

JCICS Board Meeting  
March 13, 2008  
Conference Call

**Attendees:** R. Gibson, H. Stultz, S. Cox, T. DiFilipo, J. Rolsky, A. Schlicht, P. Singer, J. Ruben, R. Pearlman, K. Sacco, L. Wetterberg, N. Fox, K. Wallace, D. Murphy-Scheumann, T. Fleeson, D. Johnson

**Call to Order & Agenda:** R. Gibson at 3:06 PM EST

**Departed Early:** D. Johnson, K. Wallace, R. Pearlman, D. Murphy-Scheumann

**Chair's Report:** R. Gibson

New Board Member

Welcome to Dr. Dana Johnson who has agreed to fulfill an exiting board member's term for the following year.

Vietnam Caucus

Thanks to Adam for assisting with central coordination of communication between Tom, the Executive Committee and the Vietnam Caucus this week.

**Secretary's Report:** H. Stultz

Action items were reviewed.

**MOTION: To approve the minutes from February 13, 2008.**

**L. Wetterberg MOVED/ N. Fox SECONDED PASSED Unanimously**

**Financial Report:** J. Rolsky, J. Ruben & T. Fleeson

Review of Audit

The auditors conducted a review from 2/27-29. They have everything they need.

**Board Committee Updates:** S. Cox

Development

Susan has sent information to the other committee members, hoping to meet and further discuss at the conference.

**CEO Report:** T. DiFilipo

## Fundraising

Tom traveled to Kansas City.

## International Relations Initiative

### *Vietnam*

Tom has just returned from Vietnam. During the trip Tom presented the Joint Council Standards of Practice to the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, PACOM (a government organization that regulates all NGOs within Vietnam) as well as the Office of Consular Affairs and the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam via the Chief of Mission. The SOP were well received as a way to elevate level of practice, service and confidence on both sides but may not be enough to assist with the negotiation of a new MOA. Tom will be meeting with DOS to debrief the findings of the trip, preparing a brief for members of Congress and holding a conference call with the Vietnam caucus tomorrow.

### *Guatemala*

JCICS is forming a delegation to interface with the new Central Authority to assist with capacity building and have a positive impact on the new regulations that are being drafted. The approximately 3,000 cases that JCICS has advocated for completion appear to be moving forward.

### *Nepal*

All 400 pipeline cases are now complete. It is anticipated that Nepal will resume international adoptions as soon as the new regulations are approved by the appropriate ministries.

### *Ethiopia*

JCICS hopes to travel to Ethiopia again in May.

### *Haiti*

Tom hopes to travel to Haiti after the annual conference.

## Staffing Update

Anna Rough has been hired. She has a Masters in Foreign Relations and will start on Monday working in the area of Child Advocacy and the International Relations Initiative.

## NCFA

Tom met with NCFA recently.

### USCIS/DOS Updates

JCICS met with CIS today regarding new Hague regulations.

Kathleen Strotman and Senator Landrieu will both participate on the Federal panel at the conference. COA and DOS will also be presenting. CIS will present on the new Hague process.

### Miscellaneous

**Nominating Committee Update:** D. Murphy-Scheumann & L. Wetterberg

Staff, Chris Huber & Lynn Wetterberg will count ballots cast at the conference.

**Policy & Procedure Update:** R. Gibson & L. Wetterberg

### Disciplinary Procedures & Complaint Policy

### Financial Policies & Procedures

**Membership Drive 2008:** A. Schlicht

The membership analysis document was reviewed.

**Conference 2008:** J. Ruben

### Board Participation

A detailed document will be made available to each board member at the registration desk. The BOD is requested to send their travel schedules to Taylor as soon as possible. On April 8<sup>th</sup> a medical institute reception will be held at the Sonoma restaurant, board members are requested to arrive at 5pm. The board is also requested to meet at the registration desk prior to departing to Hill reception in the Hart building.

### Registrations

### Hotel & Overflow

It appears that rooms for the BOD are all set; if anyone does not have a room please contact Joelle right away. The JCICS block is full and the entire hotel is full. Downtown DC is full so JCICS has secured 20 overflow rooms at the Holiday Inn in Georgetown, which has a free shuttle to the metro.

Welcome Reception

Thanks to Susan Cox for helping to secure the space on the Hill.

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM EST.**

**J. Rolsky      MOVED/ L. Wetterberg SECONDED      PASSED by Majority**