

Meeting of the AILACT Board of Directors June 9, 2007, The University of Windsor

(1) Board Members Present: Derek Allen (President), Tony Blair, Maurice Finocchiaro (Immediate Past-President), James Freeman, Leo Groarke (Vice-President), David Hitchcock, Michael Scriven. Others present: Robert Ennis, David Godden.

(2) It was noted that David Godden was now the new website master, and that he had the password and codes. It was decided to keep the same domain name.

(3) At the General Meeting of AILACT that had been held two days previously, Bob Ennis' proposed resolution in response to the Spellings Commission's call for the testing of critical thinking in higher education institutions in the United States had been discussed and amended. At the Board meeting, Bob Ennis spoke briefly about the resolution as amended. It was agreed that all Board members would be polled on the resolution and that if a majority of the Board approved the resolution, and recommended its adoption by the AILACT membership, it would go to the membership for discussion and a subsequent vote.

(4) It was agreed that the deadline for submissions for the AILACT Essay Prize would be moved from September 1 to October 15.

(5) It was suggested that the AILACT website should provide a list of institutions of higher education in Canada, the United States, and elsewhere where critical thinking can be studied. This suggestion met with general approval.

(6) It was agreed that there should be cooperation between AILACT and The Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric (CRRAR), University of Windsor.