



**International Society for
Augmentative and Alternative Communication**

Reporting Outcomes
Operational Plans
January 1, 2009 – July 1, 2010

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President

July 2010

ISAAC COUNCIL MEETING



International Society for Augmentative
& Alternative Communication

Sunday, July 25, 2010 09.00 – 17.30

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Introductions **5 minutes**
- Acceptance of the agenda **5 minutes**
- Approval of minutes from August 2008 meetings (*two meetings*)
5 minutes
- Reports and Discussion of Projects:
 - **BUILD 15 minutes**
 - **READ 1 hour**
 - Translation needs
 - Revision of website and Information Exchange
 - **LEAD 1 hour**
 - Youth Advisory Council

BREAK 15 MINUTES 11:30 – 11:45

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- Financial Report **1 hour**
 - 2009 Audited financial statements
 - Approval of audit: Motion
 - Approval of Biennial Budget 2011 – 2012
 - Appointment of Auditor

LUNCH BREAK 12:45 – 1:45

- Installation of new Council (2010 – 2012 member) **5 minutes**
 - Ratification of 2011-2012 Executive Board **10 minutes**
 - Report on International AAC Awareness Project **30 minutes**
 - Report & discussion on the Operational Plan 2009-2010 (MBH) **1 hour**
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BREAK 15 minutes 3:30 to 3:45

- By-laws - review of new By-laws **30 minutes**
 - Representation of Council on ISAAC Committees **15 minutes**
 - Promotion of the AAC Journal **20 minutes**
- * This agenda would have us finish around 5 p.m., which gives us about 30 minutes to use if needed
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Long Range Plan 2007 – 2012

- **Three factors that have been the focus of this Executive Board in implementing the Operational Plans that were approved by the Council at Düsseldorf:**
 - **ISAAC's economic stability**
 - **Clear objectives linked to focussed goals**
 - **A Governance Structure that maximizes the benefits and strengths of ISAAC.**
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Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

- Goal 1: To increase ISAAC's impact as a strong, collaborative organization**

 - Goal 2: To promote human rights of people who use AAC through full participation, equalization of opportunity and development**

 - Goal 3: To promote ISAAC as a strong, international organization providing information and education on AAC**

 - Goal 4: To promote research & development in all areas of AAC**
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Operational Plans 2009 - 2010

- Operational Plans for 2009-2010 were presented within the framework of the 4 LRP Goals
 - Focus was on 10 Objectives
 - 3 Projects established to meet the objectives
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Operational Plans 2009 - 2010

PORTFOLIOS

International Activities

Mary Blake Huer

ISAAC Secretariat

Mona Zaccak (Manager, ISAAC Secretariat & Membership Services)
& **Mary Blake Huer**

Administration & Finance

Mary Blake Huer & Finance Committee

Conferences

Mary Blake Huer, Erna Alant & Eija Roisko

Publications & IE / Website

Erna Alant / Eija Roisko/ Paul Andres/ IE Editor / Secretariat Staff

Major Outcomes 2009-2010

- ❑ ISAAC's financial situation strengthened
 - ❑ New Governance Structure finalized and voted on by the Council
 - ❑ New Bylaws passed
 - ❑ ISAAC acts as a catalyst in linking members from different countries
 - ❑ Within our financial constraints, many of the objectives set out for 3 projects met.
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Outcomes 2009 - 2010

ISAAC Financial Position

2006 Deficit Budget

2007 Positive Balance with \$ 50,000 in reserve

2008 Projected budget with \$50,000 in reserve

2009 ??

2010 ???

Accomplished by:

- Reorganization of the Secretariat Office
 - EB taking responsibilities for different portfolios with support of Task Force members
 - EB meetings via skype on a fortnightly/monthly basis
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Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Governance

ISAAC Bylaws

- 4.5 Quorum
 - Current Wording: “The presence in person or by proxy of more than one member shall constitute a quorum any meeting of the Members.”
 - Proposed change: To be consistent with the use of “Quorum” in the remainder of the bylaws.
 - Proposed Wording “All members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Members”
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Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Governance



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ISAAC Bylaws

- 1.2 The purposes of ISAAC shall be:
 - (a) to advance the trans-disciplinary field of augmentative and alternative communication
 - (b) to facilitate the global exchange of information related to augmentative and alternative communication
 - (c) to focus attention upon the work being done to help people throughout the world who require AAC
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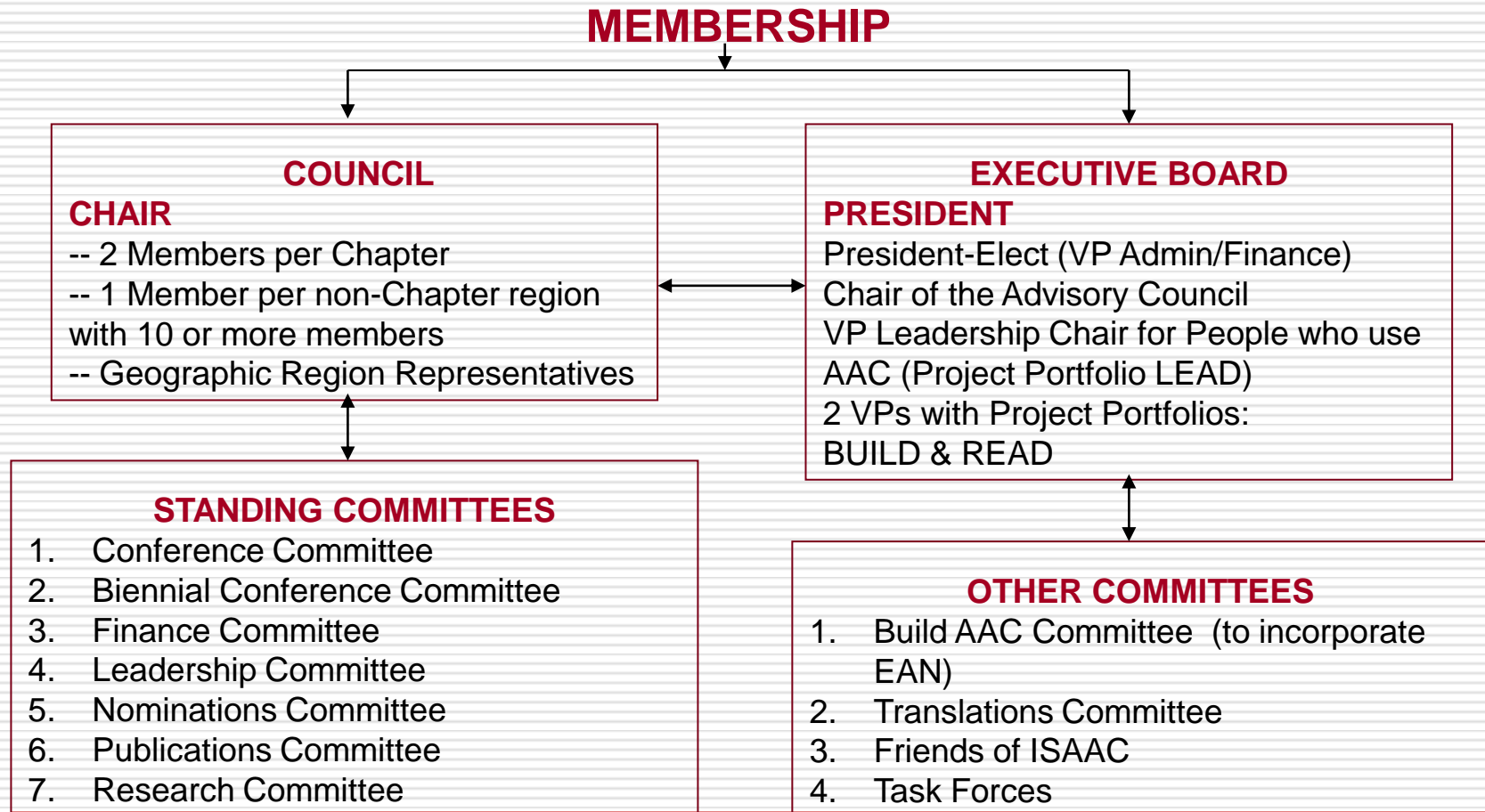
Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Governance

ISAAC Committees

- Nominations Committee
 - Awards Committee
 - Translation Committee
 - Leadership Committee
 - AAC Awareness Committee
 - Publication Committee
 - Research Committee
 - BUILD Committee
 - Friends of ISAAC
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Organizational Structure



Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Memberships

- A membership organization for people who use AAC, their families, professionals, students, and researchers
- 3,543 members across 61 countries in 2009; 3634 members from 62 countries in 2010
- 15 Chapters

***(ISAAC Secretariat June 2010 figures)**

Operational Plans for 2009 - 2010 Projects



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1. Action Group 1: **BUILD-AAC**

(Building AAC Communities Project)

Portfolio Leader ERNA ALANT

2. Action Group 2: **LEAD-AAC**

(Leadership Project by & for Persons using AAC)

Portfolio Leader SARAH LEVER

3. Action Group 3: **READ-AAC**

(Research. Education. Awareness. Documentation)

Portfolio Leaders EIJA ROISKO, PAUL ANDRES

BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

(Building AAC International Communities)



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Objective 1

- ISAAC will increase awareness of AAC and ISAAC in all countries including developing and emerging AAC areas.

Objective 2

- ISAAC will continue to maintain & develop closer links with organizations that share a vision with ISAAC & support international organizations concerned with issues that relate to human rights
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

(Building AAC International Communities)



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Performance Indicators of BUILD AAC Project by 2010:

- BUILD subcommittees established for building AAC communities around the world
 - Support for membership
 - Support for regional activities
 - Encourage production and sharing of material on AAC (web link with Project)
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2009-2010

□ Subcommittees

3 subcommittees have been established in line with Terms of Reference for this project, and have been functioning well, to promote –

- **New Members**
 - **Resources on the Web**
 - **Support in Regions**
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2009-2010

- Support for membership
 - Revised guidelines for BUILD programs to comply with new requirements:
 - Sponsored Membership
 - 5 & 5
 - Travel Grants
 - Book Donations
 - These guidelines should serve ISAAC well for the next few years
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2009-2010

□ Support for regional activities

- ISAAC members participated in 1 visit (UAE), and 10 regional conferences:

Serbia (February 2009)

India (March 2009)

Egypt (March 2009)

Mexico (April 2009)

Singapore (June 2009)

Russia (July 2009)

Peru (November 2009)

Germany (May 2010)

India (July 2010)

BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2009 - 2010

- Encourage production and sharing of material on AAC (web link with Project)
 - Participation of members through list serve
 - Contact with specific groups to obtain links from ISAAC website:
Harvey Pressman, Hilary Johnson, Gail van Tatenhove
 - Project presentation at ISAAC 2010 during the BUILD meeting
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Objective 3

- Persons who use AAC, their families and carers will participate actively in ISAAC, thus strengthening ISAAC's ability to advocate for full participation in society

Objective 4

- Develop and implement Leadership Training Program for persons who use AAC to enhance their skills in promoting their rights as members of society
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2009-2010

Performance Indicators of LEAD AAC Project By 2010

- Increased skills and participation by persons using AAC in leadership positions
 - Leadership training programs on identified needs developed
 - Participation in international disability conventions
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2009 - 2010

- Increased skills and participation by persons using AAC in leadership positions
 - Recommendations by PWUAAC Committee to have a PWUAAC on all committees adopted in the restructure
 - PWUAAC on Chapters' Boards of Directors or Executive Committees throughout ISAAC: 3
 - 2010 Conference in Barcelona: 98 PWUAAC registered
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2009-2010

- Leadership training programs on identified needs developed
 - Leadership Program Guidelines developed by Task Force All material completed in spring 2010
 - Implementation plans in process: Junior Advisory Board meetings to start up in January of 2011
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2009-2010

- Participation in international disability conventions
 - Presentation at ISAAC 2010 in Barcelona
 - 3rd International AAC Awareness Event in October 2010
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Research. Education. Awareness. Documentation.

Objective 5

- Information on AAC and ISAAC will be accessible to all members and available in a variety of media and formats and languages (spoken and symbolic) within the ISAAC membership as well as the larger global community

Objective 6

- Provide information exchange within the ISAAC membership as well as larger global community on various aspects of AAC
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) Outcomes 2009-2010

Objective 7

- ISAAC will have a clearly expressed transparent mission statement, shared and agreed upon by the members, evident in all publications and public access information
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Performance Indicators of READ AAC Project by 2010

- Mission Statement review
 - Governance Structure Review
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) Outcomes 2009 - 2010

□ Mission Statement review

- Mission Statement and purpose has not changed
 - To be discussed at 2010 Council meeting at the request of a Council member
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) Outcomes 2009 - 2010

□ Governance Structure review

- Council voted in favour of Restructure Document, Fall 2008
 - Council voted against proposed new by-laws, May 2009
 - Executive reviewed revised by-laws, August 2009
 - Council voted in favour of revised by-laws, September 2009 (100% in favour)
 - 33 Council members voted (total number of members 38)
 - All Chapters, countries and regions represent on the Council voted except one
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2009 - 2010

Objective 8

- The functioning of ISAAC will reflect the international identity of the membership
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2009-2010

Performance Indicators of READ AAC Project by 2010

- Material for awareness, information & translation identified and made available to the membership
 - A clear-cut policy for ISAAC conferences
 - Participation in regional conferences
 - Chapters actively involved in dissemination of information amongst its membership
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2009-2010

- Translations available on the Website and the IE in 5 languages
 - Materials / information in other languages on the web
 - IE has links to translations in 5 languages
 - New Governance documents translated and available on the website
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2009-2010

Objective 9

- ISAAC will continue to promote research and development in all areas of AAC

Objective 10

- Research findings will be disseminated widely within ISAAC and into the disability community worldwide
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2009-2010

Performance Indicators of READ AAC Project By 2010

- A clear-cut policy on Research projects – includes people using AAC as team members
 - Research symposia at ISAAC conferences to have a special stream on persons using AAC
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Acknowledgements

Members of the present EB

Council members both current and past

The Team at the Secretariat

Staff & Volunteers

ISAAC Chapters & Networks around the world

We continue to work towards....



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Established October 1983

OUR VISION

- AAC will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world

OUR MISSION

- To promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs
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