



**ASSOCIATION DES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES
BRITANNIQUES ET ANGLOPHONES**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROCÈS-VERBAL DE LA
RÉUNION DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION**

DATE: 29 novembre 2010

LIEU: Collège de Sèvres, 1 rue Lecocq, 92310 Sèvres

PRESENT:

1. Patrick (Paddy) Salmon (Sèvres), President
2. John Cadden (Lyon), Vice-President
3. Ivan Karaïvanov (EAB Étoile), incoming Treasurer
4. Philip Shaw-Latimer (St. Germain), outgoing Treasurer
5. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary
6. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau)
7. Derek Erb (Balzac parents)
8. James Cathcart (St. Germain)
9. Peter Woodburn, (Ferney-Voltaire)

IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Potonnier (Chef de Section, Sèvres)

MEETING

The President opened the meeting at 10:00.

1. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

2. Reform of History-Geography (agenda item 7)

- 2.1 Anne Potonnier addressed the meeting and, with contributions notably from Peter Woodburn and Philip Shaw-Latimer, gave an up-date on latest developments on the proposed reforms to the Baccalauréat History-Geography programme and its possible effect on OIB students.
- 2.2 Various contacts are being made with the Inspection Générale, the DREIC and other authorities, including through the Provisseurs of certain OIB schools, to ensure that the case of OIB students is fully considered and necessary adaptations made, in particular in the case of “S” stream students.

3. OIB Brochure (agenda item 8)

It is hoped that the MEN logo can be added to the OIB Brochure but Philip Shaw-Latimer reported that there needs to be an agreement or formal text in place between the MEN and Cambridge (UCLES) for this to happen. A draft agreement had been proposed by Cambridge but its length and legal formality was not in harmony with what MEN envisages. It is expected that a simpler document can be put in place, hopefully before the end of this academic year.

4. OIB and Grandes Ecoles (agenda item 11)

- 4.1 PSL explained that generally OIB students are required to take the normal entrance exams and are treated in the same way as other Bac students. Some *Grandes Ecoles* have one entrance exams for national (French) Bac students and a different one for students holding an international Bac level qualification (including the German Arbitur).
- 4.2 The meeting felt that the OIB was not being given sufficient recognition and that ASIBA should explore ways of improving the situation, possibly through contacts with the FDEI (*Fondation du Developpement de l'Education Internationale*), the French authorities and the *Grandes Ecoles* (could they treat OIB students like “international” students?).

5. Membership (agenda items 2 and 3)

- 5.1 The Secretary confirmed that membership renewal forms would be sent out soon and non-member OIB schools invited to join.
- 5.2 A discussion took place on whether Collèges with a British / Anglophone section destined to feed into a Lycée OIB programme should be encouraged to join ASIBA. No conclusion was reached but some members of the Board felt that Collège level matters were not really ASIBA’s role whilst others pointed out that early membership (when the school only had Collège level students) had been beneficial in the past.
- 5.3 Peter Woodburn said that preparing for and taking ICGSEs / GCSEs were beneficial to students and helped created a bridge between Collège and Lycée. He added that the DREIC had a document on How to Become an International Section (and James Cathcart referred to its website) but that ASIBA / School’s Chair should perhaps create a simpler document (to be called something like Steps to Becoming an International Section) perhaps with a person named as a contact point to provide information and advice to the potential new OIB school.

6. Finances (agenda item 4)

- 6.1 ASIBA has a credit balance of around €2,133 which will reduce to around €1,800 once current known expenses are paid. Membership subscription renewals for the current year should produce around €3,700.
- 6.2 The cost of ASIBA officers and Cambridge inspectors attending the *3ème Congrès de la FDEI (Fondation du Développement de l'Education Internationale)* had been material, namely around €1,600, but it was recognised by all as having been a valuable use of funds bearing in mind the very high level exposure it had given to the British OIB before a prestigious audience.

7. Treasurer (agenda items 5 and 6)

- 7.1 The meeting was reminded that, as discussed at the last Board meeting Philip Shaw-Latimer would be retiring at the end of the year and therefore wished to step down as Treasurer. Ivan Karaïvanov had agreed to take over this role. The meeting warmly thanked Philip for his services to ASIBA since its inception and wished him well for his retirement.
- 7.2 Philip Shaw-Latimer resigned as Treasurer.
- 7.3 Ivan Karaïvanov was elected unanimously as Treasurer for a term of office terminating at the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4 It was agreed that the new Treasurer would make necessary arrangements to effect any necessary changes to the bank account mandate, including by adding James Cathcart as a signatory.

8. Website (agenda item 9)

The meeting discussed the website and some up-dating will be carried out (such as latest exam papers). The redevelopment work will continue through the test site.

9. Irish Universities (agenda item 10)

It was reported that Cambridge had sent copies of the OIB Brochure to a number of Irish Universities.

10. ASIBA logo (agenda item 12)

Derek Erb to work on a new logo for ASIBA and all Board members were invited to make suggestions.

11. New Board members (agenda item 13)

The meeting supported the concept of seeking new enthusiastic parents to get involved. Peter Woodburn thought that it would be beneficial to identify parent representatives from the larger strategically located schools.

12. Any other business

Derek Erb mentioned a new forum Forum des Associations des Parent d'Elèves des Sections Internationales Françaises (FAPESIF.org) which has representatives from 13 national sections including GB.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 12:30

Signed

Paddy Salmon, President

Signed

David Gage, General Secretary