

2019 AIEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Associational Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA

8.00 – 9.15 am

Members in the Presidium: Darla Deardorff, (Executive Director) Rodolfo Hernandez (Secretary), Hilary Kahn (Immediate Past President), Cheryl Matherly (2018 President-Elect), Penelope “Nell” Pynes (2018 President), and Adel El Zaïm (President Elect-Elect). Absent: Gil Merkx (Treasurer)

AIEA President Penelope “Nell” Pynes welcomed and thanked AIEA members for their attendance at the AIEA 2019 Breakfast Business Meeting, recognizing their expertise and contributions for the success of the AIEA 2019 Conference in San Francisco, while innovating and sharing new approaches of international education. AIEA President gave a brief overview of the AIEA 2019 Business Meeting.

Penelope “Nell” Pynes thanked Istituto Lorenzo de’ Medici (LdM) for the traditional sponsorship of the AIEA Business breakfast plenary and introduced Dr. Eny Di Lorio, who shared some remarks on behalf of LdM.

1. Business Meeting:

a. AIEA President’s final remarks:

Penelope “Nell” Pynes thanked AIEA members for allowing her to serve as AIEA President, acknowledging the support of the AIEA Presidential Stream and Secretariat during her presidential leadership. Particularly Nell reported:

- the successful transition of the AIEA to become an independent association during the last year;
- the diligent work of the AIEA Board to draft the new AIEA Strategic Plan, including the participation of AIEA Members and the leadership of the AIEA Strategic Planning Task Force. Once the AIEA 2019- 2023 Strategic Plan is ready, its implementation plan will be drafted.
- the leadership of the AIEA 2019 Conference Committee, members and chair, Cheryl Matherly, for their dedication in various capacities to coordinate the 2019 AIEA Annual Conference with the AIEA Secretariat.

Nell invited all attendees and AIEA members to engage with the AIEA leadership, through the committees, proposing new publications, and/or submitting nominations to continue moving the association forward for members and by members, while enhancing the associational opportunities for leadership networking and sharing peer – peer practices and experiences in international education.

Nell introduced and thanked the members of the Presidium: Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director, Rodolfo Hernandez, Secretary of the Board, Hilary Kahn, AIEA Past

President, Cheryl Matherly, AIEA 2019 President and Conference Chair, and Adel El Zaïm, President – Elect.

Also Nell recognized and thanked

- Committee Chairs: Susan Bender, Hilary Khan, Gil Merkx, Meredith McQuaid, Victoria Jones, Gil Latz, Thomas Bogenschild, Amir Reza, and Adel El Zaïm.
- AIEA Board members at large.
- Past AIEA Presidents.

b. Nell requested the presentation of the **AIEA Treasurer’s Report**.

Gil Merkx, AIEA Treasurer, virtually presented his report. Overall, he reported the solid financial position of the association. He acknowledged the healthy financial position of the association to support the transition of the AIEA Secretariat to become an independent association during the last year, while recognizing the significant contributions of AIEA 2019 Conference sponsors and exhibitors.

c. **Secretariat report.**

Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director,

- invited AIEA members to review the AIEA Secretariat’s Report published in the AIEA Newsletter, Fall 2018, Issue 21. The reports of the AIEA Committees were also published in the AIEA Newsletter.
- reported on the AIEA Secretariat’s successful transition, inviting AIEA members to visit the new AIEA Headquarters in Durham, North Carolina, just off of Duke’s campus.
- recognized and thanked the AIEA leadership, particularly the AIEA Presidential Stream.
- recognized the support and guidance from the AIEA Committees, thanking particularly the Chairs.
- thanked the AIEA Secretariat Team for their commitment and support to pursue the transition of the AIEA Secretariat as an independent association, while maintaining the regular associational programs and services and the successful organization of the AIEA 2019 Conference
 - AIEA Secretariat Staff: Katy Rosenbaum, Mel Simmons, and Daniel Lawrence.
 - Sonali Kathuria, International Education Intern
 - Jo Ann O’Connell, Conference Coordinator (consultant).
 - Charlotte Fleming, Human Resources Consultant.
- informed the membership about the leave of absence of Dafina B. Diabete, AIEA Associate Director and who is serving as an Associate Professor at the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, during the current academic year. Dafina is pursuing this professorship as part of the IIE Ambassador’s Distinguished Scholars Program, with plans to return to the AIEA Secretariat in the summer 2019.

- recognized and thanked the conference Interns: Zhaoying Hu, Conference Assistant, Hannah Strack, Lead Intern, Daniel Garcia, Intern, and Luz Aguirre Ramirez, Intern.
- recognized and thanked presenters, sponsors, volunteers, and all AIEA members for their participation and support.
- reported that over 833 participants had registered for the 2019 AIEA Annual conference representing 64 states and 51 countries, acknowledging the diversity of attendees.
- recognized and thanked the participation of delegations from Norway, Ecuador, Chile, and Kazakhstan.

d. Report of nominations committee.

Hilary Khan, Nominations Chair and AIEA Immediate Past President, thanked the members of the Committee of Nominations: Darla Deardorff (ex-officio), Cheryl Matherly, Sharon Nagy, Leigh Poole, Torian Lee, and Penelope Pynes for their collaboration and guidance.

Hilary thanked AIEA members for their participation during the last selection process for the several AIEA leadership positions. Hilary informed the membership that the past selection process was robust and competitive with strong nominations, making the AIEA leadership stronger and more plural, and encouraged AIEA members to participate even more by submitting self – nominations, nominating AIEA members, and participating in the voting process this fall. Hilary reminded AIEA members that the association is led by AIEA members for AIEA members, who assist AIEA’s core work to identify SIOs’ needs to better serve the leadership community of international education. Hilary thanked AIEA members for their support during her AIEA three year tenure in presidential leadership.

Hilary announced and welcomed the new members of the AIEA Board: Teresa Wise, The University of Alabama, Meredith McQuaid (as Strategic Issues Chair), University of Minnesota, and Erich Dietrich, New York University. Also, Hilary thanked outgoing Board members: Susan Bender, Independent Consultant, Meredith McQuaid, The University of Minnesota (as Leadership Development Chair), and Amir Reza, Babson College.

Hilary announced the new AIEA President – Elect: Adel El Zaïm.

e. Invitation to 2020 Conference

Adel El Zaïm, new AIEA President – Elect and 2020 Annual Conference Chair, invited AIEA members to attend the AIEA 2020 Conference and announced the theme: *Rethinking Comprehensive Internationalization for a Global Generation* in Washington D.C., February 16-19, 2020. Adel encouraged AIEA members to submit proposals for sessions and roundtables by August 15, 2019, deadline, emphasizing the impact of science and technology in global education such as robotics, artificial intelligence, digital technology, etc., and the role of higher educational institutions in assisting to achieve the development goals of United Nations. In addition, Adel invited AIEA members to join

the Conference Committee, requesting them to submit their interest to him directly or to the AIEA Secretariat.

Adel took the opportunity to thank the AIEA Secretariat, particularly Darla for her leadership and commitment for the success of the AIEA annual conference.

Adel thanked AIEA members for the opportunity to serve AIEA.

Other Items:

f. Penelope “Nell” Pynes invited members to participate in the *What’s Next for AIEA? The New AIEA Strategic Plan* session at 11 am to continue the dialogue and capture questions, comments, suggestions for the new AIEA Strategic Plan and, ultimately, for its Implementation Plan.

g. Penelope “Nell” Pynes invited incoming AIEA President, Cheryl Matherly, to the podium, recognizing her for her contribution and leadership to AIEA.

Nell turned over the AIEA Gavel to Cheryl Matherly, as Cheryl Matherly became President of AIEA for 2019.

Cheryl recognized and thanked Nell, Immediate Past President, for her leadership and commitment to AIEA. Cheryl presented, thus, a token of appreciation to Nell.

h. Cheryl introduced the AIEA Association Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Rafael Bras, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

i. Following the Keynote Speaker’s participation, Cheryl invited AIEA members to the AIEA concurrent sessions, roundtables, and plenary luncheon, particularly the session *What’s Next for AIEA? The New AIEA Strategic Plan* session.

The AIEA Association Breakfast adjourned to begin the concurrent sessions.