukrainian film director Tatiana Mahar, who met her last year on a visit to the United States.

For Demchuk, whose parents immigrated from Ukraine, no film could be more appropriate for her big break.

"To do a film like this, one that touches on my heritage, was really something I appreciated," she said.

Growing up, Demchuk attended a Ukrainian school in Silver Spring on Saturdays and studied Ukrainian folk dance at summer workshops in upstate New York. She visited Ukraine with her grandfather for two weeks after graduating from Lake Braddock High School, but, she said, she didn't see the real

Ukraine until this year.

"I spent five months in Kiev living with the people, talking to them, eating with them," Demchuk said, her voice growing soft. "It's so different from America, it's not possible to even compare the two places."

It was the hardship Ukrainians face every day that struck her, Demchuk said.

"Things are really bad there economically. You see a lot of people struggling. We didn't see fresh milk for three months. I don't know how they feed their children," she said.

While a food shortage made Demchuk concerned for the health of those around her, technical glitches made her fearful the film wouldn't stay on schedule.

"They don't have the best equipment over there, and there was a problem with the camera," she said. "We had to reshoot about half the movie."

A transportation strike added to the troubles, but filming was completed in April, and Demchuk returned home to plan for her move out to Hollywood.

Like many neophyte actresses, Demchuk has joined the Screen Actor's Guild and is searching for an agent. Unlike many others like her, however, she has no plans to get a restaurant job to pay the bills.

"You can actually make a living as an extra, and that sure beats waiting tables," Demchuk said,



Screen Actress Luba Demchuk

laughing. "That way, you're on the set and can learn while you're working."

So far, Demchuk has found work in such upcoming films as "Beverly Hills Cop 3" with Eddie Murphy and "Love Affair" with Warren Beatty and Annette Benning.

"I grew up falling in love with movies, so that's my favorite medium," Demchuk said. "But most of my work so far has been on the stage, which I also enjoy, because you get an immediate response from the audience."

rom an early age, Demchuk began dreaming of pursuing an acting career.

"I just always knew that I wanted to be an actress," she said. "There's a freedom in it that I like. My cousins and I used to pretend to be other people, and they grew out of it, but I never did."

While at Lake Braddock, Demchuk was active in the drama department. She went on to earn a

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Actress...

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degree in theater from Southern Methodist University in Texas. Then she appeared in productions at a variety of Washington area theaters, including the Source Theatre and the Kennedy Center, where she taught aspiring child actors their craft.

When she was cast in A Night of Questions, Demchuk headed to Harvard University's Ukrainian Research Institute to improve her language skills. She hopes there will be more opportunities to prepare for an important role in a feature film.

"I know I'm not going to be playing Lady Macbeth in the movies anytime soon, because I have to work my way up," she said. "But I hope I won't be just an extra for long."

Although she likes romances, Demchuk said she'll consider any



HEALTH CARE CRISIS IN UKRAINE was the subject of a video presentation and discussion by three TWG members of a U.S. military medical aid mission to Ukraine in 1993—Dr. Inia Yevich, Dr. Yaromyr Oryshkevych (second from right) and Dr. Askold Mosijczuk (right). They were accompanied by Col. Leonid Kondratiuk. The Dec. 3 evening was co-sponsored by the Washington Chapter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America.

type of role to get experience.

"I'm not going to limit myself," she said. "Hollywood will do that for me."

No matter what roles she ends up playing, Demchuk said she'll do her

best to imagine what life must be like for her characters, just as she did in *A Night of Questions*.

"If people believe me in a role, then that's what's important," she said.

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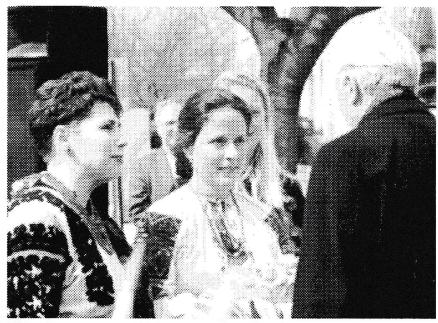
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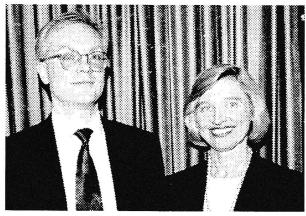
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ROMAN SHPEK, Ukraine's Minister of the Economy, reports on his country's economic situation during a TWG-sponsored panel discussion Jan. 26 at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He was joined 15 other high Ukrainian government officials, including National Bank Chairman Victor Yushchenko, Presidential Advisors Anton Buteiko and Bohdan Havrylyshyn, and Deputy Finance Minister Borys Sobolev. TWG Vice President Andarew Bihun was moderator.

TWG in the NEWS



UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT LEONID KRAVCHUK'S visit to Washington in March, while not a TWG event, had a lot of active TWG participation. Former TWG Board members Marta Jarosewich (center) and Sophia Caryk (left) greet Mr. Kravchuk at the Shevchenko Monument with the traditional bread and salt. George Chopivsky opened the ceremony. Earlier, TWG President Mykola Babiak was in the delegation welcoming Mr. Kravhuk to Washington and attending the news conference following his White House talks with President Clinton. Mr. Babiak presented Olympic gold Medal medal skaters Oksana Baiul and Viktor Petrenko, who accompanied the Ukrainian president on his U.S. visit, with official TWG T-shirts.



ON THE GROUND IN UKRAINE, an informative evening Jan. 10 featuring two TWG members making a contribution to Ukrainian development—Mykola Deychakiwsky of the Renaissance (Soros) Foundation and Katya Bowers of Counterpart Service Center.

EROTIC Symbolism in Ukrainian Folk Songs, a TWG-sponsored audio lecture Oct. 24 by Orysia Paszczak Tracz, made the point that there's a lot more to all those folk songs about Marusia, the kozak, his horse, and the well than your mother, father, Ukrainian school teacher, Plast and SUM counseler let on to (or knew about).



From the Editor

TWG Goes into Cyberspace

If you've taken a good look at the application/membership info form on the last page-and you should have, to check the mailing label to see if your membership has lapsedyou would have noted two new blanks added to the form, for your Fax number and E(lectronic)-mail. Many people in most of the advanced world, Ukraine included, are using one or both as very reliable methods of quickly and effectivelyand cheaply-communicating with someone across town or halfway around the world. In the case of e-mail, and using Internet, it's also a way of communicating with entire communities of people or special interest groups.

Marijka Oharenko (also known to those of us in cyberspace as "73374.2157@compuserve.com" and a few other similar e-mail names, became, as far as I can recall, the first TWG member to file a story to the TWG News using e-mail (see her story on this page). She did it from Redondo Beach, California, through CompuServe, which is one of her connections to the information superhighway, through Internet, the international network that connects computer networks around the world, to America On Line, which is my commercial connection (varob@aol.com). It took but a few minutes to reach my mailbox.

I pulled in her message from AOL that evening, saved it to my hard disk, did some minor editing—no need to scan or re-type, introducing typos and misspelling—and pulled it into the DTP layout of this TWG News, and here it is. In her article, Ms. Oharenko (in cyberspace

she's known mostly as Marijka) reports about a European forum on CompuServe that includes a lot of information about Ukraine. On Internet, there are other, similar forums, or "lists," that one could tap into and participate in. We plan to devote a good part of the next issue to this subject. Many people have access to

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without knowing about it. If you are on any commercial on-line services (like CompuServe, America On Line, Genie, etc.), are a teacher or student at a university (and in increasing numbers of high schools), if you work for the government, a major firm or organization, especially if it deals with communications, computers, defense, environment, etc., a museum or library—you probably already have access. Check it out (at the office, I'm ybihun@usia.gov).

In the meantime send in (or better yet, e-mail in) those fax and email numbers and any notes, stories, suggestions, comments you may

have. If you're still using regular mail, send it to the TWG, P.O. Box 11248, Washington DC 20008. If using e-mail, send it to any of my e-mail addresses listed above.

—Yaro Bihun

LOOKING FOR A FRIENDLY HAVEN ON THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY?

The following articles was received via e-mail from TWG member Marijka Oharenko. TWG News encourages other members to write and send in (best if by e-mail) stories on e-mail, Internet and related topics. (Unrelated topics are welcome as well.)

TWG members and other CompuServe subscribers interested in Ukraine and Ukrainian issues are invited to visit the European Forum, Eastern European section (using the GO EURFORUM command).

In the last couple of months, this section has developed into informative and fairly lively "cyberspace" for sharing of information on news from Ukraine, debates on the diaspora and Ukrainian nuclear weapons, Oksana Baiul kudos, etc. The section topic is all of Eastern Europe, but much of the traffic has been about Ukraine, coming from England, Canada and around the United States. Postings include daily news about Ukraine.

Because of the increasing traffic, TWG associate member and frequent section contributor Marijka Oharenko, Redondo Beach, California, was invited to be a section leader and join the European forum's "sysops" (system operators).

"For those interested in Ukraine, I hope this section can grow into a true electronic bulletin board, in-(See Superhighway on Page 9)

TWGEESE SOAR

The TWG GEESE played Alevel volleyball again in Montgomery County, Maryland, last fall. The season started off strongly, with the GEESE surpassing their previous season's win record in only the first 3-game set.

The first night's victories foreshadowed a winning season for the GEESE, who placed second in the Tuesday Night Division with a 13-8 win-loss record.

It should be noted that TWG GEESE was the only team to humble the otherwise undefeated first place team, SETS MANIACS, not once but TWICE! Okay, so one game was won on a forfeit; the other was a fair and square, dramatic, hair-raising, 15-13 TWG GEESE victory.

Second place in the Division



The intimidating TWG GEESE volleyball team: (*L to R, front*) Ihor Vitkovitsy, Tamara Gallo, Markian Hawryluk, Larysa Kurylas and (*rear*) Olenka Dobczanska, Roman Kramarczuk, Louise Sabol and Ihor Kolcio.

qualified TWG GEESE for a slot in the A-Level County-wide playoffs. TWG's first opponent was APRIL—the first place Sunday Night Division team. Game 1 ended in defeat for the GEESE, but TWG determination and spirit prevailed in games 2 and 3. High level drama characterized the 15-11 last game: precision plays, awesome

spikes, demoralizing blocks, and creative SLAVA cheers both before the game and during time-outs (e.g. Brati...SLAVA!, Sviato...SLAVA!, Yaro...SLAVA!, Msti...SLAVA!)

Despite a second appearance by TWG Cheerleading Squad Captain Martha Jarosewich in the semifinals, this time with an assist by Roman Stelmach, who traveled all the way from Columbia, the GEESE could not advance to the finals. Utilizing its unique Vformation defense (a.k.a. the krukru-kru defense), TWG GEESE won the first game decisively against STARS & SPIKES. Unfortunately, the GEESE could not pull out a win in the third game, due to the overpowering skunking they received in the second.

TWG GEESE wishes to thank the cheerleaders who attended the play-off games and, of course, the Washington Group for providing the dapper T-shirts. A well-dressed team is always intimidating.

For 1994 season information contact team manager Larysa Kurylas at (202) 797-8236.

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cluding comprehensive local and worldwide event schedules, fastbreaking news, constructive debates on key issues and help for those who want to know more about Ukraine and Ukrainians," she writes.

This section can be a timely medium for your mediawatch alerts, organization announcements and sharing of information you get from your e-mail contacts in Ukraine. Marijka also suggests that this section is a good place to exchange information with those interested in Ukraine's European neighbors.

CompuServe basic membership is \$8.95 a month. Connect time on

this forum, as for all CompuServe extended services, is \$4.80 to \$9.60, depending on your modem's baud rate. "With a bit of practice and clever use of offline editing, you can make daily 'stops' in the section without breaking your budget," Marijka says. When you first sign on, please introduce yourself—all comments, criticisms and contributions are welcome.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Marijka at any of her e-mail addresses:

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- MCIMAIL at i.d. # 430-5073.

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Corp., as membership director; and board members at large Lydia Chopivsky Benson, business manager with United Psychiatric Group; Laryssa Chopivsky, vice president of Commonwealth Broadcasting Co.; Orest Deychakiwsky, of the congressional Helsinki Commission staff; and Yurij Holowinsky, a Washington area consultant.

Roman Stelmakh, a business analyst with Bendix Field Engineering Corp., joined the board as treasurer; while last year's secretary, Orysia Pylyshenko, a program director with the National Forum Foundation, joined the at-large board ranks, as did Maria Kulczycky, project editor with Warren, Gorham, Lamont; and Ksenia Kuzmycz, a diagnostician at Kingsbury Center.

Steven Boyduy, a systems engineer with Concept Automation Inc., retained his seat on the auditing committee, where he was joined by Baltimore CPA Taras Charchalis.

Board Meeting

During it's first meeting March 15, the board elected Ms. Kulczycky as the new public relations director and named Michael Drabyk, a computer specialist with Bell Atlantic, to be a board member at large. The board also decided that the duties of the two remaining board executive positions—secretary and events director—will be performed by board members on a rotational basis.

(See the complete list of the new TWG Board of Directors on Page 11.)

Reporting on the previous year's activities, Mr. Babiak said that it was a year of building and acting through "partnerships"—with other Ukrainian-American and non-Ukrainian American organizations,

and with Ukrainians in Ukraine (See the text of his report on Page 3).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Kun noted in his report that while TWG is in the black by \$8,262, the fiscal year 1993-94 had a deficit, with revenues of \$29,065 being outpaced by expenses by a total of \$4,167. Much of the blame was placed on deficit-producing events, including the otherwise highly successful 1993 Leadership Conference, which lost \$2,946.

Membership

There was also a loss in the membership column, as reported by Michael Terpak, who took over the membership chairmanship at the end of 1993. On the day of the annual meeting, he reported, TWG had 249 members—123 full, 113 associate, 8 student and 4 honorary. The previous year's total was 382. Part of the difference, he said, could be attributed to his not being aware

of the two-month grace period for renewing memberships as well as to the fact that renewal notices had not been sent out during the past year.

Fellowship Fund

TWG Fellowship Fund Chairman Orest Deychakiwsky reported that the fund awarded four grants during the past year totaling \$2,250. Since 1990, he added, the Fellowship Fund awarded \$10,712 to ten fellowship recipients from Ukraine, who needed support to utilize Washington area resources.

The Fund conducted a successful direct-mail fundraising campaign n 1993, he said, in which 60 donors contributed \$4,080 to the Fund.

Mr. Deychakiwsky reported he is stepping down after four years as chairman but will remain on the committee; Adrian Karmazyn agreed to take over the chairmanship. The committee also includes Truvor Kuzmovych, Andrew Mostovych and two new members—Orysia Pylyshenko and Ihor Procinsky.

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American Professionals & Business Persons Association of NY & NJ, Ukrainian Professionals Society of Philadelphia, Ukrainian Technological Society (Pittsburgh), Rochester Ukrainian American Business & Professional Association, and The Washington Group.

Ms. Chopivksy Benson, a business manager with the United Psychiatric Group in Washington, served two terms as president of TWG (1991-1992).

TWG President Mykola Babiak serves on the Federation's committee of national directors.

Participating member organizations concluded that the federation will enhance their effectiveness individually and collectively by sharing information, know-how and resources, and by broadening the professional and social network for its 1,000-strong membership.

The kick-off meeting finalized the federation's basic organizational structure, established short- and long-term projects, elected its executive committee and committee of national directors, and set June 1994 as the target date for the publication of the Federation's first joint newsletter and directory.

Each organization has two representatives serving on the Federation's committee of national directors and executive committee. (See list on Page 11.)

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Federation of Ukrainian American Business & Professional Associations 1994-95

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Washington Group Calendar

April 22 Friday Evening Forum on "Historic Preservation in Ukraine," with Arnold Berke, executive editor of Historic Preservation News of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. At the National Trust, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

"Ukraine After the Elections," with Roman Popadiuk, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, and Federal Judge Bohdan Futey, who has advised the Ukrainian Government on legal reforms and monitored the recent elections. At the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Kennan Auditorium, 1750 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington; time to be announced.

Aug. 21 Ukrainian Independence Day Picnic in Columbia, Maryland. Exact time and place to be announced.

October 14-16, 1994

Annual Washington Group **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The Georgetown University Conference Center Washington, D.C.

Note weekend change from past years: this year's conference will be on the weekend following Columbus Day.

The Washington Group Membership Information/Application Form

TWG is an association of Ukrainian-American professionals who live throughout the United States and in several countries of the world. It offers its members an opportunity to meet and get to know each other through a variety of professional, educational and social activities. TWG NEWS is a monthly newsletter for TWG members, and a membership directory, published for members only, helps them in networking.

To apply for membership, please fill out the form below and mail with a check to:

The Washington Group, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, D.C. 20008.

(The Board of Directors considers membership applications at its monthly meetings.)

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