

# **ATAD Board - Minutes of ANNUAL Meeting**

**July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

**FINAL**

**Present:** Debbra Allwell, Dean Ekberg, Sharon Garofanello, Pedro Gomez, Tom Greiner, Karen Grover, Sue Isgrigg, Leslie Knox, Peggy Lull, Elaine Morel, George Morgan, Barb Pellicano, Rosalba Pisaturo, Millie Poventud, Tonya Thompson, Alicia Ward, Bob Wason.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by President, Peggy Lull.

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

**Minutes of previous annual meeting:** The Board voted to approve the Minutes of last year's meeting, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

## **Motions of substance: Elaine Morel**

There are no motions of substance passed during 2014-15 for example, no new programs, contracts, or legal agreements were added to ATAD. The Board voted however to extend only for this year, the Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship date to submit an application.

## **Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg**

A budget proposal for our 2015-2016 fiscal year will be presented for the Board consideration at the monthly meeting, on June 2, 2015. We are solvent. Our bills are all paid.

## **Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull**

The committee had no changes required to forms for compliance with State Department and CSIET guidelines.

## **Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

We had no year AOs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

## **Host Families: Karen Grover**

For the 2014-2015 school year, 5 students were placed: 1 from Majorca, Spain; 2 from Peru; 1 from Würzburg, Germany; and 1 student from Novgorod, Russia.

**One applicant who was accepted in our program did not come for personal reasons.**

**The one student from Novgorod, Russia was moved from her first home to a second home. She remained in the same school.**

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**Alexandra from Iquitos, PERU was placed in Hilton H.S. The Whittemore family hosted her.**

**Maria from Majorca, SPAIN was placed in York H.S. and was hosted by the Morgan family**

**Elisabeth from Wurzburg, GERMANY was placed in Pittsford Mendon H.S. and was hosted by the Regnier/Fabian family.**

**Jose from Arequipa, PERU was placed in Fairport H.S. and was hosted by the Tribotte Family.**

**Sasha from Novgorod, RUSSIA was placed in Fairport H.S. and was first hosted by the Dowdy family. As of Feb. 26, 2015 she moved into the home of the Meteyer family.**

**Fundraising: Bob Wason**

We did not meet our fundraising goals this year.

**Website Development: George Morgan**

ATAD continues to add useful information in its newly designed website, such as bios of students looking for host families in Rochester, and approved minutes of meeting.

**State Department: Sue Isgrigg**

Six students were registered with the State Department and one did not come because of personal reasons. In December we filed for re-designation but have not heard back from the State Department. The four required reports were submitted to the State Department electronically and on time.

**CSIET: Pedro Gomez-Pupo**

**Internal unofficial audit process started this year. CSIET no longer requires ATAD for a formal one. Binders were collected and reviewed. Informal J-1 Inbound Audit was generated by independent consultants.**

**Outreach: Alicia Ward**

For program year 2014-2015, there was one sole applicant and candidate to the Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship even when the deadline was extended. Zhana Thompson, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader of World of Inquiry was the recipient of the scholarship.

**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:**

**Bamako: Tonya Thompson**

The Bamako program was inactive this year.

**Wurzburg: Bob Wason**

We had 1 IS from Germany in 2014-15.

**Arequipa: Tom Greiner**

We had 1 student from Arequipa in 2014-15.

**Iquitos: Barb Pellicano**

There was one student from Iquitos in 2014-2015.

**Novgorod: Marina Sweany**

There was 1 IS student from Russia.

**Rennes: Millie Poventud**

No specific liaison available this year. Previous Rennes exchange student and parent still interested in position as liaison. On potential student this year, but withdrew at last minute.

**Krakow: Leah Stormo**

There were no students during 2014-2015.

**Majorca: Sharon Garofanello**

We had one IS student for the 2014-2015 academic year. **Maria was placed in York High School.**

**Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo**

For the 2014-2015 academic year, we had no exchange.

**Nominations: Barb Pellicano**

The following people have agreed to continue for another 3-year term:

Tom Greiner

Bob Wason

Marina Sweany

Barbara Pellicano

The following people who are not continuing on the board:

Leah Stormo

Michael Lauria

The following members have agreed to be nominated for officer positions:

Chairman of the Board – Peggy Lull

President – Sharon Garofanello

Treasurer- Dean Ekberg

VP of Host Families – Elaine Morel

Secretary – Iva Doser - A new member who was invited to come this evening but was unable to attend. She sent a mini bio for the group.

VP of Americans Overseas

We have reached out to 2 former board members, one of whom may be interested in being our VP for AO's. We are waiting to hear back and we hope to have positive news to share with the board very soon.

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

The meeting was adjourned June 2, 2015 at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Morel, Secretary