

ATAD Board - Minutes of ANNUAL Meeting

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

FINAL

Present: Debra Allwell, Dean Ekberg, Sharon Garofanello, Pedro Gomez-Pupo, Tom Greiner, Sue Isgrigg, Leslie Knox, Michael Lauria, Peggy Lull, George Morgan, Elaine Morel, Rosalba Pisaturo, Millie Poventud, Leah Stormo, Marina Sweany.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by President, Peggy Lull.

Introduction of Board Members and Guests: There were no guests in attendance.

Minutes of previous annual meeting: As the minutes of meeting for the previous year are currently unavailable, the Board voted to authorize a vote by e-mail this summer once Elaine connect with the previous Board Secretary.

Motion of Substance: Elaine Morel

There is no motion of substance during 2012-13.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

All AO students are paid in full. A draft budget proposal for 2013-2014 will be presented for your consideration at the monthly meeting, on June 4. We are solvent. Our bills are all paid.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

The committee addressed changes to forms required for compliance with State Department and CSJET guidelines.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

We had 2 AOs from July 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Host Families: Karen Grover

Six year students placed: 2 from Majorca, SPAIN; 1 from Rennes, FRANCE, 2 from Caltanissetta, ITALY, 1 from Krakov, POLAND and 2 semester students placed from Arequipa, PERU.

Two students returned home: 1 from Caltanissetta, ITALY and 1 from Majorca, SPAIN.

Fundraising: Dean Ekberg

We met our fundraising goals this year.

Website - Social Media: Keith Crossley & Michael Lauria

This year, I have set up the first public Association for Teen-Age Diplomats Facebook page for marketing the program online. Since then, the page has gained 18 likes, and has created 9 posts. I have been contacted by a thoughtful student via the page as well. Next year the page should be recommended to all people in contact with ATAD and so it should gain awareness, and therefore, use.

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

The four required reports were filed with the State Department on time and copies were made for our CSIET audit. All required board members received their online training. Full year and semester students were registered with SEVIS and their fees paid.

CSIET: Pedro Gomez-Pupo

This year we changed audit companies for our yearly CSIET compliance audit. Stone Bridge Business Partners is our new company. Both the audit process and the experience with the new company were very positive and uneventful. Consequently, a more specific organization system was developed for AO and IS binders to facilitate this coming year's compliance audit information gathering process.

Outreach: Alicia Ward

The Gary Simon scholarship candidate, Nyheir Oldfield, was presented to the Board of the Rochester School District on June 20, 2013 at 6:30PM.

Activities: Sharon Garofanello

We organized a variety of activities including welcome and farewell picnics at the beginning and the end of the year; an event with the Mayor at the City Hall; our Seniors luncheon, and international dinner; various orientations for the students and their parents; and many fun activities.

Programs:

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

It has been an inactive year for the Rochester/Würzburg exchange: we had neither AOs nor ISs. But fortunately Karl-Heinz Utschig has recruited a student named Max Langhans to come here next year. We have a host family, but as of this writing, have yet to hear from Brighton High School as to whether he can attend school there.

I'm hopeful that our new recruiting efforts planned for local high schools this fall will yield AO applications at the end of the year.

Arequipa: Tom Greiner

We had 2 IS from Spain in 2012-13.

Iquitos: Barb Pellicano

There were no students from Iquitos in 2012-13.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

The program was inactive from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 There were no IS or AO students.

Rennes: Millie Poventud

We had one IS from Rennes, France. the experience was very positive for both the IS and the host family. Angélique turned out to be the perfect example of a mature, decisive, and goal-oriented exchange student.

There were not AO to Rennes this year. Still working to locate potential liaison in Rennes.

Krakow: Leah Stormo

ATAD hosted one International Student from Krakow for the 2012-2013 school year.

Majorca: Sharon Garofanello

I had two IS student for the 2012-2013 academic year. One student went home before the school year started, Laura Julia Melis. Maria Mar Perez attended Victor Central.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

One AO, Michael Centanni, participated in the 2012 summer program in Caltanissetta. Two IS, Sara Alessi, participated in the 2012-13 school year at Gates Chili High School. She did not complete the year and returned to Caltanissetta in September 2012. Carla Cordova completed the year and went home in June 2013.

Bamako: Tonya Thompson

The Bamako program was inactive this year.

Nominations: Barb Pellicano

The following people whose terms are up and have agreed to continue on the Board are:

Debbra Allwell	Host Families
Crossley, Keith	Webmaster
Dutcher, B. Andrew	Consultant
Isgrig, Sue	State Department Rep. Officer
Lauria, Michael	Social Media Coordinator
Morel, Elaine	Board Secretary
Pisaturo, Rosalba	Chair, Caltanissetta

George Morgan was appointed as a Board Member in April 2013 and will continue for a full term.

A motion was called to re-elect the members listed above. The secretary accepted the motion.

The meeting was adjourned June 4, 2013 at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Morel, Secretary