



OACAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OACAC Conference – University of Oregon
July 8, 2015

- I. Meeting was called to order by President Joe Giacalone.**
- II. Quorum**
VP for Membership Megan Dangremond confirmed that a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Minutes** from September 2014 Membership Meeting during the NACAC Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. *Motion passed.*
- IV. Update from NACAC – Amy Jarich**
 - NACAC celebrating 75 years as an organization; currently over 14,000 members
 - Reviewed ‘College Pipeline’ a new program that will debut at the preconference at the NACAC Conference; goal is to engage principals from member high schools
 - \$50,00 in Imagine Grants have been awarded to members
 - Recognized members of NACAC’s International Advisory Committee, as well as those in attendance who serve on national committees for the organization
 - Two guides on agents have been released by NACAC; well received
 - Noted work of NACAC international staff will focus across all of the regional affiliates
- V. President’s Report – Joe Giacalone**
 - 2015 Conference attendance at an all time high of 1200 members
 - Announced that, upon majority vote by the membership, the organization would change its name from the Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling to the International Association of College Admission Counseling, effective January 1, 2016
 - New organization logo will be designed, with the hope to debut at the NACAC Conference in San Diego
 - Encouraged members to increase their involvement in NACAC beyond the conference; apply for Imagine Grants, submit nominees for the Rising Star Award
 - NACAC College Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia to be held in May 2016; this is a new venture with NACAC and OACAC’s board hopes more fairs will be offered internationally
 - Noted that OACAC Past-President Bridget Herrera is running for the NACAC Executive Board
 - Thanked OACAC Board Members for their work in meetings the two days prior to the conference; highlighted many new initiatives underway (ex: regional institute in Shanghai, China and regular webinars for members) in response to needs identified

by members in the survey conducted prior to the board's strategic planning at Marist College in 2013

VI. President-Elect Report –Kristin Dreazen

- Welcomed and introduced the team from Rutgers University, hosts of the 2016 Summer Conference which is also Rutgers' 250th Anniversary
- 2016 Conference will offer an expanded two-day pre-conference Institute that will focus on younger professionals working in the international admission field (high school and university members); the expanded Institute will have an enrollment of up to 500 participants
- Regular conference enrollment will cap at 1200. Institute will be held July 11 & 12; conference July 12 to 14. Registration will be separate for both the Institute and the conference, with universities able to send more representatives to the Institute beyond the conference cap of two representatives per institution
- More conference details, including website launch, etc. to be provided at the NACAC Conference

VII. Past-President Report – Ffiona Rees

- Encouraged members to consider running for the OACAC board, as there will be 4 Vice-President positions and 2 delegate positions open for the 2016 election cycle
- Reviewed new Governance & Nominating Committee structure, and the work they are undertaking this next year to review and update the policies and documentation for the work conducted by the committee in support of the organization
- Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2017 OACAC Conference being released, with a due date of September 15.

VIII. Vice-President Reports

Admission Practices – Andrew Moe

- Highlighted the work of the Admissions Committee for OACAC, which reviews infractions of NACAC's SPGP
- Three cases were reported this year, and OACAC worked with NACAC to resolve
- Task Force on the Membership of Agents in OACAC established
- Noted that \$1958 was raised by button sales during the conference, all of which was donated to the Scholar Fund
- The Scholar Fund raised close to \$49,000 for the 2015 Conference

Membership Report – Meghan Dangremond

- Currently 2,428 OACAC members: 1060 college/university members, 912 high school members, 256 individual members, 182 organizational members, and 18 retired members
- Noted new, earlier member expiration date coming (January 15, 2016) and encouraged members to renew early and maintain their good standing

Professional Development – Becky Konowicz

- 282 members registered for the (pre-conference) Institute; three streams offered this year: financial aid for high school counselors; high school counseling 101, and admissions 101
- Encouraged U.S.-based members to submit international sessions for their regional affiliates
- Noted new OACAC Webinar series; three offered thus far with regular schedule planned for 2015-2016 academic year

Government Relations – Juan Camilo-Tamayo

- OACAC Regional Institute (ORI) will be held at the YK Pao School in Shanghai, August 17-18, 2016; registration is close to 200 members, with over half coming from high schools in China and across Asia
- YK Pao School will host a college fair on Sunday, August 16; 52 colleges and universities have registered so far
- Thanked Rhonda Leshman of YK Pao School for her support of the regional institute
- Regional Institutes are scheduled for the United Kingdom in Fall 2016 and Africa in Spring 2016
- Noted outreach efforts of the GR Committee, recognizing attendance of representatives from both the British Council and UCAS at the conference

Communication and Technology – Aaron Andersen

- Webinars are a new part of the ‘OACAC Experience’
- Noted Work Place Survey of members currently underway; results will be released later in the Fall
- Promoted use of social media during the conference
- Highlighted ongoing enhancements to the OACAC website (calendar, job board, conference, resources), all available to members.

Inclusion, Access and Success – Joan Liu

- Reviewed 2015 Scholar Program: 73 nominations/applications from which those eligible were identified; final ten scholars selected, with worldwide geographic representation
- Launch pilot of ‘Scholar Mentor Program’ whereby OACAC college/university members volunteered to mentor (one-on-one) the scholars over long term
- HSCC#15 (effort among NACAC members to support public counselors who work with international students to attend the conference): two U.S. counselors supported by OACAC this year (with funding for one from Elite Scholars in China)
- Shared 2015 Scholar Video, produced by Ringling College of Art and Design and videographer Joe Granato
- Invited Scholar Stephanie Kane from Senegal to address the membership; she thanked Joan, the IAS Committee, and the OACAC membership for their support of the scholars, all of whom are ‘committed to be ambassadors for OACAC in their countries’

IX. Recognition – Ffiona Rees

- Peter Hauet (delegate) and Ryan Sullivan (past-president) were thanked and recognized for their years of service on the OACAC Executive Board

X. New Business

OACAC ByLaws – Meghan Dangremond

- OACAC ByLaws require updating to align with changes to NACAC ByLaws regarding:

1. Member Categories - non-profit organizations:

Motion: Amend Article 1, Section 4, C, ii, replace 1)

b) Organizations

- 1) Not-for-profit community-based organizations which provide counseling, admission, or financial aid services only to students at the state, province or local level on an on-going basis.

2) Not-for-profit organizations whose primary activities consist of working on a multi-state, national or international level and providing counseling, admission, or financial aid services to students or to the college admission counseling or financial aid professions.

Motion passed.

2. Persons who were not longer employed:

Motion: Amend Article 1, Section 4, C, iii, add 4.)

4.) Persons who were employed at a voting member institution or organization during the current year or immediately preceding membership year who are no longer employed by any member or member-eligible institution.

Motion passed.

SAT Testing Overseas

- Shaun McElroy spoke from the floor, noting the problems with administering the SAT overseas; asking for advocacy by OACAC at the highest level with both SAT and ACT.
- Ffiona Rees responded with an overview of OACAC leadership's efforts with NACAC on this issue, working with College Board to address these very issues. She also clarified that OACAC's position is that this is not only an international issue but also an issue for all higher education institutions who use the SAT in their admissions processes.

Open Positions on the OACAC Board

- Shaun McElroy noted the high number of open board positions coming in 2016, asking if there was any consideration to keep some of those whose term will end on the board for another year to ensure continuity
- Joe Giacalone responded, noting that the outgoing Vice-Presidents have been charged with documenting their policies and procedures for historical purposes and to ensure smooth transitions as new members rotate onto the executive board.

XI. Adjournment

Joe Giacalone thanked the University of Southern Mississippi, sponsor of the membership meeting. He also thanked the OACAC executive board and many committee members for their contributions to the organization and the summer conference.

Motion: The membership voted unanimously to adjourn the July 2015 OACAC General Membership Meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Carroll Schweser
OACAC Executive Administrator
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