

**Joint Council Board Meeting
April 23, 2008
Conference Call**

Attendees: R. Gibson, H. Stultz, S. Cox, T. DiFilipo, J. Rolsky, A. Schlicht, J. Ruben, R. Pearlman, K. Sacco, K. Wallace, T. Fleeson, L. Brownlee, K. Altwies, A. Rough

Absent: N. Fox (e), D. Johnson, P. Singer

Call to Order & Agenda: R. Gibson at 3:05 PM EST

Chair's Report: R. Gibson

Introductions

New board members were welcomed!

Secretary's Report: H. Stultz

Action items were reviewed.

**MOTION: To approve the minutes from March 13, 2008.
K. Wallace MOVED/ J. Rolsky SECONDED PASSED Unanimously**

Financial Report: J. Rolsky & T. Fleeson

Board Committee Updates: S. Cox & R. Gibson

Development

The development committee will need to gather at the in-person board meeting next month.

Ad Hoc

Disciplinary & Complaint Policy

Financial Policy

The financial policy proposed in March passed by an online vote.

CEO Report: T. DiFilipo

Programs & Services

Permanency & Child Advocacy: International Relations Initiative

Vietnam

Nepal

Guatemala

Tom just returned from a trip with the 2007 caucus co-chairs, who were in place at the time the meeting was scheduled. They included Bruce Mossberg of Bethany Christian Services, Margaret Orr of Small Miracles and Chris Huber of FTIA. The goal was to establish a working relationship with the new government. Meetings were held with SOSEP, the First Lady's office responsible for children's affairs; Bienestar responsible for social welfare programs, the Executive Director and Vice Director of the Central Authority, Manuel Manrique, John Lowell, and Ambassador Durham.

JCICS was warmly received by the Guatemalan officials.

Ethiopia

JCICS will be traveling to Ethiopia the first week of June.

Haiti

Tom is hoping to travel there for two days next month.

Russia

Kazakhstan

Cambodia

United States

JCICS meets continually with DOS & CIS.

Permanency & Child Advocacy: Global Awareness Campaign

Russia

JCICS will participate in a 90 minute round table discussion today with members of the Russian government that will be witnessed by 15 members of Russian international media. It will include a 30 minute question and answer panel in DC & Moscow via a video conference link. The largest Russian news bureau with 15 offices worldwide will participate as well. The hope is that participation will be beneficial to the cause of permanency.

Guatemala

Romania

JCICS will be interviewed tomorrow by a Romanian film crew at the office. The conversation will be about child welfare in a broad context and will be broadcasted in Romania.

Google Earth

JCICS will be moving forward with this initiative using monies from the Kellogg grant.

Documents: A. Schlicht

Board Contact List

Report any inaccuracies to Adam for immediate edit, otherwise Adam will email final version to BOD tomorrow.

Board Biographies

Please review biographies listed on the website and let Adam know of any edits.

JCICS Caucus & Committees for 2008-2009

The caucus and committee list reflects information voted on at conference and the liaisons determined at the board meeting held there. Please share any names with Adam of individuals that could be recruited to fill the areas that are still without chairs.

Education & Research: J. Ruben

2008 Conference Recap

Evaluations & Participant Feedback

Future Conference Timelines

Planning for the 2009 conference will begin in just a few weeks. Staff request that the board begin brainstorming names for keynote speakers and topic presentations.

Leftover Totebags

Adult Adoptee Conference

Committee Formation

Tom, Joelle, Susan & Kathy are meeting this Friday to help provide structure for this portion of next year's conference and will provide an update to the full board at the next meeting.

Website

The new website has been completed. The final troubleshooting and review will be finished shortly. Staff will give the board a 1-2 day advance notice before it goes live next month.

Misc Updates

- JCICS will be doing a day retreat on Friday in Silver Spring for Children's Home Society
- Tom will present at a parent support group in NC
- JCICS will present at the APC conference in NY City as well as the ABA conference in Belgium this October

Activity in the Last 30 Days

- Meetings on the Hill with Landrieu, Clinton & Casey's office
- JCICS working with Casa Quivera families stuck in Guatemala
- Ethiopia SOP
- Met with National Benefit Center in KS on 4/1
- Met with Vietnam officials
- Met with Department of Migration
- Met with CCAI 2x
- Met with USCIS 3x
- Met with DOS 5x
- Meet monthly with Center for Adoption Policy
- Participating in DOS study on disruptions

Strategic Plan

Requests for JCICS Consulting Services

Several agencies are asking JCICS to do agency specific consulting after seeing presentations at conference. Discussion was held that Tom is not in a position to do this right now given staff limitations.

Staff Update

Adam will be transitioning out on June 1st through the middle of July; Anna Rough will effectively assume the Child Advocacy Program Manager position on June 1st.

Membership Drive 2008: A. Schlicht

2008 Membership

Dues Received

Non-renewing members

Forthcoming Projects

In-Person BOD Meeting: J. Ruben

Board committee meetings: Evening of Monday, June 23rd

Formal All Board meeting: Tuesday, June 24th – Wednesday, June 25th (3pm)

Hotel Rooming Information

Please submit roommates name by Friday May 9, 2008.

Board Meeting Reservation Policy

Ask board members to book 60 days in advance, email a copy of reservation to Taylor.

New Board Training

Next Conference Call:

Wednesday, May 14th at 3pm EST

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 4:31 PM EST.

K. Wallace MOVED/ R. Pearlman SECONDED PASSED by Majority

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Stultz, Secry