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JURISDICTION:
STATES OF MISSOURI, KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

MEXICAN POPULATION IN THE CONSULAR JURISDICTION


MEXICANS REGISTERED IN THE CONSULATE

Source: Mexican Ministry Of Foreign Affairs

MEXICANS REGISTERED IN THE CONSULATE PLACE OF BIRTH

Source: Mexican Ministry Of Foreign Affairs

MEXICANS REGISTERED IN THE CONSULATE SCHOOL GRADE

Source: Mexican Ministry Of Foreign Affairs
WHAT IS IT? AND HOW IT OPERATES

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BOARD OF ADVISORS OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEXICANS ABROAD

- Formed by leaders chosen by their own communities.
- There are 115 advisors elected by their own communities for a period of 3 years.
- 10 representatives of Latin organizations in the USA.
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), National Hispanic Bar Association (NHBA), New American Alliance (NAA), United Farm Workers (UFW), U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), Hispanic American Center for Economic Research (HACER), National Association of Hispanic Colleges and Universities (NAHU).
- 32 Delegates of the States of the Mexican Republic

COMMISSIONS

- Health Commission
- Political Issues Commission
- Legal Issues Commission
- Border Issues Commission
- Education Issues Commission
- Economic and Business Commission
- Media and Communication Commission

IME Advisors in the State of Missouri:
* Mr. Heracio A. Pérez, Counselor for Missouri
* Mr. Ricardo Olivares, Deputy Counselor
* Mr. Ramón Murguía, Counselor for Own Merits.

IME PROGRAMS

- Education
- Culture
- Economic
- Health and Sports

Education

- Spanish Text Book Program: 675 thousand books donated in the USA, Kansas City Consulate donated 3,500 in 2006.
- Study Groups: (Plazas Consultivas) up to December 2006; 237 opened in the USA, K. C. Consulate 5; Guadalajara Centers, S.G, MAD, CCA Midland, Oklahoma, Human Development Corporation of St. Louis, St. L, MAD
- Teacher Exchange Mexico-EUA: 1,000 proceeding from 22 states (2003-2006), benefitted students: 90,000.
- Educational Scholarship: 3,000 benefitted students, 265 advisors, and 112 program coordinators in 2006.
- IME Programs-Education: 4 informative Journeys (2003-2006)

Objectives:

- To promote a better knowledge of the public policy of the Mexican Government in regards to Mexican migrants education matters.
Culture

- Trinational Gastronomic Week: It is organized in collaboration with the Cultural and Arts Council, Foundation for the Agricultural Productivity, owners, Ohtli, Mexican Restaurant Executive in the United States and Canada. For the 2005, the Consulat of Kansas City, Missouri, through the Council of Mexican Expatriates of Kansas City, Mr. Raúl Barreto, IME, Conseiller for Missouri, plans to organize a gastronomic show in July.

- Gastronomic Information Workshops: 2 Workshops (2005-2006). With the purpose of promoting cultural national identity with the public, "The Mexican Feast is evident" which favors exchanges of experiences among the participants. Representatives of 27 cities from the United States and 4 from Canada attended last year. Mrs. Maria de Jesus Perez, from El Prado, Kansas, was the winner of the gastronomic workshop in Morelia, Michoacán.

- Ohtli Award: Ohtli means "Opening Roads" with this medal the Mexican government recognizes the Community leaders that have dedicated part of their professional life on behalf of the Mexican community.

Economic

- 3+1 Program for Migrants: Program created in 2002 to join resources, actions, and efforts among Mexican communities, Municipal, State, and Federal Government to elevate the quality of life of the population of the communities of origin of the Mexicans living in the U.S.A. Governmental offices involved: SEDESOL, IME, State and Municipal Government. This Consulate works together with the Programme of the Alpaca Organization in a project of this type.

- My house in Mexico: Created in 2005 to obtain credit to buy a house in Mexico. It is directed to the Mexican that live in a Foreign Country. Participants affiliated Hypercarnes Federal (Federal Mortgage Society) IME, and El Consejo Nacional para el Fomento de la Vivienda (National Council for Housing Development) which is the promoter of the program.

- Talent Network: Initiative made by the CONACYT, Mexico/USA Foundation for Science and the Institute for Mexican Abroad IME. Created in 2004. The goal is to establish contact with the professional scientists and Mexican Businessmen in the United States to optimize their knowledge and to develop talent in Mexico. This Consulate has identified approximately 100 professionals, who have stated their interest to consolidate their own Talent Network in our Jurisdiction.

Health

- Popular Insurance for the Migrant: It is a public and voluntary medical insurance for Mexicans living abroad that are not affiliated to the IMSS or the ISSSTE. Their families however must be registered in Mexico, at the IMSS or the ISSSTE. It was created in 2005. Responsible Organizations: Department of Health, National Commission for Social Protection.

- Manual of Reproductive And Sexual Health for Migrant Women: It is a tool for persons that work with women that are in the process of moving to the United States or are all ready living in the USA. The workshop can be applied throughout any Organization that assists migrant communities. It was created in 2005. Responsible Organization: Women National Institute.
Health and Sports

– Informative Journey IME: Health: It was created in 2003, consisting of 3 day workshops, through this event participants get to know the persons that work in the Health Area in the United States and Canada, how the system and service work in Mexico. Organizations involved: SRE, IME, Mexican Ministry of Health.

– Informative Journey of IME: Sports: It was created in 2003, it consists of workshops, meetings directed to leaders of sports areas abroad for the promotion of programs maintained by the Mexican Government in physical recreation areas and sports for Mexicans living in the United States and Canada. Organizations Involved: SRE, IME, CONADE, (NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT).

INFORMATIVE AND MEDIA AGENDA.


• Information Bulletin LAZOS: Electronic service with information elaborated by IME, distributed dialy to more than 11,000 people and community leaders, it covers subjects of interest to the Mexican community abroad. Created in 2003.