



**ASSOCIATION DES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES
BRITANNIQUES ET ANGLOPHONES**

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14th May 2012
Procès-verbal de l'Assemblée Générale Ordinaire du 14 mai 2012

DATE: 14th May 2012 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 Franco-allemand, Buc (PSAB)	Michael Segalla
Parents de la Section Anglophone de Buc (PSAB)	Michael Segalla
APARC, Jean Rostand, Chantilly	Rosalind Coleman
Lycée Charles de Gaulle, Dijon ,	Philippe Brassac
Section Anglophone, EAB Étoile	Ivan Karaivanov
English National Programme, Ferney-Voltaire	Peter Woodburn
Association ALA-ELP, Ferney-Voltaire	represented by Peter Woodburn
Section Anglophone du Collège International, Fontainebleau	Shaun Corrigan
APE de la Section Anglophone du Collège International, Fontainebleau	represented by Shaun Corrigan

Section Anglophone Cité Scolaire Internationale de Lyon	Rob Miller
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
SIS, Collège de Sèvres (Département Anglophone) Parents	Christopher Spencer

MEETING

The agenda was taken as read.

1. President's Report

- 1.1 The President, Paddy Salmon, welcomed the members attending and presented his report, a copy of which was circulated to those present. The report (to be placed on the website) reminded members of the funding issue which had arisen with the CIEP (which ASIBA is striving to resolve as regards future teacher-examiner training sessions), referred to the OIB conference held in November at Lycée Janson de Sailly and the commitment to the OIB of those attending to it, the growth of the OIB, the challenges this presents and the likely need for additional teacher-examiner training days with the Cambridge inspectors.
- 1.2 Peter Woodburn explained that the CIEP shortfall (discussed in previous Board meetings - minutes on the website) had arisen only because more teachers had attended than anticipated and the CIEP budget had already been fixed (leaving a shortfall). He added that there is an agreement between the DREIC and CIEP setting out principles of funding but that the budget is negotiated on an ad hoc basis. It is believed that with clear communications on the budget there will be no shortfall problem in the foreseeable future.
- 1.3 Peter Woodburn also advised the meeting that a new *Arrêté* has recently been issued formalising matters related to examiners which now provides formally that OIB examiners (both public sector MEN teachers and fee-paying section employees) will be paid €5 per script and will receive an official “*Convocation*” document thus formalizing the procedure.
- 1.4 Paddy Salmon confirmed that this would be his last AGM with ASIBA as he is retiring this summer and accordingly would not be seeking re-election as President or Board member. James Cathcart indicated that he would put his name forward as a candidate for election as President.

2. Teachers / EMT

- 2.1 Michael Segalla (Buc parent) raised the concerns of parents that OIB subjects need to be taught by English Mother Tongue (or truly bi-lingual teachers) which is not always

the case. Recruitment issues are complicated by the fact that foreign teaching qualifications (such as UK or Irish ones) are not recognised in France and State schools cannot pay the market rate for qualified EMT / bilingual teachers. Derek Erb related the experience of Balzac's sister school Camille Sée in its recruitment (2 EMT teachers and 4 non EMT).

- 2.2 James Cathcart recounted that the Heads of Section meeting held in Lille had compiled a recommended list of recruitment criteria for an OIB teacher, including EMT and recent UK experience. It was planned to present these recommendations to the MEN through the DREIC / DAREIC.
- 2.3 A discussion took place on the issues and the possibilities of using of the fee paying association model to solve recruitment and remuneration level issues but these are sensitive issues within the state school sector. It was agreed that ASIBA, in co-operation with the Schools Chair, should continue to use its efforts to seek to improve the situation.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 The Treasurer, Ivan Karaïvanov, presented a summary document of the current financial position to the members and talked them through it. He reported that the finances of the association are in a healthy position with a credit balance of around €1,500 on the current account (but with outstanding invoices of the CIEP of an equivalent amount) and €8,600 on the Livret A. The main recurring use of ASIBA funds has been in respect of the regular teacher-examiner training sessions with the Cambridge inspectors (four sessions per year), periodical supplementary meetings involving the Cambridge inspectors and up-dated handbook (and website) translation.
- 3.2 The formal draft accounts, comprising statement of income and expenditure for the accounting year 2010-11, balance sheet as at 31st August 2011 and provisional budget for 2011-12, were circulated by the General Secretary to the members present. The accounts showed a small decrease in funds (around €400) over the accounting year the main items had been the Cambridge inspectors' costs and expenses, translation costs and the FDEI conference. Some questions were raised on figures and responded to.
- 3.3 The meeting unanimously approved the income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and provisional budget.
- 3.4 The Treasurer announced that he would not be presenting himself for re-election as Treasurer (but would seek re-election as a Board member) due to work pressures and Shaun Corrigan agreed to present himself for election as the new Treasurer.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The General Secretary, David Gage, reported on membership.
- 4.2 ASIBA has been delighted to welcome new members this year namely Collège Pierre Danou, Boulogne-sur-Mer, APE of Lycée Montebello, Lille and Association des Parents d'Elèves de la Section Britannique, La Celle St. Cloud. It was agreed that renewed efforts will be made to contact in particular the two schools which have already presented candidates for the OIB but which are not yet members of ASIBA.

- 4.3 The General Secretary advised that ASIBA has 40 members, representing 29 schools, with only two schools currently presenting candidates to the OIB not yet members.

5. Developments concerning British OIB

- 5.1 Paddy Salmon reminded the meeting of the importance of moderation in the British exam culture and the key importance of the four teacher-examiner meetings held annually, at which the presence of the Cambridge inspectors is funded by ASIBA.
- 5.2 James Cathcart informed the meeting of an initiative being undertaken by a working group led by Nick Baker (Subject Co-ordinator OIB Language / Literature) to consider how to help bridge the gap between Collège level and the Lycée OIB programme, for example by a suggested OIB English Language / Literature Collège syllabus. The concept could be extended to History but is more complex due to the requirements of the French History syllabus (as the authorities wish 3ème student, who could leave school, to have studied the 20th Century).
- 5.3 Rob Miller mentioned the idea which had been floated by the Ministry of putting into place a *Brevet International* programme with a Language / Literature component.
- 5.4 Rob Miller reported back on the current status of the History / Geography programme syllabus and the exams; issues relating to the oral exam have now been settled but issues remain on the written paper. Meetings have taken place between the Subject Co-ordinator (David Jackson) and the *Inspection Général* (M. Lecoq) and it is hoped that a meeting will take place between Claire Sladden (Cambridge) and M. Lecoq. Peter Woodburn stressed the need for ASIBA and the OIB community to remain proactive in discussions and for a formal partnership agreement between Cambridge and the Ministry.

6. Handbook / Website

- 6.1 Derek Erb reminded the meeting that the French version of the Handbook needs updating in line with the changes made to the English version and it was agreed that this would be dealt with as soon as possible through one of the St. Germain administrative staff.
- 6.2 Derek again invited ideas for the proposed new ASIBA logo.

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 Directors present, other than Paddy Salmon, who is retiring, and Anna Perry, 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 2013, namely:

James Cathcart (St. Germain)
Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau)
Derek Erb (Balzac parents)

David Gage (St. Germain parents)
Ivan Karaïvanov (EAB)
Rob Miller (Lyon)
Peter Woodburn (Ferney-Voltaire)

- 7.3 Betty Lau (Sèvres) and Michael Segalla (PSAB, Buc) were nominated for election as Directors by the President, seconded by the Secretary and unanimously elected. The new Board members were invited to provide a photograph and very short biography for the website.
- 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.

8. AOB

Peter Woodburn proposed a formal vote of thanks to Paddy Salmon for all his efforts on behalf of ASIBA since its creation in 2000 and in particular the time and endeavours during his term of office as President. The meeting was unanimous in its support and the members bid farewell to Paddy with a warm round of applause.

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

Signed

Paddy Salmon, President

Signed

David Gage, Secretary