



**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: 24th September 2012

PLACE: Lycée de Sèvres, 21 rue du Docteur Ledermann, 92310 Sèvres (Salle de réunion, Bâtiment D).

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain-en-Laye), President
2. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President
3. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
4. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary
5. Derek Erb (Balzac parents)
6. Betty Lau (Sèvres)
7. Peter Woodburn, (Ferney-Voltaire)

ABSENT EXCUSED

8. Ivan Karaïvanov (EAB Étoile)
9. Michael Segalla (Buc Parents)

MEETING

The President opened the meeting at 10:05 and the President confirmed that a quorum was present.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting (14th May) were approved.

2. Membership

- 2.1 David Gage, General Secretary, confirmed that the 2012-13 Membership Subscription Renewals would be prepared and posted out in the next few weeks.
- 2.2 DG reported that Notre Dame du Grandchamp, Versailles, is likely to join and that École Massillon, Paris had applied to join. In response to a question from Derek Erb DG confirmed that the wording of the Statutes of ASIBA is wide enough to allow Collèges to become members. James Cathcart, the President, stated that the proposed revision of the Statutes as part of the reorganisation would need to cover different categories of members (such as Collèges).
- 2.3 A working group is reviewing ways in which ASIBA can assist Collèges to prepare students with a view to entering a British Section Lycée, including the establishment of a “new schools’ liaison information officer”. It was suggested that ASIBA’s website could maintain a list of collèges in the pipeline.

3. Finances

- 3.1 Shaun Corrigan, Treasurer, gave a brief up-date on the Association’s financial position which remains healthy with sufficient to meet its current financial commitments and with material reserves.
- 3.2 In connection with the proposed reorganisation of ASIBA the Treasurer suggested that a fee calculated on the number of OIB students could be considered. The President confirmed that the question of funding would be central to the reorganisation proposals.
- 3.3 Currently Assistant Moderators attending oral exams (who then give feedback to CIE) cannot get their expenses reimbursed by the authorities (therefore the burden falls on their school employer). Their presence is needed because there are now too many sites for the two CIE inspectors (who are paid by CIE and which is reimbursed by the DRIEC) to attend. The SIEC only supports the costs of examiners (not moderators). In many cases (but not all) the assistant moderators also examine and thus are able to recover expenses from the SIEC.

Action point: JC agreed to check the expenses over the last few years of assistant moderators.

- 3.4 Rob Miller explained that the fact that some potential assistant moderators have no reliable way of being reimbursed expenses means that the subject coordinators may not be able to use or be reluctant to use their services. Betty Lau underlined the very important role which the moderators fulfil.
- 3.5 Derek Erb reminded the meeting of the issues for the state sector schools (those having no fee paying section) where membership of the APE is optional and where perhaps only 50%-70% of families join.

4. Reorganisation

- 4.1 The President presented his vision for the reorganisation of ASIBA including the merger of the Schools’ Group into ASIBA, the enhancement of the website as an indispensable interactive tool with members only resources, a more active role in administration and communicaitons.

- 4.2 Funding would need to be considered in line with a provisional budget and the President agreed to work on numbers. He envisaged a revised membership fee structure for ASIBA based on a per OIB student calculation. Fundraising by ASIBA might be possible too but Betty Lau pointed out the time-consuming nature of fundraising.
- 4.3 The President's wish list might include: hosting / development of website (members' area, interactivity, forum, sub-forums, wiki...); assistant moderators' costs; assistance to new schools; annual training event. A discussion took place on these ideas with Derek Erb providing useful information on the website possibilities and complexities.
- 4.4 The meeting discussed the possible revised structure of the association (membership, board and permanent schools' group standing committee).
- 4.5 Ideally the budget would include assisting new schools, communications, administration (St. Germain's Catherine Sagne spends an important part of her time on OIB matters for the benefit of the whole community).

5. Logo

Derek Erb reported on the current status on the selection of a new logo and requested feedback from the board before the next meeting.

6. Diplôme National du Brevet (DNB)

The requirements of the new text are being implemented in the British OIB sections (and indeed generally within OIB sections). Further letters have been sent to the Ministry from various members of the OIB community and some approaches through diplomatic channels are believed to be being made.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 12:55.

James Cathcart, President

David Gage, General Secretary