

PREPSEC International meetings in Denver the 6th and 8th of June 2013

Present: Knut Gundersen, Borge Stromgren, Sara Salmon, Bettina Christensen and Robert Calame

Regrets : Eva Feindler (in Spain) , Bengt Daleflod (in Sweden)

Introduction and information

This meeting will give us a chance to work together and share some ideas on how to develop the organization further. During the conference we met with Mark Amendola and Bob Oliver regarding the PREPARE Implementation Guide series. Discussions considered if and how trainings can be offered relevant to these programs. Hopefully the conference, the board meeting and the meeting with Bob and Mark will give us perspective on which issues PREPSEC International should focus as an organization. In order to include Eva and Bengt's positions, we will wait with the formal decisions until the following ordinary SKYPE meeting after summer.

PREPSEC International is now formally registered with organization number 899 576 802.

Web Page is Prepsecinternational.org

A letter to potential members around the world will be sent out as soon as we have a bank account.

1. Implementation standards and quality assurance for the new programs

Background for the item:

This year several of the new programs in the PREPARE series will be published by Research Press. Family TIES has already been published. Arnold Goldstein had no trademark on any of the programs, but we all know the struggle around Barry Glick's trademark of A.R.T. and the effort the former ICART board had dealing with it. When publishing new programming we need to have an awareness of how to secure quality in dissemination and implementation of the programs, including trainer standards. The former ICART board had a training standards committee, and the criteria for being a trainer of youth and a trainer of trainers was clearly established and published on the ICART Website. However, there were some discrepancies with regard to how it was actually being done.

Among the issues that should be reviewed are the length/content of the trainer education and the criteria for becoming respectively mentor, master trainer, trainer of trainers and trainers of youth and families. A definition of terms is invited in cooperation with the board

1) Author(s) 2) Mentor 3) Master Trainer/Super Trainer/Trainers of Trainers 4) Asst Master/Asst Super Trainer, 5) Facilitator/trainer. We could look for advice from other sources and compare our ideas to other organizations developing a System of Mentors.

Discussion was held on the topic.

To possess a trade mark for a program has some advantages. The owner of the program can assure that those who have the license to train others actually are qualified. We know that implementation including training is equally as important as the program is itself. We also believe that starting a training after reading a book is insufficient to become a skillful trainer. Most of the other programs that we can make a comparison with have trademarks, training standards and implementation standards that no one can compromise with. However, In Arnie Goldstein's spirit of universal access, the position of both the ICART board and the PREPSEC board have been that no one should earn money from the certification of the program as it should be free to use. In this landscape we need to reflect on how we should administer the programs in the future: Some of the issues to discuss will be

- Should PREPSEC apply for trade marks to avoid a situation where others do the same?
- Should we have a common system for master education and trainer education of the different programs?
- What is the qualification to become a mentor (one or two specialists in each country that are responsible for training and appointing master trainers of a program) –What are the qualifications to become a master trainer? In 2006 ICART approved a resolution that all persons to be considered “Master Trainers” should be presented to and approved by the board. Otherwise that title should be reserved for those who were given it by Goldstein himself. Trainers of Trainers would be a different category but indeed One who can train others?
- Should the author of the program have specific rights (appointing mentors – being informed of trainings-have meetings or follow up training with mentors etc)
- Should we have guidelines for bringing the program to new nations (author's rights)
- Shall trainer education according to PREPSEC standards have a PREPSEC logo or e.g. a PREPSEC Sweden logo?
- Will it be possible to have different length of training in different countries like ART?

ART needs to be research based and it is not adequately so. Not a blueprint program. We will need to check with Mark regarding its recognition in terms of research in the USA. A proposal for the writing of an article on what is the perception of ART internationally was tabled till a future time.

Proposition to resolution:

With basis in the discussion from the Denver meeting including meeting with Bob Oliver and Mark Amendola as editors of the Prepare Implementation Series and the first board meeting after summer, the board will appoint a TASK Force/Committee to make recommendation of propositions for common principals in respect to a quality

security system for each of the programs. The main author of the different programs should make recommendations on specific quality systems that could be included in the program implementation, including length of training, training design etc. The recommendations with propositions to resolutions shall be sent to the board (Knut) by the 15th of October 2013. The following are appointed as members of the committee:

Resolution: Bengt, Borge, Knut and Bettina will meet in Scandinavia to write some proposals on specific quality and security systems. Robert and Kim will make recommendations for proposed protocols for Family TIES and Problem solving.

2. International representatives

Background for the item:

In the statutes (attached) it is stated that a country normally should have 15 members to have an international representative. By now, Norway and Denmark already have 15 members and we might appoint members from these 2 countries. The term normally is set to be able to be a little flexible in this. The question is whether we should deviate from the paragraph in order to get some help recruiting members. An international representative could be important in the role of contacting people and convincing them to become a member. The right person can also run the web pages and thus contribute in expanding the source for members. An assumption for being an international contact is of course to be a member. By now there might be a rationale for having international representatives in Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Netherlands, USA, Canada and Sweden, Russia. The first step to appoint international representatives is first send out the information letter to recruit as many members as possible and then choose among those.

Resolution:

The board will move forward with the process of appointing international representatives and **may** deviate from the paragraph of having normally 15 members. The recruitment letter will be sent to potential members in different countries and international representatives will be chosen from among those who actually are members of PREPSEC International. Depending on the response from the recruitment letter the first appointments of international representatives may be processed in the September 2013 meeting

3. Committees

Background for the item:

The board has the responsibility for establishing different committees (see attachment). Also this item has to be seen in connection to the amount of members. However, some of the committees are very important in this phase of the organization. This includes Research and Publications (we need an overview on the web pages), Fund Raising, Communications Committee and Quality Assurance which has to be seen in connection with item number 1 in this agenda. In this meeting we need to discuss potential members, mandates and whether members should be appointed for several years or according to specific mandates by the board.

Resolution:

The board will meet when possible to define mandates and appoint members to the following committees in the September meeting. A Research committee will be needed in the autumn. First a research committee will need to be struck followed by fundraising and quality assurance committees.

4. Dates for meetings autumn 2014

Resolution:

The following dates are set for future meetings:

19th of August
23rd of September
21 of October
18th of November

Attachment

4.3 Committees

The executive board will have the responsibility of establishing committees to meet the needs of the organization and also to appoint appropriate candidates to each committee.

Committees will be formed as needed and may include the following possibilities:

- Research and Publications
- Communications Committee (website, newsletter)
- Quality Assurance (training standards, implementation etc.)
- Program Development
- Event Planning (conferences, webinars, etc.)
- Election Support Committee

- Fund Raising
- Membership

5. International representation

5.1 Purpose

PREPSEC International works toward the goal of promoting and supporting good quality implementation of all relevant programs to new countries. The board wants to perform a service to help development in new countries and consequently offers a network connection to one representative from a relevant milieu in each country.

5.2 Appointment

Appointment to the network can be based on suggestions from a relevant milieu or a chapter organization in the actual country. The executive board shall, based upon the PREPSEC International vision and goals, make the final assessment of which candidate will be in the best position to disseminate PREPSEC International competency in the actual country.

5.3 Period of service

A reassessment of the national representative appointment shall usually be conducted after four years. The executive board may at their convenience appoint a new national representative provided that the current national representative experience changes in employment affiliation or provided other unforeseen circumstances that call for a change.

5.4 Biannual meeting

The executive board shall take initiative to arrange a biannual meeting for the national representatives. The purpose is to exchange experiences and contribute to the maintenance and development of PREPSEC International visions and goals in each country.

5.5 Responsibility:

The national representative will have no academic authority for mentoring the programs, but have obligations in conducting the national internet site, bringing specific information and issues to the board and also meeting with the board and people representing other countries to discuss issues of common interest. The country should normally have 15 members before having an international representative.