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"Imagine a place where you can connect and collaborate with others who share both your vision for education and your passion for the IB. IBMA is that place."

# The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools

#### ANNUAL REPORT

President's Message:

May 29, 2014

When IBMA began meeting in the late 1990's it served a handful of schools, mostly implementing the IB Diploma Programme from the Washington D.C. metro area. Sixteen years later, we have 163 member schools stretching from Pennsylvania to Virginia. The growth has created new opportunities for the organization to meet and serve members' needs as well as become an important platform for collaboration among IB educators in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The success of our annual events, in addition to increased interaction with the IB Americas Global Centre in Bethesda, have made IBMA a leader among IB Associations in the Americas. In 2011, IBMA hosted its first College Fair. This event, free for all IB students in the Mid-Atlantic, not only connected Colleges and Universities from all over the world with hardworking IB DP student, but it also brought new revenue to IBMA. Statistics from the 2014 College Fair can be found on page 3. Similarly our IBMA Summer Academy, a sharing of best practices held each August, has also continued to grow since 2009. The 2014 Summer Academy will provide our members with opportunities to learn from innovative IB experts, such as Robert Harrison and Lisa Nicholson, and leaders on current pedagogical best practices, such as arts integration and inquiry based-instruction (page 2).

The IBMA Board has worked very hard over the past two years to meet challenges of organizational growth,. Last year IBMA members reviewed and revised the organization's mission and vision statement. In this past year, the IBMA board has worked tirelessly under the umbrella of our new vision and the guidance of the Maryland Nonprofits to become a more sustainable operation with improved capacity to meet the needs of our members.

I am very proud of the tremendous amount of work that has been done by the IBMA Board in the past few years. I am confident that the outcomes of these efforts will be felt in years to come through increased teacher participation at networking sessions, increased access to exciting and relevant educational opportunities, and greater visibility of our organizational efforts. This first annual report is part of that visibility effort and represents an exciting new chapter for IBMA.

Thank you to all of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors who worked diligently through so many tasks, conference calls, and late meetings to position IBMA for such a bright future!

Best wishes in 2014-2015 for continued success and celebration of the rich opportunities for learning and life though IB.

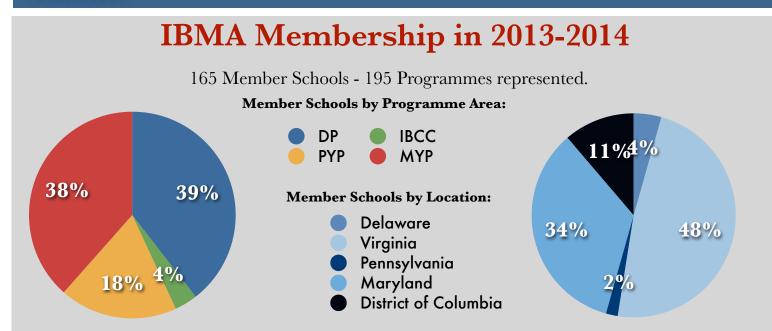
Laura S. Lane

THE IBMA MISSION: The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools fosters a collaborative environment for all members to serve and advocate for IB World Schools throughout the region.



**Above:** A scene from the hallways of Gar-Field High School at the 2014 IBMA College Fair. (Photo by B. Woolf) THE
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VISION:

## Educate - Participate - Lead



**Educate** *IBMA* aims to educate by providing valuable programming. On November 7, 2013, IBMA invited Ben Walden to speak at the annual administrators' meeting at T.C. Williams High School. Ben, an acclaimed speaker who works with students, teachers, and educational leaders to promote and inspire ethical practice and leadership. Ben speaks all over the world and most



**Above:** Ben Walden takes the stage. **Below:** Members-at-Large working during the February Meeting at Atlee High School.

notably at last year's IB Americas Annual Regional Conference in New Orleans. The topic at the IBMA November meeting was *Lessons Learned in Leadership from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.* His presentation was not only insightful and entertaining, but also provided a perfect discussion opportunity for school-based coordinators to connect with principals to reflect on IB leadership within their own schools. The Professional Development topics for 2013-2014 were Approaches to Learning, Teaching and Assessment and the sessions were coordinated by Members-at-Large, Wendy Vu and Carlota Bernal-Shewchuk.

For the 2014 Summer Academy, IBMA has assembled a great range of expertise to share in full day pre-conference sessions, see the list of offerings below. IBMA plans to continue bringing dynamic high caliber speakers to our membership for future administrator meetings. If you have ideas, please contact Events Specialist, Tilly Coyle (<a href="mailto:ibmidatlantic.events@gmail.com">ibmidatlantic.events@gmail.com</a>).

#### 2014 Summer Academy Expert Offerings:

Robert Harrison, Teaching and Learning through MYP Global Context
Dr. Steve Hreha, Charting New Territory: Exploring the Changes to the DP TOK
Lisa Nicholson, The MYP Interdisciplinary Approach
Pat Klos & Emily Miller, Increasing Critical Thinking with Arts Integration
Howard Zeiderman & Stefanie Takacs (Touchstones Discussion Project)
Connecting Self, World and Text using Discussion-based Programs in the PYP
Faye Brenner, Public Monuments and Memorials: an IB Perspective
Pre-conferences August 6th & Academy on August 7th at

Robinson Secondary School-Fairfax, Virginia

**Participate** *IBMA* aims for meaningful participation of administrators, teachers and students. IBMA best reaches out to it's stakeholders by sponsoring events where resources and knowledge are shared that benefit the regional IB community.

The 2013-2014 IBMA Events Breakdown:

**2014 College Fair:** Served over 1500 students with 107 Colleges and Universities represented.

**2013 Academy:** Served 234 teachers, hosted 14 vendors, and featured 64 presentations.

Orientation Seminar: Served 63 participants (24 PYP, 28 MYP, 3 IBCC & 8 DP).

**4 Coordinator Meetings:** Served 468 Coordinators & Administrators

**34 Networking Sessions:** Served 593 Teachers (4 PYP, 6 MYP, 1 IBCC & 24 DP) CONTINUUM DE L'IB



**Lead** *IBMA* aims to be a leader within the *IB* Community. IBMA continued efforts to work closely with IB Americas Office in Bethesda. The Board and several IBMA members served on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Regional Conference (ARC) taking place July 10-13 in Washington D.C. In addition, we had the Americas Outreach Director Paul Campbell attend both Coordinators meetings in the fall. The Middle Years Programme Manager, Ted Williams, spoke to MYP members in September regarding the new changes to MYP and Robert Harrison delivered an exceptional session on MYP: The Next Chapter in December at the Orientation Seminar at Annapolis Middle School. In February, IBMA hosted a reception for other Associations of the Americas region at the IB Americas office.



**Left:** Paul Campbell (IBA) joins
Frangiska Lewis for the MYP break-out
session at the November meeting.

**Below Left:** Amy and Laura, leaders in front of and behind the scenes prepare for lunch at the February meeting.

**Right:** Maureen Ellis (Stonewall Jackson H.S.)sells T-Shirts for our first fundraiser to send an IB Teacher from Ellen Glasgow Middle School to the ARC.





### THANK YOU TO ALL MEETING AND NETWORKING HOSTS! FROM THE 2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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And Executive Consultant John Day

SPECIAL THANKS TO DWIGHT WAGNER FOR 19 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO IBMA!