

International Communication and Development Committee Meeting Minutes

2017 Professional Development Seminar
Phoenix, Ariz.
Thursday, September 28

Call to Order

The meeting of the International Communication and Development Committee was called to order at 2:28 p.m. by Liz Clark (Alaska), chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee and guests were present: Vice Chair Jackie Schulz (Alaska), Vice Chair Obie Rutledge (Ore.), Michael Adams (Va.), Effie Ameen (Colo.), Corey Carnahan (Kan.), Claire Clift (Nev.), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Londi Ensor (Alaska), Janice Gadd (Utah), Pat Harris (Ala.), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Steven Marshall (Vt.), Brad Metcalf (Ky.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), Jennifer Novak (Idaho), Sherry Rodriguez (Nev.), Lori Roland (Alaska), Alfred Speer (La.), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), Heshani Wijemanne (Calif.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), Bernard Dean (Wash.), Polly Emerson (Texas), Ruby Johnson (La.), Mollie Melton (N.C.), Jeremy Weiss (Vt.), John Foster (Ohio), Glenn Koepp (La.), Leslie Gonye (New South Wales, Australia), Francois Arsenault (Quebec, Canada), Beverley Isles (Ontario, Canada).

Approval of Minutes

Lori Roland (Alaska), moved approval of the prior meeting's minutes with a small correction. There being no objection, the minutes from the 2017 NCSL Legislative Summit committee meeting in Boston were approved.

Old Business

Chair Liz Clark (Alaska) spoke about her experience in ANOMAC this year and shared a new magazine publication of their conference from last year. A card was also passed around for members to sign out of concern and solidarity with the victims of Mexico's recent earthquakes.

New Business

Incoming President Robert Haney (Texas) was recognized. He thanked the group for their participation in the committee and discussed the importance of its role. He discussed the International Directory as a great and vital resource, but asked us to consider its problematic distribution in how to deliver it to our membership in a useful way. Chair Clark reminded members if they desire a printed copy of the Directory she would be happy to mail them out. She asked the group to consider if we still need to do printed copies at all.

Chair Clark noted that an important duty of all committee members is to be welcoming to all International Attendees. Leslie Gonye (New South Wales, Australia), spoke about his valuable experience in attending this PDS meeting and made a comparison to the Australian contingent in size and organization.

Members were requested to note if they have a foreign language proficiency. Chair Clark relayed that in ANOMAC meetings, interpreters are provided for International guests. Our Executive Committee has been presented with this idea to provide translation services for International guests to this PDS, but without confirmation of attendance the interpreters are hard to secure. This idea may be available for future meetings, and we could pair up guests with ASLCS fluent speakers attending. Ann Cornwell (Ark.) gave an idea to survey all Society members for any foreign language speakers. Claire Clift (Nev.) asked how many members are in ANOMAC. Chair Clark explained that they also are represented by most of their states, but they also include several other Latin American and European nations.

Vice Chair Obie Rutledge (Ore.), asked if anyone can attend ANOMAC with their Principal's approval. Chair Liz Clark explained ANOMAC is very welcoming and encourages more participation; she further explained the organization of their meetings. Janice Gadd (Utah) shared that she attended this year's meeting in place of ASLCS Associate Vice-President Alan Whittington, describing the honor and great opportunity. Chair Clark said that photos are available of the impressive and beautiful locations of the meetings and noted the warm hospitality.

Vice Chair Rutledge discussed the committee's mission with the Chair and asked if we had thought of engaging with any new International entities other than our current relations. Chair Clark said we are very open to initiating new relationships. Vice Chair Jackie Schulz, Ann Cornwell and Pat Harris all mentioned prior attendance of representatives from Africa, South Pacific, and other regions. Jeremy Weiss (Vt.) asked about existing relations and Liz explained our connections through ANZACATT, CATTs, and how those with SALSA and ATELCA have waned. It was asked if the Directory was sent to International contacts, as it could be a good resource for them. Chair Clark and Leslie Gonye expressed the difficulty in getting physical addresses for delivery. Pat Harris (Ala.) volunteered to initiate communication with the British Isles, and Obie volunteered to research establishing contact with Germany. Vice Chair Schulz said she would contact SALSA to reach out to other possible contacts in Africa.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ann Cornwell (Ark.), seconded by Jennifer Novak (Idaho), the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Schulz (Alaska), vice chair