

# ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

January 2 , 2024

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**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Deb Allen, Randall Peacock, Peggy Lull, Guillame Youboue, Barbara Pelicano, Marina Sweeney

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:10 pm by Sharon Garofanello. The minutes from November 2023 meetings were approved.

**Treasurer's report:**

Nothing new to report.

**Host Families: Sue Isgrigg**

There are currently three student bios listed on our website. A boy from Italy wants to come for the summer. A boy from Italy wants to come for fall semester. A girl from Russia wants to come for the whole school year. If there are other applicants, let Sue know asap. If you have any leads for host families let Sue know so she can get started. Pittsford requires all applications by March 1. Brighton requires all applications by April 1.

Sue would like board approval to offer \$100 refunds to International Students who find us a host family for next year. Board approved the motion.

There is another student from Würzburg who is interested in coming as an exchange student in a year.

**CSIET:**

Last month Sue received the first notice the renewal is due in January. Sue will take care of that. In February we will get a notice for renewal

**State Department: Sue Isgrigg**

Our Responsible Officer, Jody Lehr, has resigned. Sue Isgrigg was Assistant Responsible Officer so she has been temporarily made the RO. We are currently looking for a new person to fill the RO role. If interested let Sharon know. Sue will train you.

**Activities: Randy Peacock**

International Dinner will be February 11 at Kings Bend Lodge in Pittsford. The flyers will be distributed soon with the exact time.

**Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

We have one applicant.

**Website Update: George Morgan**

Everything is up to date. We have had great inputs from e-mails in the last couple months on the website.

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## **Guillame Youboue**

### Ariane Amantegi Aguirre (Spain)

Per my phone conversation with host mother Rosa:  
Ariane is well-behaved now. No complaint from the family.

Per my phone conversation with Ariane:

Everything is fine. School is fine and she has been making more friends with some players on the girls lacrosse team .

Carl and the girls went to New York City to visit Carl's brother in downtown Manhattan. They did a lot of sightseeing visiting yacht clubs and walking through Chinatown. Everything is going well. Host mother Rosa could not go with them as she went to New Mexico to assist a dear friend on the verge of Parkinson's Disease.

Ariane looks forward to working with the girls' lacrosse team. They work out from 3:00 to 5:00 pm after school. Unfortunately, Ariane is under the weather, most likely tired from the long trip as Carl drove to and from NYC.

Ariane looks forward to going to the Amerks game and is excited to see hockey on ice.

### Alice Lumens

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Guillame went to the house to say goodbye to Alice around 9:30 am. Alice had 4 big suitcases. They left Brighton around 10:00 am for Toronto (Canada) and would fly to Toulouse (France) from there.

She arrived home safely.

## **Sharon - Angelica**

She spent the holidays with the host family and celebrated with families in the area. Everything is going well with her and her host family. The Italian professor from RIT suggested for Angelica to have a tour in the spring at the campus and see what the next steps for her progression might look like.

## **Marina**

Astrid turned 18 and had a birthday party. She is doing well in school and active in Diversity Club and participated in karaoke.

## **Randy Peacock - Majorca**

It is difficult to get in touch with Lucia. Her parents came to visit at Thanksgiving. She said that everything is going well. Randy will be visiting her in person.

## **Deb Allen**

No report

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## **Alicia – Bamaco**

No report.

## **Barbara Pellicano – Mallorca**

Teresa is doing well both at home and at school. She is all done with the swim team and her next club will be , ski club.. she is looking forward to that very much. This begins on January 11th. She had a wonderful Christmas and New Years celebrating with family and friends eating and playing board games. Her top 3 gifts were .. a Buffalo Bills sweatshirt, A swim team jacket, and a sweater that's says " I'm so freaking cold" .. that's because she's always saying she's cold. She thought that was very funny.. overall she is doing great!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser