The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), a membership organization formed in November 1982, is the only association specifically focused on international education leadership.

MISSION
The Association of International Education Administrators is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA Values

Ethical and Innovative Leadership
AIEA members are guided by respect for the dignity and rights of one another, and operate on the principles of civility, integrity, and professionalism to advance the internationalization of higher education and to make meaningful contributions to society.

Equity and Inclusive Excellence
AIEA members adhere to the tenets of fairness and reciprocity to integrate diverse voices in developing the strategy, policies, practices, and structures of higher education in a global context.

Curiosity and Respect
AIEA members recognize and value the benefit in learning from one another’s experience and expertise and are willing to engage in the free exchange of ideas through dialogue and collaboration.

-Statement passed by the AIEA Board of Directors, February 2020
2021-2022 was a challenging year with the global pandemic continuing to impact budgets and positions throughout higher education. AIEA was pleased to retain over 90% of its members during this time.

*AIEA Membership: 2008-2022*

*2016 membership numbers were for an 18-month period during a change in membership year.*
500+
Conference Participants

96%
of participants rated the conference as good, very good, or outstanding

Participants joined other internationalization leaders for:

- Nearly 50 roundtable, panel, or seven-minute motivator sessions on salient topics in international higher education
- Six virtual and two in-person pre-conference workshops for deep dives into issues such as Duty of Care, Risk Management, Virtual Exchange, International Partnerships, and Diversity/Equity/Inclusion.
- Opportunities to network with colleagues who lead strategy for comprehensive internationalization
- Inspiring keynotes from the speakers below:

  SETHURAMAN PANCHANATHAN  
  Director, NSF

  ETHAN ROSENZWEIG  
  U.S. Department of State: Educational & Cultural Affairs

  FERESHTEH FOROUGH  
  Afghan Social Activist & Founder: Code to Inspire

  LEONA TATE  
  American Activist & Civil Rights Pioneer

  JARVIS DEBERRY  
  Founding Editor of the Louisiana Illuminator

Community Connections
An Afternoon with Ms. Leona Tate at the TEP Center

Community Connections brings AIEA Conference participants to the local community for authentic discussion and mutual learning. At the 2022 Conference, 35 attendees visited the TEP Center in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans to hear from Ms. Leona Tate - a civil rights pioneer and participate in Story Circles with community members.
In April, AIEA held its first-ever Global Summit, which included keynote speakers, networking opportunities, and sessions relevant to those leading internationalization. The first day of the Summit was Partner Day, which provided attendees with information about AIEA, mentoring opportunities, a showcase for industry leaders, and additional networking opportunities.

Global Summit Sessions included:

- JEDI & Internationalization: A Discussion of What’s Needed Now
- Decolonizing Internationalization: Implications for Institutional Practice
- Best Practices in Strategic University Partnerships
- Russia, Ukraine, and Impact on Internationalization
- Sustainability in International Education
- Presidential Reflections and Concluding Thoughts
AIEA Presidential Fellows
The AIEA Presidential Fellows Program is a selective program of mentorship for new Senior International Officers. Fellows are matched with an experienced SIO who serves as Mentor throughout the school year. Congratulations to the three 2021-2022 AIEA Presidential Fellows: Jill Blondin, Catherine Krull, and Christina Sanchez.

AIEA Leadership Academy for Newer SIOs
The Academy is an intimate, selective, and intensive Academy with deep learning on issues relating to leading internationalization. The 2021-2022 year included two cohorts of Academy members in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as the 2021 program was postponed due to Covid-19. In fall 2021 there were 16 participants and in spring 2022, there were 12 participants.

AIEA Senior Advisers Program
The AIEA Senior Advisers Program connects recognized leaders in international education with AIEA members who are starting their careers as an SIO. Ten advisees participated in six cohorts for the 2021-2022 year.

Thematic Forums
AIEA supported three member-led Thematic Forums on salient topics in international higher education.

- April 14-15, 2022: Faculty Leadership in the Changing Landscape of Global Education: Modalities and Curricular Design
- March, 2022: Equity-Sensitive Strategies of Higher Education in South Africa: Internationalization@Home in Post-Pandemic Times
- November, 2021: Overcoming Challenges for Global Engagement through Virtual Exchange

Many thanks to Mentors, Advisers, Academy Faculty, Thematic Forum Hosts, and members of the Professional Development & Engagement Committee for making these programs possible.
I found this experience very interesting and meaningful, especially in times of Covid. I am very excited to meet members of my Learning Circle in New Orleans!

Peer Learning Circles
New in 2020, AIEA was pleased to continue the Peer Learning Circles, which connects members with peers who are leading internationalization around similar topics of interest. This program had 144 participants in 27 small groups over three four-month cohorts.

AIEA Town Hall Discussions
AIEA continued its successful Town Hall Discussion program and hosted 11 discussions on key and timely topics for international education leaders, including sessions such as:

- Global Perspectives on COVID: A Panel Discussion with Senior Leaders from around the World
- Dealing with Delta: An AIEA Peer-Sharing Town Hall
- Decarbonizing Internationalization
- Ukraine: What Can We Do; What Should We Do?
- International Student Enrollment after Covid-19: How SIOs can lead and learn with challenges and opportunities ahead
- International Scientific Research Collaboration and Security
- Revenue Strategies for Internationalization: Is Anything New?
AIEA Bylaws

At the February 2022 association meeting in New Orleans, members voted to approve new bylaws for the organization. Key updates include:

- Streamlines need for future bylaws: membership, standing committees and presidential responsibilities
- JEDI embedded in AIEA purpose
- Resolves continuity of leadership in standing committees
- Expands present board to 20 members; four appointed with ex-officio status
- Expands appointment of advisors
- Solidifies quorum and voting thresholds
- Future bylaws amendments voted on by all members

New AIEA Occasional Papers

International Education and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Partnership for Equity and Social Justice. Authors: Hilary Landorf, Hilary Kahn, and Jolynn Shoemaker (Spring 2022)

The Benefits of International Students to the Diversity Paradigm. Author: Janice Kim (Spring 2022)

Past Presidents Advisory Council

The Past Presidents Advisory Council is composed of past AIEA presidents who serve in an advisory role to the association. The Council met for the first time at the 2022 Annual Conference and will continue to meet twice a year to consult on special projects.
Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Added to Strategic Plan

In February, 2022 the AIEA Board of Directors voted to add a new Strategic Initiative to the current Strategic Plan:

Develop a JEDI Framework

Develop a justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion framework for the association in order to
  • make associational decisions based on this framework;
  • deliver inclusive and equitable programming for international education leaders that is informed by this framework; and
  • engage stakeholders on JEDI issues in internationalization

AIEA Task Forces

President David Fleshler appointed several task forces this year that worked to shape the strategic directions of the association. Many thanks to all task force members.

AIEA Future Leadership Task Force - made recommendations to the Governance Committee in order to identify, foster and mentor a diverse array of global leaders for the association. Chair: Terence Miller

AIEA 40th Anniversary Task Force - worked to generate and implement ideas to memorialize, celebrate, and honor AIEA’s 40th Anniversary in 2022. Chairs: Gil Merkx & Dafina Diabate

AIEA Location Task Force - considered the future location of the AIEA Secretariat, which will go fully remote in April 2023. Chair: Jewell Winn

AIEA Futures Task Force - provided an assessment of the direction of international higher education and national/international associations. Chair: Jewell Winn

AIEA IDEA+Justice Taskforce (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accountability) - working to identify the various levels of systemic racism within the association, and recommending ways to dismantle inequities within all operations. Chairs: Shannon Marquez & Jose Celso Freire Junior
AIEA FINANCES

2021-2022 Income
$997,301

2021-2022 Expenses
$974,110
LEADERSHIP
AIEA Board as of the 2022 Annual Conference

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