

## International ACAC General Membership Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2025 2025 International ACAC Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, USA

## MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL

- 1. Meeting called to order by President Wilson Lee at 1:34 PM.
- 2. Establish quorum: The number of voting members in attendance exceeds the minimum required for a quorum. **Quorum established.**
- 3. **Motion:** Approve Meeting Minutes from last <u>General Membership meeting at the NACAC</u> <u>Annual Conference</u>, September 26, 2024, from President Wilson Lee. *Motion Approved*.
- 4. Welcome comments from Wilson Lee, President
- 5. **NACAC Update** from visiting delegate from NACAC: Murphy Miller, Director of Membership Experience and Global Engagement.
  - a. International membership has grown and NACAC is continuing to host global fairs.
  - b. The 2025 NACAC Rising Star Program award will be awarded to the International ACAC Annual Conference Book Drive.
- 6. **Update** by Kristin Dreazen about Board Restructuring Bylaw Update, approved in March 2025
  - a. History and rationale for the board restructure
    - NACAC dismantled the system requiring affiliates to have Delegates.
  - b. Display of the old board structure compared to the new board structure and explanation of changes.
- 7. Executive Board Report: by Representative Andrew Palmer about the Regional Council
  - a. The Regional Council will be composed of a representative for 8 individual regions.
  - b. The position is now in the Policies and Procedures, as of the Board Meetings which happened a few days ago.
  - c. Applications for the inaugural round of this position will open on July 31.
    - Requirements include that you must live in the region.
- 8. **Executive Board Report:** by Representative Megan Mankerian-Stem
  - a. Member Conduct Reporting Form is now live on the website
  - b. This is the new process for handling issues with members, events, conduct, communication, and more.
- 9. Vice President Report: Ruby Bhattacharya, Vice President for Admissions Practices
  - a. Translations of the NACAC Guide to Ethical Admissions Counseling will be available in the future.
  - b. International Student Application for Financial Assistance (ISAFA) we continue to maintain these Financial Aid Forms for the public to use.
- 10. Vice President Report: Daniel Marschner, Vice President for Global Affairs
  - a. Four successful Regional Institutes over the 2024-25 academic year.
  - b. Announcement of East Asia, Southeast Asia, & Oceania Regional Institute Location: Dwight School Hanoi, Vietnam.
    - April 9-11, 2026
  - c. Gathering Grants will continue to be available in the second half of 2025.
- 11. Vice President Report: Luke Devlin, Vice President for Communications

- a. There is an update to our Social Media Policy
  - The update has been approved by the Board and will be shared via email and social media shortly.
- b. The RCR (Regional Community Resource) is active.
  - This resource has expanded to include helpful information for both Secondary and Post-Secondary members.
- c. The new website was launched last year, and it has been hugely successful in improving usability and increasing web traffic.
- 12. Vice President Report: Alleen Lee, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. There are new subcommittees this year to focus on specific association goals.
- 13. Executive Board Report: Shilpa Gupta, Executive Vice President for Finance
  - a. Review of association budget.
  - b. Thank you to sponsors and exhibitors for the 2025 Annual Conference.
- 14. **Vice President Report:** Kim Tulloch Wynn, Vice President for Membership and Data, and Craig Brown, Vice President for Member Engagement
  - a. Membership numbers continue to grow.
  - b. Division of members by member type (pie chart here)
    - Secondary = 48.2%
    - Post-Secondary = 33.2%
    - Individual = 8.9%
    - For-Profit Organization = 5.3%
    - Non-Profit Organization = 1.9%
    - Community Based Organization = 1.5%
    - Retired Professional = 1.0%
  - c. Division of members by region (pie chart here)
    - Canada and the US = 39.2%
    - East Asia = 17.8%
    - Europe = 16.3%
    - Southeast Asia and Oceania = 7.6%
    - South and Central Asia = 5.5%
    - Middle East and North Africa = 4.5%
    - South America = 3.6%
    - Caribbean, South America, and Mexico = 2.2%
  - d. Membership Data Goals:
    - Membership data clean-up and creating systems to maintain these processes annually
    - Review of membership categories
    - Ongoing review of membership fees
  - e. Member Engagement Goals:
    - Grow membership in underrepresented regions
    - More engagement opportunities for new members
    - Improve conference experience and regional institute experiences
- 15. Vice President Report: Marsha Oshima, Vice President for Professional Development
  - a. Year In Review:
    - We hosted a record number of webinars this year.
    - Other programs continue to go strong, including the Counselor Bus Tour,
       Pre-Conference Institute, and Mentor Year Program.
- 16. Vice President Report: Joyce Agyare, Vice President for Support, Access, and Success
  - a. The Scholar Program is continuing to bring members from around the world to the annual conference.
  - b. The 2026 scholar cohort has already been selected from those who experienced visa issues in 2025.

- We can now operate the program a year in advance, offering that cohort mentorship for a year ahead of their conference attendance.
- This also increases the likelihood of securing visas, which is historically the most common reason for Scholars to be unable to attend.

## 17. Immediate Past President Report: Michelle Chow-Liu

- a. There will be two election cycles this upcoming year.
  - Election for the Regional Representatives within the Regional Council
    - 1. 8 positions will be available, according to the new regions.
    - 2. Applications will be open from July 31 to August 14.
  - Election for the Executive Board
    - 1. 4 positions will be available from 2026-2029.
- 18. President-Elect Report: Liam McCartney
  - a. The recent board retreat (this past weekend) was productive and successful. Some outcomes include:
    - Subcommittee positions were established
    - Discussion and votes for regional institute locations
- 19. President's Report: Wilson Lee
  - a. Preparation for the 2026 Conference at University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon
- 20. Thank you to the board members rolling off, and welcome to our incoming board members.
- 21. Any Other Business
- 22. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kristoffer Toribio. Motion Passed.
- 23. President Wilson Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

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Respectfully submitted, Jessica Bishop Program Manager July 24, 2025