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

**DATE:** Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

**PLACE:** By online conference call (via GoTo).

**PRESENT**

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
3. Betty Lau (Sèvres)
4. Nick Baker (St. Germain), Strategic Liaison Leader English
5. Alan Geary (Lyon), Subject Leader History-Geography
6. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary
7. Katharine Axten (Balzac parents)

**ABSENT EXCUSED**

8. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, Strategic Liaison Leader History-Geography
9. Peter Woodburn (Ferney-Voltaire)

**MEETING**

The meeting started at 9:04.

**1. Minutes of Last meeting**

DG will circulate the draft Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October soon, SC to check and help complete the paragraphs on finance.

**2. AGM**

DG has prepared the formal notice for the AGM to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Brussels, the agenda only lists the normal annual formal matters: President's report, Treasurer's report, approval of the accounts for 2017-18 as well as the budget for the current year and the election of Directors. All Directors attending confirmed their wish to stand for re-election.

### **3. Membership renewals 2018-19**

- 3.1 DG reported that renewal payments are being received steadily with about half the total due having been paid to date. The meeting was pleased to note that Clermont-Ferrand had joined this year.
- 3.2 One member (an APE) had not paid last year's subscription despite several promises including since the beginning of this academic year. DG will follow-up again and SC offered to write directly if needed.

### **4. Directors**

DG has been in touch with a Ferney-Voltaire parent who expressed interest in joining the Board and will follow up with her following their APE's recent meeting.

### **5. Website**

- 5.1 NB reported back that he had found two francophone volunteers willing to translate the ASIBA website.
- 5.2 The Board's training session on use of WordPress is on Monday evening and David Millner from Boldset will be joining the meeting.
- 5.3 The development of the Parents' section was discussed. The new H-G textbook is a guide for teachers and the applicable terms of use require it to be protected by password secured access only. KA will follow up with JC on how this can be accessed on the site.
- 5.4 In the context of GDPR it was noted that the website only uses one cookie, Google Analytics. It was noted that this is not being used and it was unanimously agreed that it should be removed to eliminate the need to give notice to users and request consent.
- 5.5 JC will up-date the News section with an alert on the Schools' Forum and AGM.

### **6. CIE Associate Agreement**

JC reported that he is expecting to receive a proposal on the extension of the term of the Associate Agreement. The term of the current agreement was 3 years. DG suggested that if a longer term were possible that would be welcome in order to protect ASIBA's interests and give it clearer visibility on projected revenues.

### **7. New OIB Schools**

- 7.1 JC and SC, in conjunction with Cambridge, despite being imposed a very short deadline of 3 days, had managed to review and give an opinion on the applications of 18 schools (including lycées, collèges and primary) wishing to open an international section. As regards the lycées, two positive recommendations were made and a few reserved opinions, which the relevant MEN authorities will now consider before making their decision. CIE and ASIBA had stressed the need for native anglophone teachers and a sound understanding of current British teaching practices.
- 7.2 JC thanked SC for stepping in to participate fully in the review at such short notice and the meeting thanked both for having taken on this important job.

### **8. Examiner Database**

- 8.1 Catherine Sagne has circulated emails to all potential teacher-examiners with a link to the examining grid so that they can provide the needed data notably on availability for the next exam sessions.
- 8.2 AG complimented the cover letter which JC had sent which had thanked examiners for their work and commitment.

- 8.3 Discussions are underway with the authorities on planning details such as dates and exam centres. Some discussion took place on the probable dates and the planning issues arising from Pentecost falling within the likely marking period.
- 8.4 It is hoped that the examining grid can be finalised by early February, if the dates, centres and examiners can be settled sufficiently in advance.

**9. Bac Reforms**

The Note de Service will not now be published for around one month. CIE and ASIBA continue to be in communication with the MEN and are striving to ensure that the OIB remains a single national exam and that the high standards of moderation required by Cambridge are maintained. The moderation of continual assessment is one of the topics under discussion.

*SC, AG and NB left the meeting due to teaching obligations.*

**10. Schools Forum**

- 10.1 BL and JC discussed details of the draft Schools' Forum programme which had been circulated by BL. JC to follow up on the confirmation of attendance of two potential speakers.
- 10.2 A Bac Reform topic will be added to the agenda with a view to attendees sharing information as to how their schools plan to adapt, which could include questions such as: which specialisations will be offered, which options, will any offer maths and/or science in English, approaches to continual assessment and moderation.
- 10.3 A further topic proposed was how schools plan to deal with language proficiency testing, which the authorities wish to introduce in European and international sections, possibly using the Cambridge English Certificate tests (CEFR B1-C1 levels).

**11. Next Board meeting**

The next meeting will be a very brief meeting to elect / re-elect officers immediately after the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> December in Brussels.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10:00.

*Signed*

**James Cathcart, President**

*Signed*

**David Gage, General Secretary**