

International Assembly Perspectives
Editor's Message

This feature of the *Journal of International Social Studies* will highlight people, activities, and perspectives related to the work of the International Assembly (IA), past, present, and future. In this issue, Margit McGuire, Past President of the National Council for the Social Studies, recounts the history of the IA.

In recent years the IA initiated a Global Scholar Award. It was the vision of Eleanor Goldstein. The EGEG Family Foundation sponsors the award, provides a recognition luncheon, and publishes a booklet describing the contributions of the scholar. Through the foundation, Eleanor also generously sponsors the Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture.

In addition, IA began the Adopt-a-School Project, created an IA-FASSE Grant for International Understanding, and developed a new electronic scholarly journal.

Josiah Tlou worked with IA to make the Adopt-a-School Project a reality. His involvement with international education and his connections in many African countries is impressive. In our next column Josiah will be interviewed by editor, Lee Bisland. His work is inspirational.

Terry Trimble, FASSE, approached IA about developing a joint grant, and with his help, we conceptualized our new grant for

international understanding. The very talented Carolyn O'Mahony, IA, took responsibility for the grant's final design and made it happen.

Another notable development in IA is the creation of our first scholarly journal. Lee Bisland was selected as the editor through a national search. She not only edited the journal, but developed it, assisted by a carefully selected staff. She is to be congratulated for her commitment to IA and to international social studies scholars.

An active IA Board supported all of these initiatives and provides leadership for them. Toni F. Kirkwood-Tucker is the IA Liaison to the EGEG Family Foundation; Lin Lin, Masato Ogawa, and Mary Johnson work with Josiah and his colleagues on the Adopt-a-School Project; Carolyn O'Mahony is our grant administrator; and journal editors are Beverly Milner (Lee) Bisland (Editor), Gloria Alter (Associate Editor, Perspectives Editor), Carolyn O'Mahony (Editor, Media Review), Michelle Fraboni (Technology Editor), and Marcia Baghban (Copy Editor).

Through the International Assembly, we hope to continue to foster international connections and understanding that will ultimately impact the well-being of many of our global citizens. This column will highlight some of that work.

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