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Dear SIG members,

It was great to see so many of you at our SIG conference last month at Ferris University. The presentations, poster session, Annual General Meeting (AGM) and dinner were productive and went smoothly. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did. A special thank you to all the presenters, to Karen Mattison for hosting us, and to the SA SIG officers and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make the conference such a success. The AGM minutes and new officer introductions are included below this message.

SA SIG Research Scholarship

The SIG now offers a research scholarship of 25,000 yen available to SIG members who do not otherwise have access to research funds. The recipient will also publish their research in our *Ryugaku* journal. Please submit proposal abstracts between 75 to 100 words including proposal title, applicant's name and university affiliation to: studyabroadsig@gmail.com. The deadline for proposals is January 12, 2020.

Upcoming SA SIG Events in 2020

Here are the JALT-affiliated conferences for next year.

May 30-31: PanSIG Conference

September 26: Study Abroad SIG Conference*

November 28-30: 2020 JALT International Conference

**Details will be posted on the Study Abroad SIG website before the application process starts. Be sure to check the updated detailed guidelines for submission.*

JALT International Conference in Nagoya, Nov 1-4

I hope to see you at the JALT conference in Nagoya next month. Please stop by our SA SIG table to chat. Volunteers are needed to be at the SA SIG table to welcome prospective members, network and share info. It is a great opportunity for the SA SIG members to connect and welcome others to study abroad. Also make sure to check out the SIG forum, ***Fostering Multicultural Identities***, led by Jon Dujmovich and I on the 3rd, from 5:10-6:40PM, in Room 1202.

JALT SA SIG Social

Please join us at Shooters Sports Bar and Grill on Saturday, November 2, 18:00. It will be a great time to relax, connect and have fun! Please contact Mike Matsuno (mikematsuno@mac.com) to book your spot.

Warm regards,

Lyndell Nagashima

Study Abroad SIG Coordinator

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Ferris University, Ryouken Campus, Yokohama

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019

AGM 3:45-5:00

Thank you, Karen and Airi for organizing today.

If you are not on mailing list, but a member, please let us know.

Officers in attendance (*core officers):

*Lyndell Nagashima (Coordinator)

*Masaki Seo (Publicity Chair)

Catherine Oki (Social Chair)

Total of 12 people in attendance.

Officer reports:

Thank you to all the officers for your work for the SIG this past year.

No questions from attendees.

OFFICER ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Current Officers:

Lyndell Nagashima - Coordinator*

John Charles - Treasurer*

Russell Hubert - Membership Chair*

Robert Dilenschneider: Publications Chair*

Masaki Seo - Publicity Chair*

Samar Kassim: Program Chair*

Adam Stone: Website Editor

Catherine Oki - Social Chair

Call for Volunteers - Open Officer Positions & Descriptions:

Website Editor:

Update the SIG website when given content

Keep the JALT SA SIG website updated with links to the SA SIG website

***Publications Chair:** *(not yet filled, will put call out)*

The Publications Chair is responsible for editing and publishing at least 3 official

newsletters (*RYUGAKU*) per calendar year. Newsletters may be published online. The editor is permitted to appoint an assistant newsletter editor and newsletter staff as necessary. Note: Constitution - Publications, *Article 10* (p. 3) “The Study Abroad SIG shall produce at least three publications, including online versions, per year.”

*Treasurer: *Karen Mattison (8 votes for)*

*Program Chair: *Masaki Seo (8 votes for)*

Newsletter Editor: *Simon Park (7 votes for)*

*Publicity Chair: *Mike Matsuno (6 votes for)*

Volunteers – Uncontested & Willing to Remain:

*Coordinator: *Lyndell Nagashima (8 votes for)*

*Membership Chair: *Russell Hubert (8 votes for)*

Appointed Social Chair: *Catherine Oki - with help from Mike Matsuno (8 votes for)*

All serving officers, core and non-core, will assume roles as of today. Thank you!

Old Business *None*

New Business

1 – Constitution word changes Current: “newsletters”

Proposed change: “publications”

As per the Constitution, IV. SIG Activities (p. 7) “...the number of newsletters published per year at 3 or more.”

(8 voted for change to “publications” from “newsletters”)

2 – Conference Forums: topic suggestions/requests

PanSIG 2020 May 30-31 2020 University of Niigata Prefecture

2020 JALT International Conference November 28-30 Tsukuba Japan

“Best Practices in Study Abroad: academically and linguistically”

“JASSO theme”

“Troubleshooting” (talk about cases)/ “Risk Management”

Possible to collaborate with Intercultural Communication in Language Education (ICLE) SIG for one or both conferences

3 – PanSIG 2020 and 2020 JALT International Conference: SA SIG table volunteers

-WE NEED PEOPLE!

-Try sending out by email, listserv so people can sign up using a Google Sheet

-Let’s try to make it a hangout place!

4 – 2020 SA SIG Conference proposal: Ibaraki University, Mito campus, on September 26, 2020 (9:00-18:00) - Masaki Seo

-Rooms, staffing, etc. all covered

- 5 – “Best of JALT” SA SIG nominations
-Nominate: Jacob Schnickel (Catherine Oki nominated and 7 voted in favor)
- 6 – Membership research grants (7 voted for)
25,000 yen (for research or travel to a conference)
blind vetting done by officers
requisites:
**must be someone with no access to research money*
**must write something for the SA SIG Ryugaku Journal*
- 7 – The prerequisite qualification of potential SA SIG officer candidates should be:
-must be/become a member of the SA SIG to be an officer
- 8 – Establishing a policy for SA SIG officers to use SIG funds for SIG business
-officers should decide by vote and case by case
-disagreement: academic organization so unrelated, this is volunteer
-JALT National already has guidelines and stipulations, so let’s follow that (officers vote)
-stipulations don’t actually work for the SIG, so this needs more consideration in order for guidelines and stipulations to be more specific than the JALT National’s
- 9 – An anonymous voting system for SA SIG members to elect SA SIG officers
-needs clarification so moved to old business
- 10 – An anonymous voting system for SA SIG members
a. i.e. Survey Monkey. Let us know if you are interested in setting up a format for membership use.
-needs clarification so moved to old business
- 11 – Facebook membership guidelines and a code of conduct
-191 members, though traffic is not so heavy
-must answer 2 questions to join group, but many seem to have skipped that
-from now MUST answer in order to be accepted, please tell people this when referring them to the page

Anything else:

- Potential for collaboration SIIEJ: 3 days, 2020 at Kangaku, end of August (Mike Matsuno’s idea)*
-JASSO, JAFSA (Mike Matsuno has connection with)
-Bring in MEXT person next year to explain SA scholarships, etc. (Masaki Seo may have connection)
-Newsletter column “trouble shooting”
-“Reflections on SA” column (written by students)
-Erina Ogawa (SIETAR member)- potential panel member for practical reflective activity idea with students returning from study abroad (identity maps)

New Officers

Please give a warm welcome to our SIG's newest officers!

Karen Mattison



Hello, I first came to Japan on the JET Programme in 1995. Since the JET Programme, I have taught in a variety of settings ranging from non-profit organizations to corporate classes to universities. Presently I am at Ferris University, where I am active with the semester abroad program in particular, as well as with our other study abroad programs. My previous experience with the Study Abroad SIG includes serving as a vetter for the PanSig conference and as editorial staff for our journal. I also have previous experience as treasurer of another organization. I look forward to serving you on the executive committee.

Mike Matsuno



Greetings from Kyoto! I am originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, a 4th generation (yonsei), Japanese American. I have taught as a faculty member at both American and Japanese universities in English and Japanese. After 10 years of working as the faculty director of the International Center of Osaka Gakuin University, I worked as an international consultant for Asian recruitment for California State University Monterey Bay. Presently, I am Vice President of the Japan Study Abroad Foundation (JSAF) & IELTS. I also teach/facilitate on the Japan Prime Ministers Cabinet Office's "Ship for World Youth Global Leadership Program" (2016, 2019, 2020). I hope as Publicity Chairman that I can help connect SA SIG members, create dialogue and share student opportunities with those interested in study abroad and international education.

Simon Park



Hello! I'm from Philadelphia. I live in Kawasaki with my wife and 2 children. During college I was able to study abroad in Sydney, Australia. While there, I fell in love with "study abroad." After graduating, I volunteered, taught English and travelled all over the world. I taught in Gifu, Japan from 2006-2008. I returned to Japan in 2011, got married, had a child and taught English. Then I went back to America, taught in Philly, had another child and returned to Japan again in 2017. I now teach at Asia University. I am new to JALT and have learned so much and met so many great people. I am brand new to the Study Abroad SIG, but look forward to serving the community as the newsletter editor. If you have any suggestions please let me know!

Nicolas Bovee



I am an associate professor at the Language Education and Research Center (LERC) at Kyushu Sangyo University in Fukuoka. In my 20s, I worked as an ALT and CIR on the JET Program (Miyazaki), a translation coordinator at a graphic design agency (Oita), and a translator at Ritsumeikan APU (Beppu). I moved to Fukuoka when I was around 30 and have been at the LERC for over a decade, during which time I have spent many hours administering our Moodle system and creating e-learning content. I have also accompanied groups of students to Australia and New Zealand several times as part of a university course. I hope to contribute in at least a small way by administering the SIG's website. Do let me know if you have any ideas about how it can be improved!

Thank you for reading! All the best!



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