

# ATAD Board - Minutes of ANNUAL Meeting

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, Randy Peacock, Dean Ekberg, Guillaume Yoboue, George Morgan, Barbara Pelicano, Les Knox, Peggy Lull, Sue Isgrigg, Alicia Ward, Tonya Thompson

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 2019-20 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:**

The committee is currently in the process of revisiting the Program Chair position description and the Host Family Orientation document.

**Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

We had two AO for 2019-2020 year. A RCSD student traveled to Arequipa, Peru for the summer of 2019. A Medina, OH student (her mother was an ATAD AO) traveled to Majorca, Spain for the summer of 2019.

**Host Families: Sue Isgrigg**

Five student were placed for the full year. They were from France, Spain, Italy and Russia. One student changed host family. All students went home in March due to the corona virus crisis.

**Website Development: George Morgan**

Nothing new to report.

**State Department: Deb Allwell**

Since June 2019 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. Due to Covid-19 all five of our students, as of Sunday March 29, 2020, returned to their home countries. All five were from Europe and could take commercial flights home. None of them or their host families tested positive or had been quarantined for the Covid-19. Due to their early departure from the program ATAD completed the recommendation of entering "shorten program" in the Sevis website.

The paperwork for the Re -Designation of ATAD was submitted March 29, 2019 to the State Department and approved on August 21, 2019. This process takes place every two years, allowing ATAD to operation as a sanctioned State Department program.

Four required reports were filed electronically and on time. The Annual Report was submitted to SEVIS in July, as well as the Change of Placement Report/Spreadsheet. 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 eight spots were requested. ATAD requested/submitted allotment of 8 students for DS 2019 submissions for the 2020-2021 school year, however due to Covid -19 we have cancelled our program fro the 2020-2021 academic year

The State Department discontinued the online annual training and requested a training plan for ATAD for the 2019- 2020 academic school year. Training material was made available to the Board members for preparation for the test that will be administered every June.

**CSIET:**

We paid the annual fee and are renewed for one 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 Spain – 1 student (Miquil Amenguel Verdera)

**Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo**

For the academic year 2019-2020 we had one IS student: Marina Buscemi.

Due to the Corona virus and the closure of schools, Marina returned home on March 21st.

**Nominations: Barb Pellicano**

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

- Alicia Ward – Chair, Bamako
- Mary Jane Stark– Social Media
- George Morgan- Website Provider
- Rosalba Pisaturo – Chair, Caltanissetta
- Les Knox – Consultant

The following people who are not continuing the board:

Dean Ekberg - Treasurer

This is our slate of officers for this coming year.

- Sharon Garofanello- President 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Iva Doser – Secretary to the Board
- Peggy Lull– American Overseas and Policies & Procedures Chair
- Deb Alwell – State Department
- Sue Isgrigg – Host Families
- Treasurer – Mary Jane Stark

Available positions on the Board:

Chair, Arequipa

Chair, Mallorca

Chair, Poland

Fundraising

The vote has been cast for the slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned June 2, 2020 at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser