

**ASSOCIATION DES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES
BRITANNIQUES ET ANGLOPHONES**

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

DATE: Thursday, 14th March 2019

PLACE: By online conference call (via GoTo).

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
3. Betty Lau (Sèvres)
4. Alan Geary (Lyon), Subject Leader History-Geography
5. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary

ABSENT EXCUSED

6. Nick Baker (St. Germain), Strategic Liaison Leader English
7. Katharine Axten (Balzac parents)
8. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, Strategic Liaison Leader History-Geography

MEETING

The meeting started at 9:10.

1. Agenda

There was no formal agenda for the meeting.

2. Cambridge Inspectors

- 2.1 JC raised the issue of the Cambridge Inspectors' fees which were due to be reviewed by the Board once per year. DG will check the details of the last review and report back.
- 2.2 JC advised that the inspectors put in a significant amount of time outside the regular annual teacher-examiner subject meetings but are not paid for that time. He proposed that a gesture be made by paying each inspector an extra one day's consultancy fee of €250 as recognition of the additional time devoted to OIB matters. SC advised that the provisional budget has a margin of around €1,250 and the meeting unanimously agreed to the proposal.

3. Board Membership

BL asked if DG had contracted Laura Martin-Clark, Ferney-Voltaire, to see whether she would be interested in taking over the vacancy on the ASIBA Board following Peter Woodburn stepping down. DG to check and follow up as needed.

4. Schools' Forum

BL raised the question of the location and timing of next year's Schools' Forum. It was noted that Emmanuelle Depierre, Head of Section Grenoble, had offered her school as a venue and the meeting was positive on this proposal. An exchange of views took place on whether to hold the meeting just before Christmas or in January and the preference was for pre-Christmas.

5. CIE Associate Agreement

- 5.1 JC reported that ASIBA had generated around €110,000 in iGCSE exam fees for CIE through its activities under the Cambridge Associate Agreement resulting in around €14,000 in administration fees to cover part of the cost of the OIB Administrative Coordinator.
- 5.2 JC and DG have been working on the renewal of the CIE Associate Agreement for a further 3-year term on substantially the same terms as previously and it is expected to be signed soon, subject to resolving one legal wording issue.

JC left the meeting due to teaching obligations

6. Membership Renewals 2018-19

DG confirmed that all current OIB schools were now full-paid up members of ASIBA with only one exception. One International Section school which is not yet presenting OIB candidates had decided not to join this year but it is hoped it will next year if its OIB programme proceeds normally.

7. Website

DG reported that KA had received feedback on the future content of the Parents' Associations page of the website from two associations and that the suggestions are being considered. Those associations notably expressed the wish to have a platform through which they could communicate with each other. Whether or not a forum on the site is feasible will be considered.

8. Bac Reforms

- 8.1 AG reported that ASIBA representatives continue to be actively involved in the Bac reform discussions and are being proactive in communications with the authorities. A meeting with the Inspection Générale will be held in a couple of weeks.
- 8.2 AG said that one of the issues under discussion is how to deal with the impact of the EN exams being held in March or April, notably the programme for the post-exam period. Another issue was the proposal that students joining an International Section would be required to have a certain level of French, which might be problematical in some cases.

9. Next Board meeting

The next meeting will be arranged via email.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 09:45.

Signed
James Cathcart, President

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David Gage, General Secretary