

# ASEICA NEWSLETTER

Association pour le Soutien de l'Enseignement International sur la Côte d'Azur



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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SCREENED THEATER FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

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January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Alumni Reunion

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Primary Information evening

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Première Parents' Information Evening

## Our Annual General Meeting

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, we were about 100 in the Amphi Prepa for our Annual General Meeting, representing over 450 members.

The Pedagogical Director, Kevin Jackson presented his report, including perspectives on other American sections in the world, OIB exam statistics, new teachers introductions... Members expressed their warmest thanks to the Pedagogical Director for his strong work.

The Board report highlighted the main points for the past year which included the renewal of the "agrément" by the Rectorat, the recognition of "intérêt général", update to staff's collective agreement, work on a new web site architecture....

Each Board Member shared their experience on the Board for the past year and invited other members to join.

Finances and Administration report, presented by Nigel Scott, Treasurer. The association's finances are in a healthy position. In the last school year we made small surplus of 36 k€, equal to around 21€

per student. For the current school year we have a similar objective of breaking even. During the past year a new 3-year salary agreement including a savings plans for staff was voted. A system of Bourses was put in place. Next Finance committee meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 pm in the Aseica office. ■ Join us! [treasurer@aseica.org](mailto:treasurer@aseica.org)

A Word from the Pedagogical Director:

## 2016, A Very Strange Leap Year!

The year 2016 is almost in the record books, and what a wild ride it has been. In sports, Leicester City won its first Premier League soccer championship in its 132 year history, and my beloved Chicago Cubs won their first World Series baseball championship in 108 years.

In business, the last-ever video cassette recorder was manufactured, the iPhone 7 was launched (the first one was launched on June 29, 2007), and the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 was added to (...)



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(...) the list of things you cannot bring on an airplane.

In the US, Volkswagen settled its vehicle emissions cheating scandal for \$15 billion and could face tens of billions of dollars more in fines from other countries, consumers and investors (dishonesty never pays!).

In science, the OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft was launched in September and is expected to land on the Bennu asteroid in 2018 where it will spend 505 days collecting samples which will reveal the secrets of the beginning of our solar system and may yield clues about the origins of life on Earth and elsewhere. It will be back on Earth for the rentrée of 2023 after many of our troisième students will have finished their university studies. In politics, voters on both sides of the Atlantic lost their minds!

This year we said goodbye to David Bowie, Prince, Merle Haggard, Gordie "Mr Hockey" Howe, Arnold "The King" Palmer, Fidel Castro (who outlasted 10 US presidents and who survived over 600 assassination attempts and plots) and Muhammed Ali (who truly was "The Greatest" ).

The end of year holiday season gives us time to spend with our families and loved ones and to reflect on the past year and the year that awaits us.

As you take time to pause and reflect, please give a thought to the victims of Brussels, Nice, Orlando, Lahore, Mosul, Aleppo and beyond.

I wish all of you a peaceful, healthy and serene 2017. ■

Kevin Jackson

VOTE RESULTS	Board report	Finance & Admin. report	CA 2017
in favor	452	452	451
against	0	0	2
abstentions	2	3	0

## Board 2017

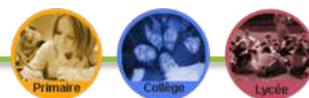
- Xavier Allard
- Kristine Cioffi
- Joanne Franceschini
- Johanna Lecerf
- Véronique Revel
- Andres Rodriguez-Villa
- Nigel Scott
- Jeff Spock
- Cathy Ducker

## Associate Board Members

- Irene Bourdier
- Kerry Giroud
- Vincent Pottier
- April Slone

And many more volunteers who support working groups, events, this newsletter preparation, etc.

Contact [Boardsecretary@aseica.org](mailto:Boardsecretary@aseica.org)



## Do you know what your Board does for you?

With 1,700 students in the section and a budget of over €3 million, the parent volunteers serving as Board Members have an important responsibility to ensure that all aspects of the association run smoothly.

The 9 to 11 voting members of the Board help determine the direction of the association. Topics include budget, finance management, audit, recruitment, IT, legal, social events, communication and relations with *E d u c a t i o n N a t i o n a l e*.

The responsibility of the association is major: we employ over 45 persons who teach in and administer the international section, working together with all the seven schools where the section is present.

Board members and parent volunteers are all driven by our love of the education offered by the section. They believe in being role models of community engagement for the section students as they prepare for their future lives. It is indeed a labor of love as the board members and volunteers give freely of much of their time, energy, creativeness, and experience.

It is your association and as a member you too can contribute. Several Board Members will be leaving the association in the near future, as their children graduate. (...)

In order to ensure a seamless handover, we need interested members to start learning now about the association and the work of the Board.

Join one of our working groups and learn about the functioning of the association!

One of our main tasks is to make sure finances are well planned and well spent. The finance committee is one of the groups looking for volunteers.

If you have such competences and can help on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you.

If you have other skills, don't be shy! Join a working group, come to a Board meeting and help us continue this important work. ■

To access all reports presented, see our web site:

[http://www.aseica.org/var/gallery/document/BoardAGMs/AGM\\_2016/reports.pdf](http://www.aseica.org/var/gallery/document/BoardAGMs/AGM_2016/reports.pdf)



## All Change in Guidance

This is the last newsletter that I shall be writing as I am retiring at the end of December – with mixed feelings, of course! I've been in the guidance office for 11 years now and sent over 1,000 students to universities abroad, so I shall miss the whole process - especially the contact with so many students and parents.

I'm happy to reassure you that the guidance office is in good hands, as there will now be three counselors, **Mrs Weatherly, Mrs Workman and Mr Mitcham**, to take care of applications abroad. They've all attended the Guidance Conference in Barcelona this year to get the latest updates for helping students through the whole application process.

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The email address for appointments is [guidance@aseica.org](mailto:guidance@aseica.org) - and don't forget to say **w h e n y o u a r e a v a i l a b l e .**

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We've been working together as a team in this busiest of terms and already have 152 Terminale dossiers in progress for admission in the autumn of 2017. As always, the majority will be headed for the UK, but increasing numbers are applying to Holland, and there is a steady flow towards Canada and the US.

January is the time for Première students to start making appointments to get the ball rolling, as it's important to find out what extra preparations may be needed for different countries, including SAT and Aptitude Tests, work experience, voluntary work and extracurricular activities. Planning visits to universities is also best done early. Please save the date for the **Première Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 12 January. Seconde Parents have their own session on Thursday 9 February.** Details will follow nearer the time.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and successful 2017, and I do hope I shall see some of you again at theatre performances and other Aseica events. ■

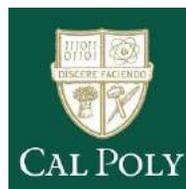
Lesley Scales



Università Commerciale  
Luigi Bocconi



UNSW  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES



University  
of Glasgow



## Academic Honesty

This year all quatrième students in the Section are having their awareness raised about Academic Honesty and being asked to sign an Academic Honesty charter.

With the wealth of information readily available to young people via the Internet, it is of utmost importance that they know how to use that information ethically. **Foremost here is the subject of plagiarism - copying someone else's work and passing it off as your own.** The quatrième English teachers are working with their students to help them understand what plagiarism is, that it is wrong and can lead to heavy sanctions later in their academic careers. Students are learning how to do research and use information ethically, citing their sources or presenting information in their own words.

**However, Academic Honesty is not just about plagiarism. It also includes another area, that of collusion.** It is important students understand that unless they have been given instructions to the contrary, the work they hand in should be their own and not done for them, or corrected, by friends or family members. Whereas help to understand a task is, of course, acceptable, once a student has understood, the work produced should be his or her own. A harder problem to deal with is where one student asks to copy, or plagiarize, the work of another. This latter student needs to find strategies to deal with this, to know how to refuse and to stand up to pressure. **We recognize that this is not easy, but we hope that talking about the problem in class will make students aware what practices are acceptable and what are not.** Our ultimate aim is to help our students to work honestly within boundaries that they understand and respect and we ask parents to support us in this. ■

Karen Jones  
ASEICA Head of Collège English

## Yearbook

### Advertise with us!

Support our school project and publicize to more than 1,300 international families registered in our Anglophone Sections in and around Sophia Antipolis.

2016/2017 theme

*Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité*

Contact us by January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017  
[yearbook@aseica.org](mailto:yearbook@aseica.org)

- Full page 1,500 €
- 1/2 page 750 €
- 1/4 page 500 €
- 1/8 page 350 €
- 1/16 page 200 €
- 1/32 page 100 €

## Screened theater for all the family

### CIV CINEMA/THEATRE

Last production on December 5<sup>th</sup> was *The Comedy of Errors*, a screened version staged at the fabulous Globe Theatre in London.

**The Comedy of Errors is one of Shakespeare's funniest comedies** – a tale of mistaken identity with plenty of slapstick humour.

The play was subtitled in English for an easier understanding of Shakespeare's language.

Tickets: 8€ ALMA members  
12€ non-members  
5€ students



## News from Primary

The 2016-2017 academic year has started with a bang. The Primary school welcomed a total of over 40 new pupils and 1 new member of staff, Mrs Wren.

Mrs Wren teaches CP/CE1 class teacher at Trois Collines, and she supports the CE1/CE2 class at Trois Collines every Friday morning.



All new Primary parents were welcomed by the Board during a Coffee Morning held at the ASEICA offices in September. The IPSC kindly hosted a Lunch on the 14th October which was very well attended, despite the weather. Both occasions provided a great opportunity for the parents and teachers to meet and find out a little more about school.

Despite new security measures being put into place across all public establishments in France, we are trying our best to ensure that your children continue to have a quality, enriching education.

This term the Trois Collines and the Sartoux

Christmas party planned to go ahead. A change of format was announced for the Sartoux Party. This year's event offered a lunch party with Christmas caroling led by the children.

We wish you all a relaxing, peaceful winter break and we very much look forward to seeing you all in 2017. ■

Jonathon Syson & the Primary Team

On Friday 14th October, ASEICA primary committee organized its first Parent / Teacher lunch of the school year in Biot. Following the scorching summer and beautiful autumn this year, the weather gods were not as kind to us on the day of the lunch!

Nonetheless, undeterred by the downpours, we were happy to welcome 55 attendees from the Trois Collines and Haut Sartoux schools. The lunch went off in a very jovial style with our hosts, Candice and Alain, providing the use of their beautiful house.

Needless to say, parents from both schools did us proud as always, by bringing with them a range of homemade delicacies ranging from Japanese sushi to roast chicken Filipino style.

Parents new and old got to spend time valuable time getting to know their children's` teachers and each other in a relaxed ambiance.

**The next lunch will be held in June 2017**

All our primary events are organised by volunteer parents, and there are never enough of us, so please if you can help in anyway do get in touch with Eleanor Roberts Picq: [eleanor.picq@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.picq@gmail.com)