

## **BSUCLA JOINS WITH PROFMEX**

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In April, the Border States Consortium on Latin America (BSUCLA) held its annual meeting in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies meetings in Park City, Utah, and voted unanimously to disband the organization in order to allow member institutions to devote their resources and energies to PROFMEX.

BSUCLA was founded in 1969 by the presidents of San Diego State University (SDSU), the University of Arizona (UA), The University of New Mexico (UNM), and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Their goal was to unite their institutions in projects fostering teaching and research related to Latin America in general and to the U.S.-Mexican border in particular as well as to sponsor collaborative enterprises among the members Four other institutions subsequently joined BSUCLA. UCSD, Arizona State University (ASU), New Mexico State University (NMSU), and Pan American University (PAU)

During its thirteen-year history, BSUCLA obtained federal funding to carry out several general projects, gave support to member institutions for conferences and workshops, published a monograph series and funded Latin American research by individual scholars and groups within the consortium.

At the April 15 meeting, BSUCLA representatives (**Jerry Ladman**, ASU; **Louis R. Sadler**, NMSU; **Chad Richardson**, PAU; **Thomas M. Davies**, SDSU; **Theo Crevenna**, UNM, and **Susan Deeds**, UA presiding) heard PROFMEX president **James W. Wilkie** stress the important role that the BSUCLA treasury could play in providing the critical mass of funds necessary to support PROFN/EX in its organizational phase and in its publications Because of BSUCLA's traditionally strong Mexican orientation, the members felt that their institutions would be better served by association with PROFMEX.