

World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics

WFCP Board Meeting

Minutes of the WFCP Board meeting held in Washington, DC, Tuesday, 24 October 2006.

The meeting was called to order by Chair George Boggs at 8:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time in the USA.

PRESENT:

George Boggs (<i>Chair</i>)	American Association of Community Colleges
Gerry Brown	Association of Canadian Community Colleges
John Brennan	Association of Colleges (UK)
Franz Schneider (<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>)	European Forum for Technical Vocational Education and Training – EFVET (connected by conference call from Cyprus)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Allen Edwards, President, Pellissippi State Technical College, Tennessee, USA, and
Chair of the International Association of Colleges (IAC)

Carolyn Williams, President, Bronx Community College, New York, USA

1. APOLOGIES

Phil Quirke, HCT, UAE, (representing Tayeb Kamali) was unable to connect satisfactorily by conference call due to technical difficulties.

ABSENT:

Barry Peddle, TAFE Directors Australia
Martin Eadie, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics of NZ

Because a quorum was not present for the meeting, all actions will be sent electronically to the Board membership for ratification.

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES HELD 17 May, 2006

It was

Resolved:

That the minutes circulated electronically on the morning of 24 October and reviewed by those present be approved without amendment.

Moved: Gerry Brown
Seconded: John Brennan
CARRIED

3. WORLD CONGRESS PROPOSAL

Allen Edwards presented a concept for a combined International Conference of the IAC and World Congress of the WFCP in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, utilizing the site of the Worlds Fair.

Allen discussed the history of the IAC, which has held six International Conferences since 1998, averaging 250 attendees. The idea of combining the two conferences was enthusiastically endorsed by all present. However, after some discussion, the Board members and others present decided that a New York location would be much more attractive and would likely generate a larger attendance. Carolyn Williams was able to secure the commitment of the City University of New York to host the combined event in New York City.

After reviewing potential dates for the International Conference/World Congress, the Board members decided upon February, 2008, beginning with a reception on Sunday, 17 February and ending on February 23.

The theme of *Building Global Partnerships* was agreed upon with suggested sub-themes or tracks for leadership development, workforce and economic development (including science, technology, engineering and math competency development), internationalization of the curricula, and global linkages. Main presentations would be augmented by breakout sessions on specific workshop topics.

The official Congress/Conference language will be English. However, Carolyn was going to look into providing translation services.

Potential keynote speakers that were mentioned include the CEO of Shell Petroleum, the Secretary General of the United Nations, New York Mayor Bloomberg, Bill Clinton, Hilary Clinton, Michael Milken, and US Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings.

Potential sponsorships include Dell, SunGard Higher Education, and 3-DI.

Carolyn will work on a call for proposals and will work with CUNY to schedule the conference and hotel space. At this point, we estimate an attendance of 400-500. All present agreed to work with Carolyn to assist as the plans are developed. Carolyn will schedule follow up conference calls.

The WFCP Board members agreed to assess a \$US40.00 surcharge on the individual registration fee that would be split equally between IAC and WFCP. A WFCP Board meeting will be scheduled on the afternoon of 17, February, 2008, prior to the opening reception. A WFCP General Membership Meeting would need to be scheduled on Monday or Tuesday of the Congress/Conference.

4. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The Board reviewed the membership report and will ask that second invoices be sent to those members which are not current with dues payments. Carolyn will work with George to encourage more US community colleges to join the WFCP. John agreed to reach out to institutions in Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Gerry agreed to reach out to institutions and associations in Viet Nam and Brazil as well as the institutions in the South East Asia Ministry of Education Office (SEAMEO). Carolyn and Allen were assigned to make institutions in South Africa aware of WFCP membership.

Gerry agreed to follow up to find out who has replaced William Rwambulla at CAPA and will encourage continued WFCP membership. George will check on potential memberships in India.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the financial report and bank statement of financial transactions that were sent electronically on 24 October, 2006. The WFCP bank account totals \$NZ13,107.70 with obligations for secretarial services for 28 May to 24 October totalling about \$NZ300.00.

6. THE FUTURE OF THE WFCP

The Board members discussed the future of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics. The sentiment of the members present was that the major deliverables will be World Congresses/International Conferences and opportunities to network and build partnerships that might be encouraged through our Web site. The members present believed that the success of the February 2008 World Congress/International Conference was important to the future survival of WFCP.

7. CLOSURE

12.1 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be advised.

12.2 CLOSURE

It was
Resolved:

To conclude the meeting at 11:45 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, USA

Moved: John Brennan
Seconded: Gerry Brown
CARRIED

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