

# ATAD Board - Minutes of ANNUAL Meeting

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

FINAL

**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Guillaume Yoboue, Suzanne Isgrigg, Barbara Pellicano, Les Knox, Jody Waite, Randall Peacock, George Morgan, Deb Allwell, Tonya Thompson, Alicia Ward, Marina Sweany, Rosalba Pisaturo.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Sharon Garofanello

**Minutes of previous annual meeting:** No minutes for end of the year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 due to COVID restrictions and no enrolled students in the program.

## **Treasurer's report: MJ Stark**

Our expenses for the year were just over \$7K with most of our fees going to insurance and to our accountant. I think the attached report shows the details a bit better and clearer. Total assets are just over \$126K, down about \$2K from last year.

**New Business** - A motion was passed for "ATAD to establish an Outstanding Service Award This will be awarded annually to an individual or organization that is chosen by the ATAD board. A plaque will be presented at the Annual Meeting in June each year." The award was presented at the annual meeting, June 7, 2022.

## **Policies and Procedures Committee:**

Due to the pandemic, the committee did not meet during the 2021-2022 year.

## **Host Families: Sue Isgrigg**

A few high schools started to accept exchange students in June. We were able to place a student from Spain in Webster Schroeder High School for September 2021. We placed a student from Australia in Brighton High School for second semester. We received three completed applications for September 2022.

## **Website Development: George Morgan**

Nothing new to report.

## **State Department: Deb Allwell**

The paperwork for the Re-Designation of ATAD was submitted April 2021, 2021 to the State Department. This process takes place every two years, allowing ATAD to operation as a sanctioned State Department program. It was approved August 27, 2021

One International Student was registered with the State Department for the 2021- 2022 academic year. That student attended a local high school for the academic year 2021-2022. We also had a student from

Australia who was a dual citizen so therefore we did not have to register her with the State Department for the academic year. She is the third student in the last twelve years that travelled on an American passport.

Two required reports were filed electronically and on time. They were the Annual Report (submitted July 2021) and Second Semester Student Report. The annual verification of officials was completed electronically on 12/3/2021 and the proposed DS 2019 request allotment was completed and six spots were requested.

We held orientations and social activities approximately once a semester. Examples included an over night trip in October to Canadaigua Lake and a rock climbing wall event at Dick's Sporting Goods store in May 2022. This allowed our students to get to know each other and the host siblings.

We had fewer international student apply to come. Maybe that was due to the pandemic and the political climate in the US.

Finding host families continues to be a problem. There are several other programs in our area and fewer families are willing to take our students. In the past, high schools have helped us find host families but this year they didn't help much. The number of international students dropped and we were able to place all of them.

We did not have any AO's 2021-2022 year.

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 was administered in May 2022.

**CSIET:**

We paid the annual fee and are renewed for one year.

**Americans Overseas – Peggy Lull**

Due to the pandemic, we had no AOs for the 2021-2022 year.

**Outreach: Tonya Thompson**

Nothing new to report.

**Activities: Barb Pellicano**

No report.

**Programs:**

**Bamako: Alicia Ward**

No report

**Australia - Guillaume**

Overall, everything is fine. Sarah had a wonderful experience in Rochester. At this point, she looks forward to her dance recital at Brighton High School on Saturday 6/18 at 6:00 pm.

She made many friends: Delaney who lives next door, and other friends such as Avora, Jack and two others. She will leave the U.S. on 7/10: excited to see everyone in Australia, but will miss folks here in the U.S.

**Mallorca Spain: Barb Pellicano**

**1 student - Martin Garcia-Marcos, Manuel**

**Nominations: Barb Pellicano**

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

Guillaume Yoboue  
Peggy Lull  
George Morgan  
Tonya Thompson  
Alicia Ward  
Marina Sweany  
Peggy Lull  
Mary Jane Stark  
Iva Doser

This is our slate of officers for this coming year.

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

Positions available:

Chair, Mallorca, Spain  
Chair, Arequipa, Peru  
Chair, Krakow, Poland  
Caltanissetta, Italy – Sharon Garofanello

Joseph McClaney... interested in joining the board  
Mallorca Spain – (Barb Pellicano and Marina Sweany will chair for our 2 incoming students from Mallorca, Spain 2022-2023)

The vote has been cast for the slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned June 7, 2022 at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser