

Friends of International Education, Inc,

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Restructuring of the FIE Board of Directors.

At the video meeting held in October the suggestion was made to reduce the number of FIE Board members. The number will be reduced from 18 to 12. This will require an amendment to the bylaws. Accordingly, the motion to amend the bylaws follows for your review and approval.

Motion to Amend the Bylaws of the FIE

Whereas the membership of the Friends of International Education, Inc., has never exceeded 75 members, and whereas the Board of the FIE is an active board in need of active members, we move to amend the FIE, Inc., bylaws to reflect the need for a smaller number of active members as follows.

Article 4, Section 2 be changed from:

The property, affairs and business of the Corporation shall be under the care of and managed by a board of a minimum of *eighteen (18), consisting of no more than seventeen (17)* directors elected from the membership by the members at the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation in the manner and for the period hereinafter prescribed.

To:

The property, affairs and business of the Corporation shall be under the care of and managed by a board of a minimum of *twelve (12), consisting of no more than eleven (11)* directors elected from the membership by the members at the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation in the manner and for the period hereinafter prescribed.

(Submitted by Carol LeBreck and Judy Freund, October 2008)

Please respond to the board's acting secretary, Teri Power, at the following address to confirm your support for the amendment ASAP.

Tpower@amerytel.net

Ways to be involved in the FIE

Sessions for Professional Conferences

We are advocating that the professional conferences make an effort to schedule breakout sessions that highlight international education. PLEASE submit session proposals for professional conferences that you typically attend. We would be happy to help with proposals. Contact any board member for help with this.

FIE Blog

We are working on linking a blog to our website that would highlight international topics, issues, experiences, etc. We need you to visit the blog and put your two-cents worth in! More on that as we move forward, but don't lose your thoughts...

Sessions for WCSS/FIE

Please be thinking about a session that you might present at the WCSS/FIE conference in March. This will be a major collaboration of the FIE and we NEED you to be involved in offering to present a session themed on an international topic. Session proposals are needed by Wednesday, December 17th. Go to the following website to propose a session.

www.education.wisc.edu/elpa/conferences/iec/

ALSO at that conference, we will be hosting an evening event (Monday) that will highlight international experiences and opportunities. IF you have traveled of late and would like to have a table exhibit that shares artifacts, photos, music and other cultural aspects, curriculum, etc. of your travel, please contact us—thanks to those of you who already have.

Professional Development Opportunities

A new course will be offered at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for Summer 2009. The course is a Doctoral Seminar in International Adult Education.

Interested individuals should contact Dr. Regina Smith at rsmith2@uwm.edu.

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If you have not already done so, please print out the attached membership renewal and send it in today.

Send your announcements: if you have information that you would like to make available to our membership through the newsletter, please send it to me at

jannfreund@sbcglobal.net

Likewise, if you would like information on the list serve send it to me as well.