

Bahia Street Annual Donor's Meeting

2007 Plans & Initiatives

Presented February 25, 2007

1. International Advisory Board

The Bahia Street International Advisory Board (IAB) will provide international perspectives on program growth, business practices, and international financial management. They will support local boards in Seattle, Salvador, and London in their work, providing for the long-term financial health of the organization. Current initiatives involving the IAB include securing the Bahia Street Center building in a trust and applying for funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

IAB Members:

Barbara Ballas, Regional Business Development Manager for State and Regional Development, New South Wales, Australia

Robert Barclay, Retired Investment Banker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Robert Boonzejar-Flaes, Filmmaker & Founder of Atana, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Peter Gow, Professor of Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Don Kulick, Professor of Anthrology & Director for the Study of Gender, New York University, New York, United States

Maaïke Verrips, Linguist & Director of deTaalstudio, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Connie Wong, Founder and CEO of Vidiator, Bellevue, Washington, United States

2. Bahia Street Center Library

The Bahia Street Center Library will support Bahia Street's literacy programs. The library will consist of both Portuguese and English books to be used within classrooms and as an extra-curricular venue for students and faculty to have access to books.

Portuguese books: Bahia Street is collaborating with Bloomsbury Publishing in the U.K. in seeking donations of books from Brazilian publishers.

English books: Bahia Street was the recipient of a \$1,000 book grant from on-line book seller Alibris. We have ordered a large selection of children's books and ESL teaching resources to support the volunteer-run ESL program at the Center. Bahia Street is also participating in the Alibris "Donate-A-Book" program.

3. Study Trips

Bahia Street expanded its mission in 2005 to include education initiatives involving non-Brazilians. The purpose of Bahia Street Study Trips is to promote new perspectives on issues of race, class, poverty, and international development. The trips leverage our local contacts and in-depth understanding of life in Salvador to give supporters and students authentic experiences in Salvador and appropriate access to the Bahia Street Center.

Bahia Street Study Trip: June 21-July 1, 2007. We are taking up to 10 people to Bahia for a 10-day fun and educational trip that starts with the São João festival.

UW Chemistry Department partner program: August 2007. We are partnering with the UW Chemistry Department in a three-week program bringing 25 science students to Salvador to study air and water quality and climate change. Bahia Street is providing all of the on-the-ground arrangements and cultural programming.

4. Publications about Bahia Street

Margaret has completed writing a book about Bahia Street and her experiences in Brazil. The manuscript has been professionally edited with the goal of publishing it in 2007. An abridged version of the book with advice on starting a non-profit will be published as a separate pamphlet. These two publications will be made available on-line to individuals interested in learning more about Bahia Street and its origins as a non-profit.