

2017 AIEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Associational Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

7.45 – 9.00 am

Members in the Presidium: Jenifer Cushman, Darla Deardorff, Rodolfo Hernandez, Hilary Kahn, Gil Latz, Gil Merx, Terence Miller, and Penelope Pynes.

AIEA President Gil Latz welcomed and thanked everybody for their participation in the AIEA 2017 Breakfast Business Meeting.

1. Gil Latz thanked Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) for the sponsorship of this breakfast plenary and introduced Dr. Eny Di Lorio, who shared some remarks on behalf of LdM.
2. Business Meeting:

- a. AIEA President's final remarks:

Gil Latz thanked AIEA members for their participation in the 2017 AIEA Conference: *Internationalization Through Difference: Transcending Boundaries*. Also he thanked AIEA members who proposed and offered the conference's workshops, sessions, and roundtables.

Gil recognized the role of AIEA as an association dedicated to a comprehensive conversation of higher education internationalization, assisting SIOs to identify and understand global challenges, while designing and implementing best practices. He invited AIEA members to acknowledge the responsibility of higher educational institutions to respond to the rapid globalization and the interdependence of the communities and the corresponding challenges.

He conveyed his gratitude to serve as AIEA President and to be part of the AIEA community. Also he recognized and thanked:

1. The AIEA Secretariat under the leadership of Darla Deardorff to enhance the success of the AIEA Conference.
2. The 2017 Conference Chair, Hilary Kahn.
3. The AIEA Board members, particularly Committee Chairs for their leadership and contributions, making his Presidential tenure rewarding and productive.
4. 100+ conference volunteers.
5. The four interns of the conference.

Finally Gil invited AIEA members to contribute with workshops, sessions, and roundtables proposals for the 2018 AIEA Conference.

- b. Gil requested the presentation of the AIEA Treasurer's Report.

Gil Merkx, AIEA Treasurer, presented his report.

Gil shared AIEA general revenues and expenses for FY 2016, pointing out that the conference generated about 71% of total revenues (sponsorship: 26%, exhibitors: 4%, and registrations: 41%), followed by members' dues (26%). He thanked the sponsors for their support. He explained that most expenses were related to the conference (46%) and associational operations (41%).

Overall he reported the robust financial position of the association with a total equity of \$2,914,596.74 as of December 2016. He presented the 2017 budget projection: \$1,059,675 for revenues and \$1,071,750 for expenditures.

Finally Gil thanked AIEA members, conveying his gratitude to serve AIEA.

- c. Secretariat report.

Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director

- Reported the change of AIEA membership cycle to align with the academic year.
- Recognized the support of AIEA members, sister organizations, executive committee, and board.
- Announced the inclusion of a fourth position in the Secretariat to assist in the daily AIEA operations: Amanda Blake.
- Thanked her team: staff members Dafina Diabate, Katy Rosenbaum, Amanda Blake, and conference coordinator Jo Ann O'Connell.
- Reported the AIEA participation in the Global Conference (South Africa) and Global Dialogue (Mexico).

Also Darla shared general remarks regarding AIEA professional development opportunities for the AIEA members:

- The Academy for SIOs.
- Presidential Fellows Program.
- Senior Advisor Program.
- Thematic Forums.

Darla also provided an update on the conference, including:

- The growing trend of the AIEA membership.
- 942 registrations for the conference with most attendees being AIEA members.
- 48 countries represented, with the highest number of participants, outside the US being from Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, and Australia.
- Recognition and gratitude to presenters, sponsors, volunteers, interns, and all AIEA members for their participation and support, particularly Hilary Kahn, the 2017 Conference Chair.

d. Report of nominations.

Jen Cushman, Nominations Chair and AIEA Immediate Past President, reminded AIEA members that this association is led by AIEA members for AIEA members, who assist AIEA's core work to identify SIO's needs to better serve the leadership community of international education. Jen appreciated the active participation of AIEA members.

Jen Cushman, Nominations Chair and AIEA Immediate Past President:

- Welcomed and thanked new AIEA Board members: 1) Dr. Adel el Zaim, University of British Columbia, 2) Dr. Leigh Poole, Winthrop University, and 3) Dr. Torian L. Lee, Xavier University of Louisiana.
- Announced the AIEA President – Elect: Penelope Pynes.
- Thanked AIEA members for their participation to elect the new AIEA President and invited them to participate in future elections. She also encouraged them to nominate candidates, including self-nominations, for Committee membership.
- Thanked AIEA members, the Board, and the Presidential Stream for their support during the last 3 years of her AIEA leadership tenure.

e. Invitation to 2018 Conference

Penelope Pynes, AIEA President – Elect and 2018 AIEA Conference Chair, invited AIEA members to participate in the AIEA 2018 Conference, with the theme of *The Internationalization Imperative in Turbulent Times*. Also Penelope invited AIEA members to join the Conference Committee, requesting them to submit their interest to her or to the AIEA Secretariat.

Penelope thanked AIEA members for the opportunity to serve AIEA.

f. Gil Latz invited incoming AIEA President, Hilary Kahn, recognizing her for her contribution and leadership to AIEA.

Gil turned over the AIEA Gavel to Hilary, as Hilary Kahn became President of AIEA.

Hilary thanked Gil, Immediate Past President, for his leadership and commitment to AIEA. Hilary presented, thus, a token of appreciation to Gil.

g. Hilary introduced the AIEA Association Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Esther Brimmer, Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA (Association of International Educators).

h. Following the Keynote Speaker's participation, Hilary invited AIEA members to the AIEA Town Hall and plenary luncheon.

The AIEA Association Breakfast adjourned to begin the concurrent sessions.