

**Joint Council Board Meeting
Sept 26, 2007**

Present: Jared, Lynn, Jodi, Kathy, Richard, Keith, Susan, Rick, Tom
Absent (with notice): Heather, Nancy, Deb

Country reports/updates:

- Latin America trip with Bethany and Gladney to visit Colombia
- Vietnam – plan a DC summit to discuss Vietnam
- Africa trip: Ethiopia, Congo, Kenya w/ member agencies
- India – CARA conference – Tom to present on Ethics in Adoption panel
- Haiti – Visa suspension issue resolved
- Guatemala – update:
- Tom also to attend Ethica Conference in October and speak on 2 panels

BOD – At Large:

- Paul Singer signed on to JCICS BOD at large

Annual Conference:

- On track time wise with schedule, logistics and communications with speakers;
- Most workshop submissions ever (50) with great options from which to choose;

JCICS Attorney:

- Tom in process of identifying new attorney for our needs

Staffing:

- Jennifer still out on leave and may extend her time away;
- Brining in 3 pt time interns to provide 40 hours/week support;
- Joelle and Adam done great job stepping up to increased demands

Hague update:

- DOS still aiming for Dec 15 to deposit

BOD nominating committee update:

- Please submit list of needs (skill/attitude/abilities) for future BOD (response below):
 - Researchers
 - Domestic adoption practitioners
 - Small agencies
 - Family support groups
 - Medical clinics
 - Financial management skills
 - Post-placement practitioners
 - Ethnic diversity
 - Fundraising experience
 - Legal skills

- Social Workers
- Lynn will forward timeline for planning of effort

Philippine Caucus:

Miscellaneous:

- JCICS Policies update
- Meeting with CPA scheduled for early Oct to discuss system modifications

Next call:

Nov 7, 2CST