



## 2021 Annual Meeting of the Membership

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7:00—8:00 PM via Zoom

### Summary of Minutes

1) Board Chair, Bill Keel, reported on the Sister Cities International Award received in July 2021:

Sister Cities Lawrence won the **Sister Cities International 2021 Annual Award for Innovation in Arts and Culture** for a city with a population between 25,000 and 100,000. The award recognizes accomplishment of outstanding programs that are promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. The award was made for the ongoing project of providing newspaper articles in German on life in Lawrence during the pandemic to be published in Eutin, Germany.

2) Reports by the chairs of the Friends Groups:

Ken Albrecht, **Friends of Eutin** – on the ongoing newspaper articles on Lawrence topics being sent to the *Ostholsteiner Anzeiger* for publication. With Avery Miller of Benedictine College as chaperone, Friends of Eutin plans to resume the high school student exchange with Eutin in summer 2022 and anticipates hosting a group from Eutin in fall 2022.

James Hilliard, **Friends of Hiratsuka**—on the continuing attempt to find a way to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister-city relationship with Hiratsuka during the pandemic—it is hoped that 2022 will be the year this can be realized.

Bob Schumm, Friends of Iniades – on the first delegation visit from Iniades to Lawrence since 2009. A group of two adults with a number of students is expected to arrive in Lawrence just before Christmas and stay until the end of the year. Several previous attempts over the past year were cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

3) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board:

Bill Keel as Chair and Kelly Scholz as Vice-Chair were both elected to new terms beginning January 1, 2022.

4) Friends of Eutin announced that Ken Albrecht had been elected as representative of that group on the Governing Board for a new term beginning January 1, 2002.

5) The **Sister City Lawrence Bylaws** were amended as follows—new language is highlighted in yellow.

Article III, Section 5. Membership Dues:

Any individual, family or corporate entity meeting the requirements of Article III, Section 2, 3, or 4, may be admitted to the membership of Sister Cities Lawrence by acceptance of the membership application by the Treasurer of Sister Cities Lawrence, and upon payment of the membership dues as determined on an annual basis by the Governing Board. Normally, membership shall be for a calendar year. A new membership which commences in October, November or December of a given year shall be deemed valid for the following calendar year as well.

Adjournment