

ATAD Board - Minutes of ANNUAL Meeting

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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Present: Sharon Garofanello, Dean Ekberg, Marina Sweany, Peggy Lull, Alicia Ward, Tonya Thompson, Bob Wason, Sue Isgrigg, MJ Stark.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM by President, Sharon Garofanello

Minutes of previous annual meeting: The Board voted to approve the Minutes of last year's meeting, from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 with all corrections made.

Motions of substance: Iva Doser

There are no motions of substance passed during 2018-19 for example, no new programs, contracts, or legal agreements were added to ATAD.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

A budget proposal for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year will be presented for discussion and a vote at the meeting.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

In 2017-2018, after the annual report was submitted, the committee revised the Background Check Directions, the International Student Pre-Departure Letter, and the International Student School Contact Information form.

In 2018-2019, the committee revised the International Student Application and the Treasurer position description.

The committee is currently in the process of revising the Program Chair position description.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

We did not have any AO for 2018-2019

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We placed five full year students and one semester student for the 2018-2019 school year. These students were from Spain, Russia, Germany and Peru. One student changed host families during the year.

Fundraising: Bob Wason

Hannah Kemmer, from Cologne, was our only student this year. She came to us courtesy of George Morgan. Hannah had a great year, though we did have some bumps in the road early on. Some boys at school were bothering her, but that got straightened out by the guidance counselor and others pretty quickly. Then there was the matter of Randy's noting (fortunately!) that her bedroom was out of compliance with the building code. That also got straightened out quickly, simply by moving her to the adjacent room, which had proper access to the outside. She had a great social life, making friends who promise to visit her, and did excellent work at school: during the third marking period she was even on the honor roll. When I spoke to her on Sunday at the picnic, I could have taken her for a native American.

This coming year will be the twentieth anniversary of my daughter's participation in the ATAD Rochester-Würzburg Exchange, the event that got me involved in ATAD shortly thereafter. I think this anniversary is an appropriate time for me to step down as chair of the Würzburg Program. Here I note that Karl-Heinz Utschig was the liaison at the time that Julia went there. I very clearly remember our first meeting at his office where he was head of the Public Transportation Network. He takes great pride in Würzburg, and in his personal acquaintance with people of influence there. He's done a tremendous job for us, and if and when he decides to retire from his role, we need to do something to thank him. My hunch is that it might be in the not-too-distant future. I don't know whether he's groomed a successor, or just what will happen there next. Given Germany's position in the EU, regardless of present problems with that organization, it would be a great loss if there were no successor to Utschig. Fortunately, we're much better off on this side of the Atlantic. I welcome my successor, Randy Peacock, who, given his experience, needs no grooming whatsoever, and I look forward to the new ideas he will bring to the program.

Website Development: George Morgan

Nothing new to report.

State Department: Deb Allwell

The transfer of the State Department representative from Sue Isgrigg to Deb Allwell was completed September 2018.

The paperwork for the Re -Designation of ATAD was submitted March 29, 2019 to the State Department. This process takes place every two years, allowing ATAD to operation as a sanctioned State Department program.

Four International Students were registered with the State Department for the 2019- 2020 academic year. A fifth is pending.

Four required reports were filed electronically and on time. They are the Annual Report (submitted July 2018), Change of Placement Report, Fall Student Report and Second Semester Student Report. The annual verification of officials was completed electronically and the proposed DS 2019 request allotment was completed and six spots were requested.

The State Department discontinued the online annual training and requested a training plan for ATAD. Training material was made available to the Board members for preparation for the test that will be administered in June.

Since June 2018 five students were registered with the State Department as in country and the forms for each of the students with the welcome letter from the US Department of State, Bureau of Education & Cultural Affairs have been mailed out to the high schools in September.

CSIET:

ATAD has filed for another year and is listed on CSIET for the 2019-2020 school year.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

Nothing new to report.

Activities: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

No activity report for the year as there were no students for 2016-2017 school year.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

One student - Alba Maria Garcia-Calderon Lopez

Iquitos: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report, no students.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

This year we had two students from Novgorod, Russia: Anna Ranuste and Alena Arymskaya. Anna was attending Webster Thomas School and Alena-Rush Henrietta Senior High school. Both students had positive experiences, stayed with the same families and succeeded academically. They celebrated American holidays, participated in many events, visited places in the communities and traveled with their families.

Rennes:

Nothing to report.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

No annual report.

Majorca: Barb Pellicano (interim)

Mallorca 2 students- Vicente Martin Garcia Marcos

Maria Gomez Castresana

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

No report for the year because there were no exchange students from Italy.

Nominations: Barb Pellicano

Guillaume Yoboue is Chair for Rennes, France

Randy Peacock will be chair for Wurzburg, Germany

The following people are not continuing on the board:

Bob Wason / Chair of Wurzburg / Fundraising

Bob will continue on board as a consultant.

The following members have agreed to be nominated for officer positions. This is our slate of officers for this coming year:

- Sharon Garofanello – President 3rd term
- Iva Doser – Secretary
- Peggy Lull – Americans Overseas and Policies and Procedures Chair
- Deb Alwell - State Department
- Sue Isgrigg – Host Families

Available positions on the Board:

Chair, Arequipa, Peru

Chair, Majorca

Chair, Krakow, Poland

The vote has been cast for the slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned June 4, 2019 at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser