



The Report

JANUARY 2007

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Annual Meeting Scheduled

January 10, 2007, Wednesday at 7:00 pm

The Bedford International Alliance will hold its Annual Meeting for the Membership at the Bedford Area Welcome Center. The Bedford students who visited France and England in July will be at the meeting to share their experience with us. Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available for everyone.

At the meeting we will hold the election of nine directors for a three-year term each. The Nominating committee Report can be found on the following page. Also, we will vote on a proposed dues increase for 2007, from \$10 a person to \$15, and we will vote on a by-laws amendment to facilitate the removal and replacement of a director when that director is no longer active and participating in board of directors meetings.

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors and election of officers will follow the general meeting of the membership.

See you there!

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF BYBLAWS

January 3, 2007

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

Notice is given that at the meeting of the Board of Directors to be held January 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM, the Board will consider the following amendment to the bylaws:

Resolved, that the bylaws be amended to add a new section as follows:

Section 6.4.1 Removal of Director.

If a Director, during any calendar year, shall be absent for more than two meetings of the Board of Directors, including regularly scheduled and special meetings, those members of the corporation having voting rights, in their discretion, may declare the office of such Director vacated by reason of neglect, and the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by such voting members. A Director may be removed under the provisions of this Section only at a meeting of the members, the notice of which has stated that removal of the Director is the purpose or one of the purposes of the meeting of members.

Robert L. Bashore
Chairman, Board of Directors

BEDFORD INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE, INC.

PROPOSED 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominating Committee Report to the Board:

| 1 Year Directors Terms Expire 12/31/07 | 2 Year Directors Terms Expire 12/31/08 | 3 Year Directors Terms Expire 12/31/09 |
|---|---|---|
| Will Berry | Bob Bashore | Meg Ballard |
| Jack Gross | Lucille Boggess | Pearl Broesamle |
| Connie Messier | Gloria Gross | Lisa Persinger |
| Tom Messier | Joe Humphrey | Nita Holt |
| Sam Broesamie | Helen Pope | Al Vincent |
| Bill Pickett | Hugh Bond | Jim Vest - City |
| Mike Shelton | Charlie Walker | Joanne Bolling |
| Joe Beverly | Dave Ballard | Kathleen Wilkerson |
| Charlotte Vincent | Chuck Neudorfer – County | Janice Humphrey |

PROPOSED 2007 OFFICERS:

Chairman of Board – Bob Bashore

Vice-Chairman of the Board – Hugh Bond

President – Al Vincent

1st Vice President – Helen Pope (Student Exchange/USS Normandy Committees)

2nd Vice President – Nita Holt (Bedford/Normandy Committee)

3rd Vice President – Pearl Broesamle (Bedford/Woburn/Ivybridge Committee)

1st Secretary – Lisa Persinger (records meeting minutes; maintains BIA records)

2nd Secretary – Charlie Walker (sends out correspondence, maintains membership roster, issues meeting notices, chairs Membership Committee)

1st Treasurer – Meg Ballard (receives and accounts for all BIA funds, except trip funds, pays all bills of the BIA as directed by the Board of Directors or as otherwise obligated, provides reports to the Board)

2nd Treasurer – Connie Messier (receives and accounts for all funds for BIA trips, maintains separate accounts for trip activities, provides reports to the travel committee and to the Board of Directors as necessary)

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Pearl Broesamle, Chair
Al Vincent
Janice Humphrey
Jack Gross
Bill Pickett

We celebrated the Holiday Season with good friends, good food and good wine...

...at the Holiday Soiré, November 17,
at the Bedford Area Welcome Center.



OUR FRENCH COUNTERPARTS ARE VERY BUSY

Editor's Note...

I email a copy of each of the BIA newsletter to our counterparts in both England and France. I've asked them to share some information on their associations with us. After sending the newsletter in November to France, I received the following information by email from Bertrand LeJemtel, the president of the Normandy association.

Bertrand's English is very good. While the punctuation, the spelling, and the dates are somewhat different from ours, the content is excellent. I just wish my French was half as good. Please take note of the number and variety of events planned for the group, and the number of people expected to attend.

I'm looking forward to getting information and hopefully pictures from some of the events below from Bertrand. I'll put anything I get in our newsletter to help strengthen our twinning arrangement.

Nita Holt

Thank you very much for your newsletter which is of a great interest. We do appreciate the report on your cruise. We will try to collect some text and photos about our different activities.

This is down below our present programme:

November 4th.2006: Conference named "the supply problem of the Allies". It was the description of what has been planned by the American headquarter for the Day. Held at the city hall of Ste Honorine des Pertes, the attendance was of 65 which is the maximum we can welcome in such a small house.

December 6th.2006: Visit of the National Assembly (Parliament) 50 members only are allowed to attend it because of security question.

May 12th.2007: Tourism contest in our province. 14 teams will be accepted. This relaxing day will be closed by a dinner in a good restaurant.

June 6th.2007: Official ceremony at the American Cemetery of Colleville

June 9th.2007: Giant picnic on the Omaha Beach site. Forecasted attendance 1.000

June 23rd.2007: At the movies theater of Trevieres: film called "Crossed destiny" a story of a German soldier having talks with an American trooper. Forecasted attendance 200

August 9th.2007: Annual tour to a very famous location where the best horses of the world grow up

August 16th.2007: Annual meeting of our Association

Wishing this will help. Kind regards.

Bertrand



2007 Membership Renewal

Dues rate for 2007 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The deadline for paying dues for 2007 is March 1.

It is now time to renew your membership. Please make your check payable to the "Bedford International Alliance" and mail it to the Treasurer. You must have your dues payment up-to-date in order to participate in the activities of the Alliance.

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