

Harlan F. Rosacker

Harlan Rosacker retired from the U.S. Information Agency after serving for eight years as the Director, Office of Personnel. He was a member of the Foreign Service Grievance Board from 2003 until 2008 and was reappointed in 2011.

He was appointed to the Foreign Service in 1966 and served in Laos from 1967 until 1969 -- as Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer in Vientiane and as Branch Public Affairs Officer in Luang Prabang. After twenty months of intensive Japanese language training in Yokohama, he managed the Embassy's media relations program in Tokyo from 1971 until 1976. He was transferred to Washington in 1976, spent one year as a Congressional Fellow and then worked as a Career Counselor in USIA's Foreign Service Personnel Division. In 1980 he converted to the Civil Service and held several positions overseeing USIA's Civil Service and Foreign Service personnel systems, including Foreign Service assignments, training, labor relations, and policy development. He served as a member of the Board of the Foreign Service and the Board of Examiners.

Mr. Rosacker graduated from Stanford University in 1963 with a BA in political science and then spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English in Thailand. In 1966 he received a Master of Arts in Teaching from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. After retiring he did graduate study in gerontology at the University of Maryland. He has been a singing member of the Choral Arts Society of Washington for 28 years and also been an active volunteer and board member at IONA Senior Services in Washington.

He and his wife live in Washington, DC.