



## **IASAS Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 14 at 5 pm Dubai**

In attendance: Achim Meyer auf der Heyde (Deutsches Studentenwerk, Germany), Birgit Schreiber (Germany), Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo (American University of Sharjah, UAE), Andrea Straachan (University of Queensland, Australia), David Newman, University of Toronto, Canada), Jacqueline Huggins (The University of West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago), Lon Maglipas (FEU Institute of Technology, Philippines), Abigail Smith (American University of Sharjah, UAE), Matome Jack Mashiapata (University of South Africa, South Africa), and Akwasi Agyemang (Kumasi Technical University, Ghana).

1. Meeting minutes were approved for February, 2021
2. Birgit mentioned that she is still working on an application to become part of UNESCO. Very complicated process.
3. After the summit, a committee will be formed to find SAS practitioners to fill volunteer positions that remain open. Lisa asked for volunteers to serve on this committee.
4. Lisa reported for Tadd on Professional Development. We now have a YouTube channel IASAS.Global that we will use to keep webinar recordings. Our next webinar is on Covid19 research during the first wave on May 20 in partnership with ACPA GSDC. Birgit and Lisa was part of the research team.
5. Preliminary conversations took place on a possible Council of Association that can help with ongoing communication and happenings through the lens of association leadership. Lisa will work with David to make the objectives clearer.
6. David gave an update on the virtual global summit planned for 2021.
7. Regional updates and announcements
  - a. Jacqueline, the Regional Coordinator for North and Central America and the Caribbean region, lamented that in St Vincent, and Barbados a volcano erupted which is a national disaster and many people are suffering. The University of West Indies students are still off-campus and is not back to campus for classes. CTLPA - Caribbean Tertiary Level Personnel Association elections for local and regional leadership positions will take place soon. The virtual conference will take place in June and the call for Conference programs is out.
  - b. Matome, Regional Director for the Africa region, shared that student protests around funding in South Africa have subsided. Some students are taking classes

on campus. Staff is starting to get back to campuses and the # of infections are dropping.

- c. Andrea, Regional Director for Oceania region, shared that in Australia borders are closed. Vaccination sourcing has been low, and the concerns have been around support services for students in international countries.
- d. David, Regional Director for North and Central America and the Caribbean region, reported that in Canada the positivity rate is at the highest point since the pandemic started, approximately 20.6% have taken the first vaccination dose.
- e. Marlon, Regional Coordinator for Asia, reported that the Philippines is in lockdown and universities are closed, the only students that are coming to campus are those students who have laboratories. A small percentage of people have been vaccinated and there is a concern about the credibility of the vaccines. Associations in Asia like APSSA, PAPSAS, and PACSA (Student Affairs associations) have continued professional development virtually.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm Dubai.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo  
Secretary-General