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**US or US and Them**

**Foreign Policy and the Next Presidency**

The 2008 National Conference will be held February 7 and 8. Capitalizing on the election season, this year's theme will focus on foreign policy and the presidency. The title is ***US or US and Them: Foreign Policy and the Next Presidency***. This year the conference will be at a new location, the J. W. Marriott Hotel located just blocks from the White House. The conference will include panels with former government officials such as Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski as well as former heads of state such as former Mexican President Vicente Fox for a panel on the US relationship with our neighbors.

There will be a one day staff workshop on February 6 and the National Board Meeting on February 9.

**New Program Director**

**Christie Roberts**

Ms. Roberts has a master's degree in international studies from the University of Denver and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Brandeis University. After completing her master's, she spent 10 months in Amman, Jordan, on a long-term USAID-funded graduate fellowship.

She has worked with a number of nonprofits and member-driven associations in addition to her ten years of experience in the restaurant and retail industries. Most recently, Ms. Roberts has developed proposals and provided research and administrative support at a consulting firm specializing in infrastructure projects in francophone Africa and created a knowledge management system at Public Education Network (PEN). She speaks French, Spanish and introductory Arabic.

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## President George H.W. Bush

**March 3-20, 2008**

Join President Bush in Beijing on a pre-cruise hotel-based trip for a keynote address and custom touring. Then fly to Hong Kong to embark the luxury Silver Whisper 388-passenger ship and sail to Shanghai, Seoul, Nagasaki, Taipei and back to Hong Kong. In addition to President Bush's keynotes, U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry and leading academics will lecture. Post-trip option to Vietnam with Secretary Perry. From \$15,595 plus airfare. Limited Space!

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## NewsNotes

\* We offer our condolences for the World Affairs Council of Oregon and the family of Michael Carnahan who passed away suddenly on June 28. To read more about Michael, [click here.](#)

\* There will be a Chairman's Circle event in London from September 12 - 14 with optional activities on September 15. The program will focus on security issues in the United Kingdom. Space is limited. If you are interested in more information or joining the Chairman's Circle, please contact us at [waca@worldaffairscouncils.org](mailto:waca@worldaffairscouncils.org).

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