

AASCA GENERAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING

LOCATION: Intercontinental Hotel, San Jose, Costa Rica
PRIMARY FACILITATOR: Mrs. Linda Niehaus, AASCA President
DATE: October 17, 2008
TIME: 2:30-5:00 p.m.



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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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| 1. TRI-ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE, CR | 7. RECRUITMENT FAIR IN MIAMI (JANUARY, 2009) |
| 2. AASCA FEES FOR THE YEAR | 8. SUMMER WORKSHOPS |
| 3. REPORT OF AASCA EVENTS | 9. ERB TESTING |
| 4. UPCOMING EVENTS | 10. UPDATE OF THE TASKS OUTLINED IN AASCA MAY 2008 MEETING |
| 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 11. UPDATE OF THE AASCA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIST |
| 6. UPDATING OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EVENTS | |

1. TRI-ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE, CR

Mary Virginia Sanchez, Tri-Association Executive Director, gave thanks to all participants and especially to the Lincoln School and Country Day School, host and co-host schools from Costa Rica. She indicated that the next Tri-Conference will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 2009 and in 2010 the conference will take place, most probably, in Monterrey, Mexico.

Mary Virginia pointed out that OSAC grants will be available to train school personnel on how to develop community service programs. This will be the third cohort grant for the program.

2. AASCA FEES FOR THE YEAR

Linda Niehaus indicated that only 2/3 of the AASCA schools have paid fees for the year. **Please remember that AASCA FEES must be paid in October each year.**

3. REPORT OF AASCA EVENTS

AASCA Leadership Conference, Guatemala (Sep. 4-7, 2008): It was agreed that it was a great activity. There were some problems with Hotels being able to accommodate some of the schools that did not registered on time.

AASCA Basketball, Panama (Oct. 8-12, 2008): Jean Lamb indicated that everything went well, girls behaved properly and Balboa Academy was very pleased when their team won the sportsmanship award.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. KNOWLEDGE BOWL, November 6-9, 2008. Decroly, Guatemala.
- b. MUSIC FESTIVAL (TO INCLUDE ART), Jan. 29-Feb 1, 2009. Escuela Sampedrana Honduras: Ron Vair could not be present at the meeting but indicated that Escuela Sampedrana is preparing to host the Music festival and in addition to that program, they will conduct a pilot program for a special Art Workshop. He will send more information about the program to all schools and how to participate.
- c. SOCCER INVITATIONAL, February 18-22, 2009. CAG, Guatemala.
- d. SMALL SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL, March 25-29, 2009. Mazapan, Honduras.
- e. LARGE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL, March 25-29, AM School Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- f. PRINCIPAL`S MEETING, April 17-20, 2009. ANS, Nicaragua.
- g. DIRECTOR`S MEETING, April 30-May 3, 2009. Balboa Academy, Panama.

5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development theme for this year is **Assessment**. Ron Vair proposed that a consultant working at his school could be the person chosen to visit a couple of countries to do the workshop on assessment. He will send us a detail proposal.

6. UPDATING OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EVENTS

Linda Niehaus will send a copy of the guidelines to the different schools that have hosted events this year. Schools will be asked to revise guidelines and send revised document back to her and/or take it to the Director`s meeting in May.

7. RECRUITMENT FAIR IN MIAMI (JANUARY, 2009)

Mary Virginia reminded us that ISS-Job Fair for Tri-Association schools will take place in Miami, FL, January 15-18, 2009. **November 2nd, 2009 is the deadline for registration.** If 25 schools from the region participate, ISS will not open this fair to any other region. Of the 10 schools present, 4 of them indicated intention to participate.

Other Fairs:

ISS San Francisco, CA 8-12 Feb. 2009.
AAIE: San Francisco, CA, 12-15 Feb. 2009
ISS/CIS: Philadelphia, PA, 16-19 Feb. 2009

Gloria Doll indicated that one way to help schools and teachers in the process could be to post information on teachers that are leaving the schools but want to relocate in Central America in the AASCA webpage.

8. SUMMER WORKSHOPS (Tri-Association)

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| a. New College Counselor Workshop, | June 14-15, 2009 |
| b. Summer Institute for International Admissions, | June 15-18, 2009 |
| c. Aerospace Science Institute, | June 15-25, 2009 |
| d. AERO: Standards-Based Curriculum, | June 21-26, 2009 |
| e. JOSTI: Technology Information Training, | June 22-26, 2009 |
| f. A/OS-AAIE: "Challenging Your Most Able Students", | June 21-24, 2009 |
| g. OSLIP: Overseas School Leadership, | June 28-July 1, 2009 |
| h. AAIE Teacher Institute, | To be announced |
| i. Directors New to A/OS Schools, | July 7-8, 2009 |

Applications available January 5, 2009 in American-Assisted Overseas Schools. For more information contact the Regional Education Officer at www.state.gov/m/a/os/c1686.htm

9. ERB TESTING

The Education Records Bureau (ERB) in conjunction with Measurement Incorporated (MI) and the American School Foundation of Guadalajara invites AASCA schools to participate in a pilot Spanish version of the Writing Assessment Program (WrAP) for native Spanish speakers in grades 3-12. For more information please contact Dr. Sid Barish, sbarish@erblearn.org or call him at (212) 672-9808.

10. UPDATE OF THE TASKS OUTLINED IN AASCA MAY 2008 MEETING

- a. Formalize AASCA application for admission: Ron Vair
- b. Bylaws and policies: Adolfo J. Gonzalez
- c. Guidelines for Events: Linda Niehaus

11. UPDATE OF THE AASCA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIST

Mrs. Niehaus will request the directors to submit to her a list of staff that are willing to give staff development workshops and a brief description or outline of the topics.