

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

May 7, 2019

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Present: Sharon Garofanello, Peggy Lull, Iva Doser, Dean Ekberg, Guillaume Yoboue, Barb Pellicano, Les Knox, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Bob Wason, Marina Sweany, Tonya Thompson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at PM by President, 7:06 pm Sharon Garofanello.

Order of business: The order of business was reviewed and accepted without change.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Board Members approved the minutes from April 2019 without change.

New Business – new board member training in June. Date TBD.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are copies of standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports

- Funds previously held in UBS account have been moved into 2 CDs and 1 savings account with CNB. The combination of low yield on the fund in which we had been invested and high annual service fee from UBS facilitated this decision.
- AO fees have all both been paid in full. Travel plans can be made whenever it is appropriate.
- I will propose an amendment to the 2018-2019 budget at Tuesday's meeting to accommodate the imminent presidential trip.
- Please send me any information you may have that should be considered in preparing the budget proposal for 2019-2020.
- Please send me an email confirming departure dates for current IS kids, **even if nothing has changed since I enrolled them.** Their insurance must remain in effect until ATAD is no longer responsible for them.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We have moved our student from Peru to a new home. The Radesi family in Geneseo was a host for ATAD seven years ago. The school and the State Department were notified.

We have seven students applying for September. We have host families for five of them. All the paperwork is being finished so we can file for their visa paperwork. Pittsford Sutherland accepted two students. Rush Henrietta and Avon accepted a student. We are waiting to hear back from Livonia. We still have a boy from Russia and a boy from Spain to place. Let Sue Isgrigg if you have any potential host families. From the home interviews we learned that two of the host siblings are interested in applying to be AOs next year.

Host Family orientation in August and last Saturday in September will be the overnight at Sue's house.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

Both AO applicants have host families, and both have recently paid the final installment of their fee. Orientation will be scheduled soon.

State Department: Debby Allwell

I am in the process of submitting several DS 2019 with the State Department for our students to be able to get their VISA's. When completed I will contact the corresponding Program Chairs to advise when the packages will be sent out to the students.

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Also several weeks ago the SSSP Program of the U.S. Department of State 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.

CSIET:

No report.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

The Policies & Procedures Committee met in April. Two documents were recently sent to George to add to the website: the IS Application, and the Treasurer "position description."

If you are a program chair, please contact your liaison this month to let them know that a new version of the IS Application is available. If you know your liaison is comfortable retrieving documents from the website, then let them know it is available. If you know your liaison tends to use paper documents, then you may wish to email them and attach the new application.

Our next meeting will be in June.

Website development: George Morgan

The site is up to date and all the minutes are uploaded. New documents are added to the website - treasurer position description is added and all the board positions updated.

Sue Isgrigg's email will be posted on the website as a contact person.

Ad-hoc committee is meeting tentatively this Thursday.

Social Media: Mary Jane Stark

No update. Suggestions to get an update when students get placed. It is beneficial to have the website updated at all times and social media pointing to current available students.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

No report.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

The Senior Luncheon was APRIL 23, 2019 and was a great success.

Our final end of the year picnic will be June 2.

ISCOR – June 22 and 23 students from Hoch Schule from Wurtzburg performing at the Rochester Jazz Festival

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

Hannah continues to do well. When I spoke to her this past Sunday (5/5), I asked if she felt the year had been successful, and she answered with a resounding yes. She was in a school show on Saturday night that went well, and she says that she has made a number of friends who

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promise to visit her in Cologne. Her English, which was already quite good in the beginning, was nearly accent-free on the phone.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Alena is on the team for soft ball, she is keeping score, not playing. She enjoys being on the team. She finished her RIT film class and did well on the finals.

Anna went to California with the family. She started biking to school. She has almost all As.

Rennes: Guillaume Yobo

Florian is coming as an exchange student and the host family is excited to meet him. He is accepted in Pittsford Sutherland and arriving in August. Guillaume met the host family as well.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

Nothing to report from Krakow.

Majorca:

1. I met with Maria Gomez on Thursday, April 11th. We had a ten minute conversation and she assured me that she was doing well and enjoying her time with the Allen's. She continues to do very well in school. I am waiting on her third report card but I doubt there will be any concerns given her past performance.

2. A bit of a crisis arose between Alba and her host family. Communications has been quiet for a couple of weeks and I was hoping that they had worked out the concerns that had been expressed by Amy Phelps earlier in Alba's stay. Unfortunately, Amy contacted me on April 9th to inform me that she was going to have a "difficult conversation with her" that evening. This devolved into Alba calling me to say that Amy had been yelling at her and she needed help to get out of the household. Amy informed me that Alba had made friends with Olivia Radesi and that the Radesi family had hosted ATAD and other exchange students in the past. The Radesi family agreed to take ALBA in for the remainder of her stay in Geneseo.

I moved Alba on April 11th to the Radessi home. They were very happy to take her in and made last minute arrangements for her to travel to Florida with them two days after she moved in. Suzanne Isgrigg and have completed the host family interview and all of the applications, references, background checks and other documents have been completed and Alba is now officially residing at the Radesi household.

I received a copy of Alba's report card and she is doing very well in school achieving As and high Bs in all of her classes.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

Vicente Martin Garcia-Marcos

Vicente is doing well. He is doing fine in all of his classes and did well third quarter. He may be going to prom. Overall, Vicente is having a positive experience

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Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

I was in Caltanissetta during the Easter week and met Marina who is very excited about coming as an exchange student. A family in Avon is willing to host her and we have received acceptance at Avon High School. Next week I will visit the family with Sue Isgrigg and we will process all necessary paperwork. Rosetta Costa has passed the leadership of Culturscambi to her granddaughter Giorgia Moscarelli. Giorgia will be supervised by Rosetta and Claudio Ginevra for a while, but she is capable and prepared to take on the job.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM May 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser