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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th March 2011
Procès-verbal de l'Assemblée Générale Ordinaire du 28 mars 2011

DATE: 28th March 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lycée de Sèvres, 21 rue du Docteur Ledermann, 92310 Sèvres.

PRESENT:

Active members (voting)

Represented by:

APESA (Association des Parents d'Elèves de la Section Anglophone) du Lycée Honoré de Balzac	Derek Erb
Lycée Charles de Gaulle, Dijon,	Pascal Charpentier
Section Anglophone, EAB Étoile	Ivan Karaivanov
Section Anglophone Parents, EAB Étoile	Paulette Farchakh and Anna Perry
English National Programme, Ferney-Voltaire	Peter Woodburn,
Association ALA-ELP, Ferney-Voltaire	Julie Badoche
Section Anglophone du Collège International, Fontainebleau	Shaun Corrigan
APE de la Section Anglophone du Collège International, Fontainebleau	Craig Walker represented by Shaun Corrigan
Section Anglophone Cité Scolaire Internationale de Lyon	John Cadden

Notre-Dame St-Sigisbert, Nancy	Denis Laroque
APESIA, Nogent-sur-Marne	Anne Delon
British Section, Lycée International, Saint-Germain en Laye	James Cathcart
APE de la Section Britannique du Lycée International, Saint-Germain en Laye	David Gage
SIS, Collège de Sèvres (Département Anglophone)	Paddy Salmon and Ann Potonnier
SIS, Collège de Sèvres (Département Anglophone) Parents	Christopher Spencer represented by Paddy Salmon

MEETING

The agenda was taken as read.

1. President's Report

- 1.1 The President, Paddy Salmon, welcomed the members attending and summarised his report which was circulated in its English and French versions. The report (to be placed on the website) reminded members of the growth in ASIBA members, the 3rd Congress of the FDEI, website developments, retirement of long-term Board members and the growth of the OIB.
- 1.2 A question was raised in relation to the OIB Brochure and the President confirmed that this is now also available French and has been posted on the ASIBA website.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 2.1 The Treasurer, Ivan Karaivanov, reminded members that the accounts, comprising statement of income and expenditure for the accounting year 2009-10, balance sheet as at 31st August 2010 and provisional budget for 2010-11, had been send to all members by email in advance of the meeting.
- 2.2 The Treasurer commented on the documents and reported that the finances of the association are in a healthy position with a credit balance of around €4,500 on the Livret A. The main use of funds has been in respect of the regular teacher-examiner training sessions with the Cambridge inspectors (four sessions per year), the translation of the website and up-dated handbook translation.
- 2.3 The Treasurer, who had succeeded Philip Shaw-Latimer in November, confirmed that he would continue to use the kind services of the St. Germain bursar, Evelyne Berger, as regards the operation of the bank account, including depositing and issuing cheques.

2.4 The meeting approved the income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and provisional budget.

3. Membership

3.1 The General Secretary, David Gage, reported on membership.

3.2 ASIBA is delighted to welcome new members this year, namely Notre-Dame Saint-Sigisbert, Nancy, Lycée Gustave Flaubert, Rouen and Lycee Pontonniers, Strasbourg, as well as its parents association APELEVIS.

3.3 The General Secretary advised that ASIBA now has 34 fully paid up members, representing 20 schools, with only two subscriptions outstanding for this year (which have been reminded).

4. Developments concerning British OIB

4.1 Peter Woodburn made a presentation on the OIB [copy of outline notes to be posted on the website].

4.2 Peter Woodburn reminded the meeting that the number of candidates for the British OIB has increased year on year from 189 in 1999, to 391 in 2005 and 703 in 2010, with an expected figure of around 780 this year with the schools in Lille and Grasse presenting candidates for the first time. Furthermore the schools in Brest, Nancy, Dijon, Rouen and Caen are likely to be presenting candidates in the coming years.

4.3 The organisation of the OIB will have to continue to adapt to meet the challenges this creates as it has successfully in the past. There has been no change in the arrangements for the oral exams where the examiner and moderator will continue to work in tandem. The Paris area now has two examining centres, St. Germain and Fontainebleau, by decision of the DGESCO after extensive consultation.

4.4 The Ministry is proposing to make changes to the Bac programme notably as to the place of History-Geography within the science stream which will impact the programme for OIB science students. However representatives of DGESCO have indicated that a document with appropriate derogations for the OIB will be issued soon which seems reassuring.

4.5 Peter Woodburn further commented that the great challenge remains maintaining the OIB's current high standards despite the increasing number of students and OIB schools. A discussion took place on the recognised linguistic standards of the OIB (C1 or C2 within the European common language framework).

4.6 It was noted that Philip Shaw-Latimer's extensive knowledge and experience of the OIB and his contacts with the key people would be greatly missed. A steering group has been established between the Schools Chair, the Vice Schools' Chair and the H-G and L-L subject leaders and certain members of the OIB community have taken on specific roles.

- 4.7 Peter spoke about communication, leadership, logistics and governance. He referred in particular to the OIB Brochure (with thanks to Nick Baker and Kevin Stannard of CIE) and advised that CIE had paid for the translation into French (this will be available on the website). It is hoped that the logo of MEN will be added in the near future. CIE continue to show great interest in and support for the OIB with notable input from Rhona Armour and Val Sismey.

5. General discussion

- 5.1 A discussion then took place on the profile of OIB students, their destination after the exam and the sources of available information on this such as CIEP statistics and centralised information on university destinations maintained by St. Germain.
- 5.2 There was some debate on the recognition of the OIB in France, for example in relation to the Science Po entrance examinations where OIB students were not granted the same dispensations as IB students. Raising the recognition of the OIB in France is an on-going project for ASIBA.
- 5.3 Mr. Charpentier shared some of his experiences in creating an OIB section at the Lycée Charles de Gaulle, Dijon and the search for suitable H-G and L-L teachers. It was noted that current ministry policy would seem to indicate a wish to establish at least one international school in each educational “académie”.

6. Website

Derek Erb reported that the site is visited as much on French as in English now. A new document giving an overview of the OIB (created by Kathy Thomas and Maud Savary) aimed mainly at parents has now been added to the site (in both languages).

7. Election of Board of Directors

- 7.1 The meeting was reminded that the mandate of all current Directors expires at this Annual General Meeting but that all were entitled to stand for re-election.
- 7.2 All the current Directors having indicated that they wished to stand for re-election, were unanimously re-elected to serve for a term expiring at the AGM to be held in 2011, namely:

John Cadden (Lyon)
Derek Erb (Balzac parents)
David Gage (St. Germain parents)
Ivan Karaïvanov (EAB)
Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau)
Paddy Salmon (Sevres)
James Cathcart (St. Germain)
Peter Woodburn (Ferney-Voltaire)

- 7.3 Anna Perry (EAB parent) was nominated for election by the President, seconded by the Secretary, and was unanimously elected.

7.4 The President reminded the Directors that a Board meeting was to be held immediately following this General Meeting to elect the officers for the coming year, namely the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and General Secretary.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 12:25 p.m..

Signed

Paddy Salmon, President

Signed

David Gage, Secretary