

## 2018 AIEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Associational Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2017

Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

7.45 – 9.00 am

*Members in the Presidium:* Darla Deardorff, Rodolfo Hernandez, Hilary Kahn, Gil Latz, Cheryl Matherly, Gil Merx, and Penelope “Nell” Pynes.

AIEA President Hilary Kahn welcomed and thanked AIEA members for their participation in the AIEA 2018 Breakfast Business Meeting, recognizing the knowledge and expertise of AIEA members, while creating new approaches of international education. AIEA President gave a brief overview of the AIEA 2018 Business Meeting.

Hilary Kahn thanked Istituto Lorenzo de’ Medici (LdM) for the traditional sponsorship of this AIEA breakfast plenary and introduced Dr. Eny Di Lorio, who shared some remarks on behalf of LdM. AIEA President took the opportunity to congratulate LdM for its anniversary of 45 years.

#### 1. Business Meeting:

##### a. AIEA President’s final remarks:

Hilary Kahn recognized the success of the AIEA 2018 Conference *The Internationalization Imperative in Turbulent Times* with the participation of leaders of international education, sharing and resolving common challenges together, while innovating best practices. Hilary highlighted the role of SIOs to enhance access and equity in international education to strengthen diversity and power, respectively, while requesting AIEA members to think, design, and implement programs comprehensively for all students to take advantage of international education programs.

Hilary recognized the importance of establishing new alliances to continue formulating multicultural and intercultural approaches not only with traditional campus stakeholders, but also with external corporations to further discuss equity, the access to power, and identity to commit more deeply to the internationalization of higher education, assisting in the prevention of the polarization of nationalism. Hilary welcomed SIOs to open doors for new ways to enhance access and equity. In that respect, Hilary mentioned a new AIEA advocacy approach to include the debate of gender and equity under the umbrella of the Leadership Development Committee.

Most importantly, Hilary recognized the importance of students, who provide the inspiration, the voice, and the energy to support changes for more diversity and equity. Hilary acknowledged that students are the best allies of SIOs to help in this endeavor of diversity and equity.

Hilary thanked AIEA members for permitting her to serve as their President.

Also Hilary recognized and thanked:

- Penelope “Nell” Pynes, 2018 Conference Chair.
- Gil Latz, Immediate Past President.
- Cheryl Matherly, President-Elect.
- Darla Deardorff, Executive Director.
- Gil Merkx, Treasurer.
- Rodolfo Hernandez Guerrero, Secretary.
- Committee Chairs: Susan Bender, Meredith McQuaid, Jeet Joshee, Gil Latz, Thomas Bogenschield, and Amir Reza.
- AIEA Board members at large.
- Outgoing members of the Board: Gil Latz, Jun Liu, Jeet Joshee, and Jennifer Robertson.
- Past AIEA Presidents.

Finally Hilary announced the transition of the AIEA Secretariat to become an independent organization as of July 1, 2018, as a result of the growth and evolution of AIEA.

- b. Hilary requested the presentation of the AIEA Treasurer’s Report.

Gil Merkx, AIEA Treasurer, presented his report. Overall, he reported the solid financial position of the association with a total equity of \$3,350,472.36 as of December 2017. The endowment fund was reported at \$2,817,271.81 as of December 31, 2017. He acknowledge the healthy financial position of the association to support the transition of the AIEA Secretariat to become an independent organization.

- c. Secretariat report.

Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director,

- invited AIEA members to review the AIEA Secretariat’s Report published in the AIEA Newsletter, Fall 2017, Issue 20. The reports of the AIEA Committees were also published in the AIEA Newsletter.
- reported the continuous work of the Secretariat to facilitate the transition of the association to become an independent organization, while thanking Duke University for hosting the AIEA Secretariat during the last 13 years. Darla invited AIEA members to read the AIEA Presidential Update in page 2 of the AIEA Newsletter, which addresses the growth and evolution of AIEA to permit this transition. In addition, postcards were distributed with the new physical address of the AIEA Secretariat in Durham NC, effective as of July 1, 2018.
- recognized the support and guidance from the AIEA Committees, thanking particularly the Chairs.
- reported that over 880 participants had registered for the 2018 AIEA Annual conference representing 46 states and 47 countries

- thanked
  - AIEA Secretariat Staff: Dafina Blacksher Diabate, Katy Rosenbaum, and Mel Simmons.
  - Jo Ann O’Connell, Conference Coordinator.
  - Conference Interns: Zhaoying Hu, Shasha Cui, Devin Ferguson, Jamila Searchwell, and Joy Zhou.
- Recognized and thanked presenters, sponsors, volunteers, and all AIEA members for their participation and support.

d. Report of nominations.

Gil Latz, Nominations Chair and AIEA Immediate Past President, thanked AIEA members for their support during his AIEA 3 year tenure in presidential leadership. In addition, Gil thanked the members of the Committee of Nominations: Hilary Kahn, Penelope Pynes, and Darla Deardorff (ex-officio), for their collaboration and guidance.

Gil announced and welcomed the new members of the AIEA Board: 1) Kati Csoman, Juniata College, 2) Kelechi Kalu, University of California, Riverside, 3) Reitemetse Obakeng Mabokela, University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign, 4) Sharon Nagy, Clemson University, and 5) Victoria Jones, University of California Irvine. Gil thanked outgoing Board members: 1) Jeet Joshee, California State University, Long Beach, 2) Jun Liu, Stony Brook University, and Jennifer Robertson, Valencia College.

Gil Latz announced the new AIEA President – Elect: Chery Matherly.

Gil Latz 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. Gil appreciated the active participation of AIEA members and encouraged them to nominate candidates, including self-nominations, for the several upcoming AIEA leadership positions and to be sure to vote in the next leadership elections this fall.

e. Invitation to 2019 Conference

Cheryl Matherly, new AIEA President – Elect and 2019 Annual Conference Chair, invited AIEA members to attend the AIEA 2019 Conference *What’s Next? Possibilities and Probabilities in the Future of International Higher Education* in San Francisco, California, January 20-23, 2019. Cheryl encouraged AIEA members to submit proposals for sessions and roundtables, emphasizing on the early deadline for submissions: May 15, 2018. Also Cheryl invited AIEA members to join the Conference Committee, requesting them to submit their interest to her directly or to the AIEA Secretariat.

Cheryl thanked AIEA members for the opportunity to serve AIEA.

- f. Hilary Kahn invited incoming AIEA President, Penelope “Nell” Pynes, recognizing her for her contribution and leadership to AIEA.

Hilary turned over the AIEA Gavel to Penelope “Nell” Pynes, as Penelope “Nell” Pynes became President of AIEA for 2018.

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

- g. Nell introduced the AIEA Association Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Maureen McLaughlin, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Education.
- h. Following the Keynote Speaker’s participation, Nell invited AIEA members to the AIEA Town Hall and plenary luncheon.

The AIEA Association Breakfast adjourned to begin the concurrent sessions.