

ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA)

Annual Association Meeting, February 22, 2022

Minutes

2022 AIEA Conference
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
8:00 am - 9:00 am

1. Welcome and End of Term Remarks – David Fleshler

AIEA President David Fleshler welcomed conference participants to this morning's annual meeting. He provided a brief overview of the agenda including the Bylaws revisions as well as the session speaker.

David shared that the state of AIEA is strong. He noted the association's remarkable history, having started as a small group of individuals discussing the possibilities of international education to where it has grown to-date. David thanked the Secretariat for their hard work and dedication in helping make the association very strong. He also expressed appreciation to the membership for their support and participation as thought leaders in the field during these difficult times.

2. Special Recognitions – David Fleshler

David thanked this year's AIEA outgoing Board members including Past President Adel El Zaïm, Erich Dietrich, Meredith McQuaid, Terence Miller, and Teresa Wise. He next recognized our incoming board members Jeet Joshee, Funwi Ayuninjam, Judy Peter, and Matthew Pucciarelli. He also recognized continuing Board members for their service.

3. Treasurer's Report – Gil Merckx

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the financial health of the association is strong. Our total current assets are greater than \$3 million thanks in large part to strong fiscal management and governance by the Board along with the Financial Committee.

The expenses during the past year included more than \$674,080 with the virtual conference, professional development opportunities, and the overall work of the association.

Our income during the past year for those same programs and services were \$818,205. The majority of the association's income stems from investments, the annual conference, membership, grants, and finally professional development programs.

After Gil's report, David made mention of the importance of transparency in finances for the association.

4. Executive Director Report – Darla K. Deardorff

AIEA has weathered the pandemic quite well. Darla shared that the Board has approved the addition of a fifth staff member for the Secretariat.

Darla extended appreciation for leadership for the peer learning circles, town halls, as well as other programs offered in support of the membership.

As a member-driven association of leaders, member engagement is crucial for the overall health of the association.

Darla announced the approval of JEDI as an additional pillar to the current strategic plan. Additionally the annual report (online) was highlighted.

2022 Association and Conference Update - Darla K. Deardorff

We have more than 700 members in AIEA. Darla next outlined a variety of ways in which members can engage in the association through programs, leadership development, as well as the annual conference.

For this year's conference, we had more than 450 individuals represented from over 27 different countries. Additionally, the virtual Global Summit in April is a new offering by the association. Darla thanked our local arrangements contact, our conference interns, as well as individuals who supported this event behind the scenes.

5. Voting on By-law Changes – David Fleshler

Terence Miller provided a brief history of the bylaws changes along with specifics related to the planned changes.

The key changes include:

- Streamlining the bylaws for future planning including the responsibilities for the presidential stream, standing committees, and membership;
- JEDI being embedded in the purpose of the association; updates related to the continuity of leadership;
- Expanding present board to 20 members;
- Expanding the appointment of advisors to the association;
- Solidifying quorum and voting thresholds; and
- Future bylaw amendments being able to be initiated by all members.

6. Invitation to 2023 Conference – David Fleshler

David invited all participants to the 2023 annual conference in Washington, D.C. He also announced that we would not have an overall conference theme for next year.

There will be several guidelines for prospective sessions including government policies, JEDI, along with the state of our profession and its future. If members have thoughts or ideas on this matter, please share those with David.

7. Leadership Transition to Incoming President Jewell Winn – David Fleshler

David utilized the AIEA gavel to transition leadership to our next president, Jewell Winn.

8. Thanking 2021 President and Introducing Speaker - Jewell Winn

Jewell thanked David for his leadership and service during the past year. David was honored with a plaque in recognition for his service to the Board and the association.

Jewell took the opportunity to thank AIEA in recognition of her role as the association's first African-American president. She also thanked the Board and the association committees for their work in taking on the task of JEDI throughout the daily work of international education.

Jewell next offered an introduction of the keynote speaker for today's breakfast, Ethan Rosenzweig, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

9. Plenary with Ethan Rosenzweig

10. Speaker thank you and Q&A - Jewell Winn

11. Adjournment – Jewell Winn