



Business Meeting Agenda & Minutes – Winter 2015

Friday, February 20

Intros

- Welcome new members
- Recognize members who have changed positions
- Akane, PLU to UWT, Anne Colpitts, Seattle Central to Shoreline CC, Brad Huggins, UW Seattle to Bellevue,
- NAFSA Plug by Dana Brolley
- Thank UWB for hosting!!

Treasury Report

- Annemarie: checking 2533.65; savings; 2606.62. Some membership payments are missing. Please let Annemarie or Laura Belle know if you don't know if the membership dues have been received or not. Or if you have any questions. Technically, membership dues' deadline was January 1st but we still have several outstanding memberships so please turn those in.

AWISA Tax Status

- We do not currently know what our tax status is at AWISA. Please let us know if you know of a CPA or tax attorney who would be able to help us. Possibly vote on AWISA's tax status.

Travel Grant Committee

- Info on what our travel grants. We don't have a committee on Travel Grants. Please email the secretary or talk to one of us if you would like to be on that committee.

Job Announcements

- Annemarie: Asst Director of Int'l Admissions at TCC and Part-time advisor;
Jon Dietzen: Int'l Counselor at UWT; Catherine Creason, on behalf of
Machelle: Front desk program asst/receptionist at UW Seattle; Sarah Ross at Lake Wash Tech Int'l Student Services Specialist will close soon!; Heather Jacobson PLU: Residential Life with foreign language dorms; Mary at Pierce: int'l Marketing at Pierce

Other Announcements

- REARI-RJ and AWISA MOU update
 - Two conferences in Brazil to consider: REARI-RJ and FAUBAI:
 - Came to a conference that we announced at the fall meeting (SMU conference). Signed a MOU that says we understand each other and would like to "be friends" and connect with each other when we can. I

you want one of their powerpoints from the conference and REARJI's info, please email the secretary.

- SPRINTAX have AWISA buy the licenses to make them available to all students of AWISA membership organizations.
- LewerMark/CampusSims announcement - Jeff Crawford: nothing to do with insurance, but due to our years that we work with int'l students. Continuing to work with how to make cell phones work for int'l students: Campus Sims. Just a sim card that can be put in any students' phones as soon as they arrive. Can acquire when they arrive or we can mail it to them with their I-20 packet? Will have more information on their website in the next few weeks. 3 payment plans currently: 20, 40, 60 bucks a month; no contracts, just need a credit card. Will announce more at the May conference.
- AWISA Survey – Kate; Survey is available at the front desk. Kate from WWU, graduate student and is working on a strategic plan for AWISA. Fill out as much or as little as you would like.
- Spring Conference May 15, 2015 at a Southend school

Questions: Can you recommend anyone who is looking for new positions?

Rebecca, looking for a position in int'l ed. I recently graduated with a masters in counseling. I've lived abroad, and I have teaching experiencing.

Anita Chung – independent consultant. Home placement; any of you have students who need assistance with homing. I speak Mandarin, Cantonese.

Danika – work at FIUTS. WE have a thing called Cultural Fest, which is happening this Saturday. Brad, Board superstar, will tell you more about it. Culture Fest is a display of international student talent. Reception offered as well: Auction – bid on things like a trip to a resort at Doe Bay on Orcas Island. Tickets cost \$15 adults, \$10 for students. You can buy tickets online. In the FIUTS office. \$50 for the reception with over \$10,000 in auction items.