

## Board Votes to Adopt Standards

After years of work by hundreds of contributors, the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad have been formally adopted by the Forum's Board of Directors. Led by Chair Michael Steinberg, the Standards committee incorporated the feedback from the Pilot Project to develop the third edition of the Standards.

"This is a momentous occasion for the field of education abroad," said Board member Kathy Sideli. "Many individuals over the decades believed that the field would not be capable of reaching agreement, given the complex nature of education abroad programs. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, a date renowned throughout history as a moment when the voices of the people were heard, The Forum gave voice to the people who had long clamored for standards of good practice in education abroad."

Mary Dwyer, Board chair, said, "The Board's adoption of the Standards is one of its most significant acts. The Forum's Standards form the basis for the Quality Improvement Program, which is intended to encourage and monitor best practices in education abroad and will have a profound impact on the field." The Forum Board met in Carlisle from July 13 to 15. Among its other business, the Board voted to approve a [Whistleblower Policy](#).



## Forum Board and Council Meet in Carlisle

The Forum Council met from July 14 to 16. At a joint meeting, Council Chair Sheila Bayne and committee chairs Mell Bolen, Lance Kenney, Kim Kreutzer, Heidi Soneson, and Michael Steinberg reported on the year's accomplishments and plans for future initiatives. The Council's working sessions focused on developing action plans for 2007-2008 projects and strengthening connections between committee projects.

Council member Liam Ó Dochartaigh sums it up well: "Everyone contributed to the advancement of the Forum's mission. You can't fly over and back across the Atlantic to sit on your hands and watch others do the work! You listen, you learn, and you interact! Otherwise what's the point of being on the Forum Council or even a member of the Forum?"

## Contribute to the Glossary

The Data Collection committee has developed an extensive glossary of education abroad and is now seeking input from the field. The Glossary is now available on the Forum website as a Wiki, allowing discussion and editing by the public: <http://www.forumea.org/research-glossaryindex.cfm>. The Wiki will be available through the fall, when the Glossary will be finalized and published. Request a login by emailing [info@forumea.org](mailto:info@forumea.org).

If you'd like to share this newsletter with your colleagues, a PDF is available at our online [Archives](#).

### WELCOME TO THE FORUM!

New members since June 19, 2007 are:

Davidson College  
St. Michael's College  
State University of New York System  
Trinity College (Conn.)

### FORUM FACT

In 2006-07, over 250 individuals contributed to Forum projects and initiatives.

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### REMINDER

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