

ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA)

Annual Association Meeting, February 21, 2023

Minutes

2023 AIEA Conference
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
11:30 am – 1 pm

1. Welcome and End of Term Remarks – Jewell Winn

Jewell shared that our association is strong and that we are approaching pre-COVID numbers. She reflected on the fact that the association has focused on providing quality sessions and a global conference. Highlights from the past year include the creation of a Presidential Ambassadors Council. She encouraged members to be engaged with the association and noted the change to the association's membership fee structure to be more inclusive.

Jewell share that the association will be embarking on a new strategic planning process and invited members to be part of that planning along with joining associational committees and engaging in leadership opportunities moving forward. Jewell reminded everyone that we are stronger together.

2. Special Recognitions – Jewell Winn

Jewell recognized and thanked outgoing Board members for their service including GianMario Besana, José Celso Freire, Lisa Lancia, and Past President David Fleshler.

Jewell then asked new Board members to stand and be recognized including Jill Blondin, Patricia Céspedes-Sánchez, Imara Dawson, Tonija Hope, Philipp Reichert, Fabiola Riobé, Wing-Kai To, and our incoming President Elect, Amir Reza.

3. Treasurer's Report - David Fleshler on behalf of Treasurer Gil Merckx

David thanked Jewell and indicated he would be providing the Treasurer's report on behalf of Gil Merckx. David noted that the state of AIEA is strong. He indicated that FY22 income was \$997,301 with conference funds, memberships, and investments and professional development accounting for most of the income.

In FY22 associational expenses were \$974,110 and included annual conference expenditures, general and administrative costs related to the Secretariat, professional development and membership, along with Board and leadership expenses.

4. Executive Director Report - Darla K. Deardorff

Darla shared a report celebrating the 40th anniversary in 2022 and highlighted the 2nd edition of the handbook as well as the Advanced Leadership academy during the past year. She indicated that Peer Learning Circles have continued along with the creation of the association's inaugural Presidential Ambassadors Council and the presidential fellow/interns

program. Darla's remarks also highlighted the fact that the association had elected its first African American female president along with having the most diverse Board in AIEA history.

Key achievements include that JEDI has been codified into associational practice along with being an early adopter of the CANIE accord. AIEA has also adopted a new membership structure and is experiencing increased membership as a result. The association has partnered with the U.S. Department of State including collaborating on speakers abroad along with the ASEAN initiative. Darla also recognized the ASEAN delegates.

AIEA is embarking on new strategic partnerships along with a Global Leadership Summit with AIEASA. Darla noted that all of these initiatives were possible due to the extraordinary leadership in the room. Darla also thanked the amazing team at the Secretariat for their hard work and tremendous support.

5. 2023 Conference Update - Darla K. Deardorff

For this year's conference, we had close to 800 people from 48 countries including five official delegations. She thanked everyone for being here along with extending appreciation to all of the session and workshop presenters at the conference. Darla also recognized the conference chair and conference committee members for an extraordinary event. Darla also extended the association's appreciation to Galidet University and their SIO including Charles Reilly for his support and leadership.

6. Leadership Transition to Incoming President Jeet Joshee – Jewell Winn

Jewell enthusiastically turned the AIEA gavel over to Jeet Joshee in recognition of his role as the incoming president of AIEA.

7. Thanking 2022 President and Presidential Remarks- Jeet Joshee

Jeet thanked former President Jewell Winn indicating appreciation for her passion and enthusiasm for the association and the role of president. He recognized her commitment and dedication along with thanking her for her past contributions along with her new work as the annual conference chair for 2024.

Jeet next thanked Past President Cheryl Matherly for changing the structure of the Presidential stream. This year's conference demonstrates what a superb job our Immediate Past President David Flesher has accomplished with this year's meeting.

Jeet recognized special guests in attendance at the conference. He also shared that it is with great honor and humility that he stands in front of us as President of AIEA. He first came to the U.S. as an international student and never imagined he would one day be standing here leading the best international education leadership association in the world.

Jeet spoke inspirationally indicating that we each have the power and ability to influence change. He acknowledged that we are facing significant changes. Social and economic instability, human rights issues, safety and security issues, and more are the challenges of

today. The rise of extremist groups around the world are threats to our society and world we all live in today. Conflicts around the world impact us as international education leaders. The pandemic also highlighted the need to address global health issues collectively along with climate change concerns.

Jeet noted that international educators are dream builders and help us all understand “the other side” – someone else’s perspective. He reminded conference participants that AIEA is an inclusive platform to build relationships, share knowledge and expertise, and build a bridge among peoples. He challenged us to come together and build a vibrant community that will be a strong voice for global education, understanding and peace.

Darla congratulated both Jeet and Immediate Past President Jewell Winn.

The annual business meeting then concluded.