

Board of Directors' Minutes – May 22, 2010

IASB Board of Directors' Meeting
May 22, 2010
Crowne Plaza, Springfield

Present:

Joseph Alesandrini	President.....	Pekin
Carolyn Brooks	Vice President	Noble
Mark C. Metzger	Immediate Past President.....	Aurora
Dane Tippett.....	Treasurer/Southwestern	Troy
Ben Andersen.....	Northwest.....	East Dubuque
David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Tim Blair.....	Wabash Valley	Casey
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock.....	Marseilles
Dale Hansen.....	Three Rivers.....	Grant Park
Mark Harms	Corn Belt.....	Flanagan
Felton Jose	Kaskaskia.....	Salem
Sue McCance	Western	Cuba
John Metzger.....	Egyptian.....	Benton
Jackie Mickley	Blackhawk.....	Geneseo
Tom Neeley.....	Central Illinois Valley.....	Morton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake.....	Lake Villa
Phil Pritzker	North Cook.....	Arlington Heights
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Rosemary Swanson.....	DuPage.....	Wheaton
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook.....	Berwyn

Absent:

Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
Karen Carney	Kishwaukee.....	Bartlett
Tom Cunningham	South Cook.....	Orland Park
Robert Bergland.....	Service Associates Representative.....	Chicago
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro

Timekeeper	Rosemary Swanson
Flip Chart Recorder.....	David Barton
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler

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Introductions and Announcements

President Alesandrini opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and announced that Immediate Past President Mark C. Metzger was elected to the NSBA Executive Committee. Alesandrini noted that the following Directors had responded that they would not be able to attend the meeting: Service Associate Representative Robert Bergland had a conflict with another meeting; Karen Carney had a family commitment; Tom Cunningham had a conflict with another meeting; and Roger Pfister had a graduation and a ballgame to umpire. Chicago Board of Education Representative Tariq Butt was also absent.

Agenda Approval

Action: Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond and carried unanimously, that the May 22 agenda for the conduct of the Board of Directors' Meeting be approved as printed and distributed.

Minutes Approval, February 20, 2010

Action: Phil Pritzker moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the February 20, 2010 Board of Directors' meeting be approved as printed and distributed.

Monitoring Report from February 20, 2010 Board Meeting

There were twenty-two responses for the February 20 Board meeting. All comments were reviewed and discussed.

Consent Agenda

Action: Mark C. Metzger moved, seconded by Karen Fisher and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be accepted as contained in the meeting packet.

President's Report

President Alesandrini reviewed his report contained on pages 19-20 of the meeting packet and expressed his enthusiasm for the division leadership input at the February Leadership Conference. The program was based on a staff-developed framework, and will provide the Board with informational content on which to base where it sees the focus of what IASB is, should be today and into the future.

Alesandrini reviewed highlights of the 70th NSBA Annual Conference held in Chicago, and invited Directors to share their thoughts and experiences as well. IASB appointments to the 2010 NSBA Delegate Assembly were: President Joseph Alesandrini, Vice PresidentCarolyn Brooks, Chicago Representative Tariq Butt and Director Joanne Osmond as delegates and Directors Felton Jose and Karen Fisher as alternates.

Executive Director Emeritus' Activity Report

A report of Dr. Johnson's activities since the February 20 Board meeting was included on pages 21-22 of the meeting packet.

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Division Bylaws

It was noted that division bylaws must now be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors. The meeting packet contained the following division bylaws: Egyptian, Illini, Kaskaskia and Wabash Valley.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—Pages 47-51

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Budgeting/Forecasting—Page 52

Two recommended changes: The policy be reviewed *semi-annually, 2nd/4th quarters* rather than annually, 2nd quarter; and that item 2 be clarified by adding: ***This is based on a 4 percent increase rounded to the nearest \$10 amount as previously passed by the Board on May 16, 1998.*** Mark C. Metzger suggested the item 2 change read: ***The Annual Conference registration fee is based on a 4 percent increase rounded to the nearest \$10 amount as previously passed by the Board on May 16, 1998.*** There were no objections to Metzger's proposed change.

Action: Mark C. Metzger moved, seconded by Dane Tippet and carried unanimously that the recommended policy change and the amended conference registration fee change be incorporated into the budgeting/forecasting policy.

It was agreed that the Annual Conference fee would be set at the Sunday Board meeting at each future conference. This will allow the conference fee to be set prior to the December/January deadlines for registration/housing print schedules.

The Executive Director Emeritus explained that although this policy is in non-compliance at this time, he expects enough incoming dues revenue to reverse this situation by the end of May. Cash as of 4/30/10 was \$2,599,853 and the floor is \$2,650,000, resulting in an approximate \$50,000 under situation. The charts in the financial statement packet showed a June projection of even further below. However, these projections were based on dues not coming in until June. Dues statements were mailed the first week of May and it is expected that enough incoming dues revenue will reverse this situation by the end of May.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition—Page 53

Although this policy is not in compliance at this time, Executive Director Emeritus Johnson stated the projections were based on 2010-2011 dues not coming in until June, however with the mailing of the dues letters in early May and the May 2009's dues receipt experience, the floor limitation should be met by the end of May. Johnson further noted that 22% of the member districts have already paid their dues.

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EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Emergency Executive Succession—Page 62

Action: Dane Tippett moved, seconded by Dale Hansen and carried unanimously, to amend the last paragraph dealing with the Executive Director's calendar to include that a monthly copy be sent to the Immediate Past President, as well as the previously stated President and Vice President.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—Page 63

Action: Mark C. Metzger moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the last sentence of item 4 be changed to read: ***The Board of Directors' major focus will be on the intended long-term impacts outside the operating organization (ends), not the administrative means of attaining those effects.***

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—Page 64

The policy, in its present form, was updated to reflect current policy.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle—Pages 65-66

Action: Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond and carried unanimously, to update the 4th Quarter Policy Development and Review to reflect current procedure as follows: **I-1; II-3, 4, 6; III-2, 7; V-1, 2, 3, 4.**

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Assumptions

Executive Director Emeritus Johnson reviewed the 2010-2011 budget assumptions listed on page 67 of the meeting packet and stated that diversification is the strength of IASB finances. Among areas commented upon:

- Five districts have currently signed up for administrative searches other than superintendent and nine for superintendent searches starting July 11. Over the past five years 60 percent of superintendents have been replaced and twice as many dismissed this year as in previous years.
- Computers are now being replaced on a need basis rather than the previous three-year replacement schedule. A new AS/400 system has been purchased and the old one will be retained for back-up.
- In the past the Association has not actively sought sponsorship funds. However, these are being investigated for various activities. In this vein, the Field Services Department put together a brochure to actively seek sponsorships for division speakers/activities. By the end of June Field Service Directors will have information on available funds and divisions will be able to submit proposals for these funds. The funds may be utilized for division activities other than just speakers. Joanne Osmond questioned if these funds could be used for a division newsletter for which she could see benefit.
- Increased usage of online training is anticipated and staff is working on increasing the number of in-district workshops.

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- ISBE plans to continue the \$250,000 annual funding for the TAG program. Currently there are approximately 100 districts involved that are not making AYP. As NCLB penalties increase, it is anticipated the number of involved districts will increase. Additional districts may receive services on a fee-for-service basis.
- IASB has been approved to be a “supporting partner” to provide services to schools districts under the new federal Illinois partnership Zone Grant Program.
- Two pilot districts, U-46 and Lindop, have confirmed dates under the NSBA/Gates project. NSBA is contracting with the IASB Board Development staff to write the formal Facilitator’s Guide and Participants’ Manual.
- The Association is continually considering new pooling programs and program sponsorships. These programs save IASB members over \$5 for every dollar of dues. With the southern districts signing onto the natural gas program this fall, 70% of the school districts will be purchasing their natural gas through this program. WSCIT, ISDA and IEC programs again offered 3-year rate guarantee’s to program participants.
- Although predicting a previous end-of-the-year deficit of approximately \$500,000, Johnson now feels it will be less than \$250,000 due to staff-initiated savings and a better health insurance history for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- The goal continues to be a balanced budget and if the health insurance pattern continues through the current fiscal year, IASB should be in the black by this time next year.

Legislative Report

Associate Executive Director for Advocacy/Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm distributed and reviewed an Alliance Legislative Overview. Although legislative leaders arbitrarily set May 7 as the adjournment date for the spring legislative session, they left without agreement on the upcoming year’s spending plan and it is expected they will return the last week of May to approve the budget. The budget is expected to be patched together by a combination of fund transfers, borrowing and budget cuts with the Legislature sending the Governor a lump sum budget. This will allow the Governor to allocate funds into the specific State agency budget line items. Three significant issues that must be worked out by the Legislature: An increase in the cigarette tax to be earmarked for education mandated categorical grants; an agreement to allow borrowing to make State pension payments; and an agreement as to how much power the Governor will have in making budget cuts, transfers and payments.

Illinois High School Association Report

IHSA Representative Mark Harms noted that of the 48 boys’ wrestling screenings for anabolic steroids and stimulants only one student tested positive and was granted a medical exemption for the remainder of the 2009-10 school term after a review by the IHSA’S MRO. One hundred and eighty-nine tests have been conducted in four different states series, with only one student testing positive. At this time there is just over \$5,185 available for drug testing. IHSA is working with legislative contacts to determine what course of action is to be followed in the absence of appropriate funding for the next year.

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Harms reviewed the waiver application process for schools requesting a classification waiver, which is valid for one calendar year for all sports at the school. A school must apply on an annual basis by June 1 each year and each conference to which the school belongs must acknowledge that the school is applying for a waiver. To be eligible to apply for a waiver, a school must have a history of four years of IHSA state series participation. A school is not eligible to apply if it has achieved any of the following during IHSA state series competition within the last five years: The school has played in two or more IHSA regional championship games, has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any IHSA section, has qualified for the IHSA football playoffs more than once, or has won an IHSA playoff game with the last five years. Schools applying for a waiver must provide their complete IHSA State Series history for the most recent five years of competition.

Lastly, Harms noted a letter on behalf of the twelve Cahokia conference schools directed to the IHSA Tournament Advisory Committee objecting to placing teams that would otherwise be seeded in multiple regional sites (due to their higher seed) all in the same regional site as being in direct opposition with the mission of the IHSA and with the very spirit of competition the IHSA promotes through their by-laws and constitution.

IASB Service Associates Report

Action: Mark C. Metzger moved, seconded by Joanne Zendol and carried unanimously, that upon the recommendation of the Service Associates Executive Committee, an IASB Service Associates' invitation be extended to Bernardi Securities, Inc., of Fairview Heights. Bernardi, a broker/dealer, specializes exclusively in municipal securities.

Executive Session:

Action: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Skinlo to approve the listing of stakeholders for the survey and approve the survey instrument with changes as discussed. Motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held August 27-28, 2010, Marriott Oak Brooks Hills Resort, 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, Illinois.