

To: Stuttering Family

From: Michael Sugarman, MBA

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Candidates for the next ISA Board of Directors

Four members of the current Board of Directors, Joseph, Keith, Michael and Moussa will stand for re-election. Masuhiko and Suzana wish to step down and Thomas has completed 10 years of service to the ISA.

Peter Dhu from Australia and Yoichi Tsutsumino from Japan wish to stand, but may not be able to attend the membership meeting. I will put their names forward. We know of one more potential candidate from [Germany](#). If you are planning to stand for ISA Board of Directors please bring a short bio and statement of support from your organization.

Membership meeting.

If you are unable to attend the membership meeting and wish to vote---Please say what you want, and email your vote to me at msugarman1@sbcglobal.net

If you are attending the membership meeting bring (or have emailed) appropriate documents to show you really do represent your association and have voting responsibility from that organization.

Peter Dhu

Peter has extensive experience and qualifications in the area of business communication, presentation skills and personal effectiveness. Before starting his own consulting business he worked for the WA Health Department for 30 years, in senior management positions. Here Peter delivered a state wide health service and represented the department and government on many state and national committees and working parties. High level business communication skills, including writing speeches for the Minister, negotiation and networking were essential in Peter's success in these roles.

During this same time, Peter has been a volunteer, leader and coach for people who stutter within the Australian Speak Easy Association, a non-profit organisation that helps and supports people who stutter.

Peter's qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science (Med Science), Grad Diploma in Business, Masters of Business and Administration, Grad Diploma in Health Administration and a Diploma in Professional Coaching. He is an Associate of the National Speakers Association of Australia (NSAA) and an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management (AIM). Peter also has a Certificate IV in training And Assessment.

Peter himself is a person who stutters and he has worked extremely hard in the area of confidence, personal development, personal effectiveness and overcoming adversity to be able to now confidently speak and train people in communication skills. His unique experience and qualifications make him an excellent trainer and coach in the area of Effective Business Communication Skills and Personal Effectiveness and Presentation Skills.

Peter has been a Member of the Speak Easy Association of Western Australia (SEAWA) and the Australian Speak Easy Association (ASEA) since 1980. During this time he was one numerous awards and scholarships to travel and study stuttering.

He was president of the ASEA for 5 consecutive years from 1999 to 2003 inclusive and has been President of the SEAWA on 7 occasions over their 30 year history. Because of his longstanding service Peter has been awarded life membership of both the ASEA and the SEAWA.

Peter has attended many international conferences where he has presented papers and run workshops including,

- 2000 IFA Congress Nyborg, Denmark
- 2001 ISA Congress Gent, Belgium
- 2003 CAPS Conference, Toronto, Canada
- 2003 IFA Congress, Montreal, Canada
- 2003 BSA Conference, Leeds, UK
- 2004 ISA Congress, Perth, Australia
- 2006 IFA Congress, Dublin, Ireland
- 2007 ISA Congress, Cavtat, Croatia

In addition Peter regularly attends and presents at the biannual ASEA Conferences. The culmination of Peters work with the ASEA and the ISA came when he was the Chair and the Convener of the 2004 World Congress for People Who Stutter, in Perth Australia. This journey started in 2000 as President of the ASEA and Winner of the Perth Convention Bureau International Traveling Scholarship. The 2004 World Congress took 4 years of solid planning and organising to make it the success that it

was. Peter is a tireless worker and advocate for People who stutter.

Keith Boss

Keith is a retired computer professional. He has stuttered since he was 3 years old. Although his wife died in 2001, he regularly visits his married daughter and granddaughter in Illinois USA, and his married son and two grandsons in England. Throughout his working life he was involved in helping others to accept change. In February 2006, he stepped out of his comfort zones and his own village to seek improved communication and Leadership. Since then, as a Trustee on the British Stammering Association (BSA) Board, and as a Director on the International Stuttering Association (ISA) Board as well as the Chair of the ISA Outreach program he has looked for ways to raise stuttering awareness and to help People Who Stutter. As a member of the ISA Board Keith will look for innovative ways in the three T's (Training, Therapy and Technology) to help Children and Adults Who Stutter in all the countries of the World, where there is little or no help, to improve both Communication and Leadership. He intends to focus in Outreach on Africa and Asia.

Michael Sugarman

Co-Founder of National Stuttering Project now known as National Stuttering Association (NSA) in 1977---Executive Director of NSA 1978 – 1982 and again in 1995 – 1997; advocated for specialization in stuttering treatment; advocated for person first language (PWS); initiated and coordinated International Stuttering Awareness Day October 22nd activities; coordinated Year of the Child who Stutter activities in the United States; completed Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for People who Stutter; named to Stutterers Hall of Fame; awarded Distinguished Service by American Speech and Hearing Association and Distinguished Consumer Award by International Fluency Association; and published numerous articles and self help books. Currently Chair, International Stuttering Association Board of Directors and Chair, Support Groups and Consumer Affairs, International Fluency Association.

Joseph Lukong

Joseph is a person who stutters and has been involved since 2000 in stuttering awareness, self-help, treatment and research in Cameroon. He has attended and presented papers on stuttering during conferences organized in Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Uk, France, Australia, Ireland and Croatia. He is convenor of the first African conference on stuttering that took place in Cameroon in 2005.

He was first elected in the ISA Board of Director in 2004, and was reelected in 2007 and elected by the Board as its Secretary in 2007.

Yoichi Tsutsumino

I was born in Osaka in 1978. Now I live in Nara, a historic city in western Japan. I started to stutter when I was 16. I was devoted to treatment until I was 23 because I thought I could not go out into the world with my stuttering. Despite my effort, I could not beat my stuttering. But I came to appreciate the thinking of the Japan Stuttering Project which told me that I can reach my potential and fulfill my life even as a person who stutters. Then I decided to pursue my career while accepting myself as a person who stutters. Sometimes I am worried, troubled or distressed by stuttering but I can still cope with it. I do not think stuttering needs to be the defining factor in my or anyone's life. We can live with stuttering because we can help each other. We are not alone.

I accept my stuttering now. But it does not mean that I do not worry about it anymore. It means that I accept my whole life, including all the worrying and troubles about stuttering, and that I have decided to live my life as a person who stutters.

I am engaged in the activities of JSP. JSP Exercises include Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, assertiveness training and Adlerian Psychology, which have helped me a lot in dealing with my stuttering.

There are so many things I must learn about the ISA, but I hope to be able to make contributions for the ISA in my capacity with the support of my predecessor and other members of the ISA board.

Dr. Moussa Dao

Dr Moussa DAO is a pharmacist who lives in Ouagadougou, the capital of West African country called Burkina Faso. He is married and has two little boys; the older recovered totally and the younger continues sometimes to stutter.

Since his childhood has lived with stuttering and a physical handicap.

Face to muteness, ignorance that had characterized stuttering in his country, he created the Burkina Faso stuttering association (ACB) in order to make stuttering awareness a reality. With other persons he is actively working to promote the voice of PWS in Africa. He did many presentations in his country and abroad. As a result of the work that has done by ACB under his direction, the government of his country gave a medal to ACB. His commitment in volunteer works on behalf of PWS gave him resources to join the national association of disabled person in which he is the assistant secretary general.

Constitution Proposals

The International Stuttering Association is an organization of associations from around the

world. If one association monopolizes the membership proceedings---There is no fairness. A 3 hour time slot in the agenda was requested by Thomas Krall to discuss 10 changes to the constitution.

Proposed changes to the ISA constitution are very important for all its members and must follow the same protocols as identical motions from any member association in the World. So in accordance to paragraph 11 of the Administrative Pronouncements and Interpretations (AP&I) of the constitution by the ISA board, these proposed changes will be passed to the ISA Constitution committee. Paragraph 11 of AP&I will be followed to progress these proposed changes. Contact me with any queries

10 Recommendations document

If Members are interested please look at <http://www.stutterisa.org/what-we-do/isa-10-recommendations>. All of draft 5 can be seen on our website. A motion is no longer applicable.

8th ELSA Youth Meeting

The Oscar awarded movie King's Speech has made an impact in Europe on all people who stutter (PWS) as well as those who come into contact with PWS. Not only has the movie created a greater understanding of stuttering, it has also persuaded PWS, and speech and language therapists speak up in local, national and international TV, radio, newspapers and magazines about issues surrounding stuttering. But we're not there yet. There is more awareness raising to do.

Many people who work for national stuttering associations have featured in the media and have given talks on stuttering around the release of the movie. The feedback has been huge, we have received attention from other PWS, parents, and so many "people on the street". We hope that we also raised awareness on the self-help movement. The National Stuttering Associations are here to help. We use our knowledge, often for free, to give the tools to help pupils and indeed anybody who stutters?

At the European League of Stuttering Associations (ELSA) we have known about the lack of awareness for many years. The issues have also been confirmed at 7 previous European Youth Meetings, organized by ELSA. The main goal of these one week meetings is to gather young people from all over Europe to talk about stuttering and their situation and to encourage them to make a change for themselves and for the benefit of stuttering.

We talk together discussing that stuttering is not who you ARE but something you DO. We use all kinds of creativity. There are options for workshops, lectures, music, singing, dancing, theatre, art, IT, film making etc. to help young pws express themselves. We discuss legislation and how it is your RIGHT to get help, and how to get help through a rights based approach. We check out the media and internet, to find friends, contacts, support and how to connect and interact with others. We let the delegates know that YOU can make a change. A change for yourself and for others out there.

16-22 July 2011 ELSA will be organizing the 8th European Youth Meeting in Giggleswick (near Settle), United Kingdom. The theme is **"The Right to be Heard" - Social Inclusion and Human Rights starts online.**

If you know any PWS, age between 18-28, then please inform them about the meeting and nominate them as soon as possible. Right now we have more registrations from male participants, so female participants will have special preference at this stage.

For more information, please check our website. <http://www.stuttering.ws/index.php/ym> or contact

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Agenda for Membership Meeting

The membership meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 4:15 PM. A sample agenda follows:

10 to 11:15 AM Meeting call to order: Welcome and Introductions of ISA Board of Directors; Advisory Board Members and Members. A Motion to accept minutes from Croatia '07 membership meeting will be requested.

11:15 to 11:45 Discussion on "Self Help---What it means"

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 Discussion and presentation by ISA member organizations who want to Host World Congress in 2013. Vote on who will host the next Congress.

2:15 – 3:00 Discussion on ISA by Treasurer and Chair 3:15 – 4:00 Election of new ISA Board of Directors

4:00 – 4:15 Closing

5:15- Meet for dinner

I look forward in meeting all of you in Buenos Aires!

Gracias,

Michael Sugarman.