



**International ACAC General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025
2025 NACAC Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, USA**

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

1. **Meeting called to order by President Liam McCartney at 6:25 PM.**
2. Establish quorum: The number of voting members in attendance (57) exceeds the minimum required for a quorum. **Quorum established.**
3. **Motion:** Approve Meeting Minutes from [General Membership meeting at International ACAC Annual Conference, July 16, 2025](#), from President Liam McCartney. **Motion Approved.**
4. **Welcome comments** from Liam McCartney, President
 - a. Land acknowledgement
5. **Vice President Report:** Claire Wilkins, Vice President for Admissions Practices
 - a. Resources available through the Admissions Practices Committee include practice ethical dilemmas
6. **Vice President Report:** Aileen Lee, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
 - a. Priorities for this year include the following:
 - Opportunities for advocacy through contacts and partners
 - Strengthen DEI of organization internally
 - Review International ACAC governing documents
 - Reviewing programs and Professional Development opportunities provided by International ACAC
7. **Vice President Report:** Luke Devlin, Vice President for Communications
 - a. Update about the RCR (Regional Community Resources) resource
 - b. Social media policy and public statement guidelines both recently updated as a cross-collaborative effort between the Communications Committee and the Presidential Team
8. **Vice President Report:** Péter Árvai, Vice President for Global Affairs
 - a. Regional Institute Update
 - 3 upcoming in the 2025-26 academic year
 - 2 new events soon to be announced
 - b. Regional Council
 - Elections are happening right now for the inaugural Regional Council
 - Region 2 and Region 8 (which many members present at this meeting are likely part of) do not currently have a candidate slated. There will be another opportunity to apply starting in December.
9. **Vice President Report:** Malissa Tacacks on behalf of Marsha Oshima, Vice President for Professional Development
 - a. Webinars are ongoing throughout the year. An archive of previous webinar recordings are available on the International ACAC website.
 - b. The Pre-Conference Institute and the Counselor Bus Tour for the 2026 Annual Conference are starting to be planned
10. **Vice President Report:** Kim Tulloch Wynn, on behalf of Craig Brown, Vice President for Member Engagement

- a. After the recent bylaw update, the Membership Committee has been divided into 2 separate committees: Member Engagement (Chaired by Vice President Craig Brown) and Membership and Data (Chaired by Vice President Kim Tulloch-Wynn).
- b. Goals for this year include:
 - Review of current connection points with membership;
 - Growing membership in underrepresented regions;
 - Continuing with ongoing programs including Gathering Grants, Opportunity Grants, and GEM Awards

11. **Vice President Report:** Kim Tulloch Wynn, Vice President for Membership and Data

- a. Updated Membership Demographics as of September 2025 (table below)

Member Category	Total Number	Institutions/Organizations
Secondary	2119	1667
Post-Secondary	1485	930
Organizational	380	52 - Non-Profit Organizations 170 - For-Profit Organizations 91 - Community-Based Organizations
Individual	440	385

- b. Goals for this year:
 - Improve the membership application process
 - Review membership categories
 - Reevaluate Membership Dues waivers and application process
 - Membership data analysis and clean-up for internal processes

12. **Vice President Report:** Joyce Agyare, Vice President for Support, Access and Success

- a. Scholar Program update
 - Over 125 scholars from 60 countries since the program's founding
 - The 2026 Scholar Program cohort has already been selected. The program now selects scholars 1.5 years in advance of the annual conference
 - The Virtual Scholar Program has been launched for those who apply but are not selected to be a scholar.

13. **Executive Board Report:** Shilpa Gupta, Executive Vice President for Finance

- a. Increased cost to manage our ongoing projects and programs.
- b. Short term investments are healthy.
- c. Increased funding for our scholar program in 2026 and beyond.

14. **Immediate Past President Report:** Wilson Lee

- a. GNC Update and Election Timeline
 - Regional Council election is currently ongoing
 - Executive Board and Committee applications will open December for those to start terms in July 2026. Executive Board Elections will take place in March.
 - The GNC also manages International ACAC Annual Awards.

15. **President-Elect Report:** Daniel Marschner

- a. The 2026 Annual Conference is due to take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with the joint hosts Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh from July 14-16, 2026.

16. Presentation from future conference hosts, Katie Kinnamon from Carnegie Mellon University and Marc Harding from the University of Pittsburgh
17. **President's Report:** Liam McCartney
 - a. Thank you to the Executive Board and Headquarters Staff
 - b. NACAC Rising Star Awards given this year which celebrate International ACAC programs and members:
 - Annual Conference Book Drive
 - Mabrookah Haneidi of the Gazan Student Support Network
 - c. A time to recognize and honor a founding member of our association who is retiring soon: Marie Vivas
18. Any Other Business
 - a. Suggestion from member and Past President Marie Vivas: the organization should revisit the policy regarding Board Members attendance at NACAC for the following reasons:
 - Considering the context of current global politics, it is so important for members of this community to be present at the NACAC annual conference;
 - The reason the global community is how it is now, is because International ACAC members were present and active at the NACAC conference and events.
19. **Motion** to adjourn the meeting by Marie Vivas, seconded by Kristen Dreazen. **Motion Passes.**
20. **President Wilson Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.**

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*Respectfully submitted,
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Program Manager
October 27, 2025*