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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: Tuesday, 10th July 2018

PLACE: By online conference call (via GoTo).

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Betty Lau (Sèvres)
3. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary

ABSENT EXCUSED

4. Nick Baker (St. Germain), Strategic Liaison Leader English
5. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
6. Lilli Parrott (Balzac parents)
7. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, Strategic Liaison Leader History-Geography
8. Peter Woodburn (Ferney-Voltaire)

MEETING

The meeting started at 9:00.

1. Google Calendar

Betty Lau has set up a Google calendar for ASIBA events and important dates which can be up-dated by Board members as appropriate. The calendar should be used to check and block timeslots when anyone wishes to book a GoTo meeting. James Cathcart has circulated his administrator log-in details which are required to reserve a GoTo meeting slot.

2. Exam session

- 2.1 James reported that the exam sessions had gone well. Comprehensive contingency plans had been put in place to cover eventual difficulties caused by the train strikes but in the event these were not needed as examiners and students experienced no major transport problems. Some students were delayed but examiners were able to accommodate them.

2.2 A review meeting had been held with the Cambridge inspectors after the exams. CIE remains committed to oral examinations but some adjustment may be needed depending on the extent of the Bac reforms which will impact the oral exams starting from the 2021 session. This will be discussed further at the Subject meetings in October.

3. EAL Academy / HG Textbook

3.1 The President asked the meeting to ratify the decision to pay for two representatives of EAL Academy (<https://www.theealacademy.co.uk/>) to come to France to present and launch the textbook ASIBA has commissioned at the next H-G subject meeting at a total cost of £1,800. The textbook will be provided in pdf and ASIBA is free to disseminate it to members / schools. The members present were supportive.

3.2 BL enquired whether the book has relevance to the teaching of English. JC responded that the textbook is initially to help History-Geography teachers develop students' academic literacy because they may be less aware of such strategies than their English colleagues. Further training and/or resources could be offered for the English subject community in future.

4. Example Candidate responses

JC reported that CIE A Level examiners had produced annotated versions of real student A Level exam answers, indicating why different responses received different marks. At ASIBA's request CIE has agreed to produce the same sort of annotated version on real scripts from this OIB session which should be ready in time for the October subject meeting. One of the inspectors has indicated that there would be no fee for this work, the other inspector will need to confirm if there will be a charge to ASIBA.

5. University Entrance Group

JC and Nick Baker will now handle the role of university entrance advisers at St. Germain in place of Mrs. Naylor who has left to take up another post. Her departure means that the ASIBA university entrance group only has 2 members now (Betty and Caroline Bretelle) and they will review and, if appropriate, suggest a new appointment if a suitable person is available. The expectation is that, in any event, NB will continue to support the group's work and have a liaison role.

6. Room to Read

BL will follow up with Julie Marks.

7. IGCSE training

Shaun Corrigan has been in touch with Abigail Marsh, ASIBA's main contact at CIE for IGCSE matters, to organise IGCSE training sessions run by CIE. Initial dates for IGCSE training at Fontainebleau are 16th -17th October.

8. Schools Forum

8.1 BL has spoken with James Titheridge of Lycée J. Monnet, Brussels, and his school is willing to host the next Schools' Forum. The suggested timing is in the last week of term before the Christmas holidays, perhaps on 19th / 20th. There was a small concern as to whether travel outside France would present any issues. BL will send out an email confirming the proposal to hold the meeting in Brussels on those dates and asking whether, in principle, those dates and that location would be feasible.

8.2 BL suggested that a representative of the AEFÉ, the body responsible for schools outside France could be invited to speak at the meeting and she will pursue this possibility which was supported by the meeting.

9. **Next Board Meeting:**

Next meeting: to be arranged at the beginning of the new academic year.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9:45.

Signed

James Cathcart, President

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David Gage, General Secretary