

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

January 3, 2023

Final

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Peggy Lull, Deb Alwell, Guillaume Yoboue, Jody Lehr Waite, MJ Stark, Randall Peacock

Call to order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:08 pm by President Sharon Garofanello. The minutes from November meetings were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report:

The company we use for background checks is charging an additional \$20/month for background checks. Looking for any other companies that provide background checks.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

Host Families is going to be very busy. We have five completed applications, three girls from Spain, a girl from Italy & a boy from Italy. We also have twin students from the Canary Islands that we will place if we can find homes for a regular partner's five students. The Bennet family from Webster has agreed to host Maria from Spain. They have hosted her two brothers in the past. Please start helping find homes. Several districts will only accept student applications by February or April.

We need to decide who the program chair will be for each student. I assume Barb Pellicano will want to chair Maria since they are in the same school.

I have checked with Pittsford Rec to get a room for the International Dinner in March. Pittsford has not opened reservations past March 18 and won't open them until March 1. I will be away much of March. Can we have the dinner Sunday, March 5? The time is from 4 to 7 pm.

We need to confirm the program chair for the students from Italy and Spain.

CSET:

Nothing new to report.

State Department:

On December 5, 2022, the annual verification for the Responsible Officers (RO) and Alternate Responsible officers (ARO) was completed.

The act requires an annual verification that all users who access a federal system (Sevis) have both the business need and the authorization to access the system.

As for ATAD, the RO is Debra Allwell and the ARO is Suzanne Isgrigg.

We need an updated list for our international liaison.

Website Update: George Morgan

The bios of the new potential students are up on the website.

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Alba celebrated Christmas with her host family. She got some of her favorite foods from home and shared them with her family. She is interested in doing some traveling to NYC and other places. She is going to wait until spring to do anything. School is going well for her.

Marina – Spain

Guillaume visited Laura on 11/5. She loves her experience here. She is playing volleyball and auditioning for the school play.

Alicia – Bamaco

Nothing to report.

Barbara Pellicano - Spain

Lara is doing well in school. Her family did NYC trip and did some sightseeing.

In the end of the meeting Jody suggested sharing information highlight to the community featuring the exchange students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser