

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

IASB Board of Directors' Meeting  
Hilton Hotel  
3003 Corporate West Drive ♦ Lisle, Illinois 60532  
Saturday, March 7, 2015

## Present:

Karen Fisher.....President .....Marseilles  
Phil Pritzker .....Vice President..... Wheeling  
Dale Hansen.....Treasurer / Three Rivers ..... Grant Park  
  
Valeria Densmore .....South Cook ..... Country Club Hills  
Linda Eades .....Kaskaskia..... Hettick  
Glen Eriksson.....Service Associate Representative .....Grayslake  
Mark Harms .....Corn Belt..... Flanagan  
Simon Kampwerth.....Starved Rock..... Peru  
Rob Luttrell.....Southwestern..... Troy  
Jackie Mickley .....Blackhawk ..... Geneseo  
Frank Mott .....West Cook ..... Forest Park  
Tom Neeley .....Central Illinois Valley.....Morton  
Joanne Osmond.....Lake ..... Lake Villa  
Jesse Ruiz.....Chicago Board of Education..... Chicago  
Michelle Skinlo.....Illini..... Mattoon  
Barb Somogyi .....North Cook ..... Elk Grove Village  
Mary Stith .....Kishwaukee.....Geneva  
Rosemary Swanson.....DuPage..... Wheaton  
Lisa Weitzel .....Abe Lincoln .....Springfield

## Absent:

Carolyne Brooks .....Immediate Past President..... Noble  
Ben Andersen.....Northwest..... East Dubuque  
David Barton.....Two Rivers..... Nebo  
Tim Blair.....Wabash Valley..... Casey  
Sue McCance .....Western ..... Cuba  
John Metzger .....Egyptian..... Benton  
Roger Pfister .....Shawnee..... Murphysboro  
  
Recording Secretary..... Carrie Cloyd

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### **Introductions and Announcements**

President Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. on March 7, 2015 in the Lisle Hilton, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532. She reminded members to wear their nametags, as there will be a number of new members attending meetings in the future. She also introduced Thomas Ruggio who was attending the meeting as an observer and will be the new DuPage Board Member starting in May.

### **Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

Action: Simon Kampwerth, Jr. moved, seconded by Jesse Ruiz, to approve the March 7, 2015, meeting agenda; motion carried.

### **Approval, BOD Meeting Minutes, November 20 and 23, 2014**

Action: Barbara Somogyi moved, seconded by Linda Eades, to approve the November 20 and 23rd, 2014, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes as presented; motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Action: Rob Luttrell, seconded by Jackie Mickley, to approve the Consent Agenda: President's Report; Executive Director's Report; FY 2014-2015 Membership Report; and the Plus Delta History as presented; motion carried.

### **Monitoring Governance Culture Board/**

#### **Executive Director Relations: GC5, GC9, and GC10, and B/EDR 2**

Action: Simon Kampwerth moved, seconded by Jesse Ruiz, to approve GC5 and GC9 as presented and GC10 with changes as presented and to approve B/EDR 2 as presented; motion carried.

### **Monitoring and action regarding**

#### **Operational Expectations Policies Evidence Indicators OE-3, 4, 7 and 9**

Action: Dale Hansen moved, seconded by Mark Harms, with respect to OE-3, 4, 7 and 9, the Board Accepted all reports as fully compliant; motion carried.

### **Monitoring Governance Culture**

#### **R-1 Interpretations & Evidence Indicators**

Action: Joanne Osmond moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo, to approve R-1 Interpretations & Evidence Indicators as presented; motion carried.

### **Annual Work Calendar Review & Approval**

Action: Joanne Osmond moved, seconded by Val Densmore, to approve the Annual Work Calendar as presented; motion carried.

### **Committee Appointments & Reappointments**

President Fisher reviewed the current list of Committee Appointments & Reappointments and noted that since Frank Mott and Rob Luttrell will no longer be members of the Board of Directors after the March meeting she will make new appointments to the nominating committee prior to the next scheduled meeting of that committee. In addition, she explained that the change to the Governance Policy related to the Audit Committee would result in two of the seven members being designated as alternates.

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### **Budget Update**

Treasurer Dale Hansen reviewed both the December and January financial reports noting that the cash balance at the end of both months are well above the required floor of \$2.6 million. He mentioned that recently he met with Executive Director Eddy and CFO Feld to review the FY15 Budget on a mid-year basis. He reported that although the original budget projected a surplus of around \$94K, the actual surplus could be closer to \$200K depending on revenue performance during the fourth quarter. Revenue in excess of budgeted projections in the areas of JAC Registration, Exhibit Income, Dues, Investments and various Policy Services were noted. However, it was explained by Executive Director Eddy that projected revenues in Royalty programs could be \$75K less than budget estimates. That fact will offset some of the other revenue gains. In addition, operating expenses unforeseen in the original budget related to Vision 20/20 and implementation of new Financial Management Software (FMS) system were absorbed by some of the aforementioned revenue increases. This resulted in the updated surplus estimate of \$200K.

Mr. Hansen also discussed the chart in the packet that tracks revenue earned on investments. He stated that he would continue to update this chart in order to keep the Board informed related to investment earnings. Finally, he noted that a change had been made to the cash flow chart that reflects the beginning of the year balance to be the actual cash balance rather than the budgeted projection.

Mr. Eddy informed the Board that the FY16 Budget is being constructed and will be presented at the April Executive Committee meeting and the May Board of Director's meeting. He reminded the Board that the FY16 Budget would be a deficit budget based on the major investment in technology that the Association will make. CFO Feld noted that the current data management system was installed in 1992 and this upgrade is necessary and long overdue. Mr. Eddy did note that even with the major expenditure that is necessary to upgrade the technology functions of the Association the cash balance is projected to stay above the floor required by policy. Surplus budgets over the past three years resulted in funds being available for the upgrade.

### **IASB Service Associates Report**

Mr. Eriksson briefly reviewed the last meeting of the Service Associates and answered a question related to the number of current members.

Action: Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo, to invite Service Associate membership to the Pepper Construction Company of Barrington and Sikich, LLP of Naperville, Illinois; motion carried.

### **IHSA Report**

Mark Harms reviewed the current issues and concerns that continue to face the students, faculty, and parents involved with the Illinois High School Association. He mentioned that the Bass Fishing tournament resulted in a large turnout this year. At this time, the IHSA staff is very busy with the Boys and Girls State Basketball finals. The IHSA Board meets soon and Mr. Harms will update the Board regarding any action that takes place at the May BOD meeting.

### **Legislative Update**

Ben Schwarm provided a very thorough review of legislative issues currently being debated at the State Capitol. He mentioned that there is a very new dynamic in Springfield with a newly elected Republican Governor. The State Budget is one of the major issues facing the Governor and General Assembly with a current (FY15) Budget deficit being the subject of discussions. In addition, the

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Governor provided an indication in both the State of The State and Budget addresses that he intends for the K-12 Education Budget to receive an increase in revenue for FY16. However, the Budget Address also included some drastic cuts in other state services. The overall proposed K-12 increase of \$300 million included some cuts to certain education line items in order to achieve the additional funding of GSA. Mr. Schwarm also discussed the status of School Funding reform noting that SB16 from last year is now in the form of SB1 with some changes being made by the sponsor. It is still too early to tell what might result as Speaker Madigan recently announced the formation of a new School Funding Task Force in the Illinois House. Other Alliance Legislative Initiatives were reviewed along with Vision 20/20 legislative proposals.

### **Staffing Update**

Roger Eddy reminds the Board of Directors that we are currently fully staffed. He also reminded all of Sandy Boston's upcoming retirement after 39 years with the Association. Interviews have taken place and a decision will be made as to how we will move forward, soon after Sandy's departure from the Association.

### **NSBA Leadership & Advocacy Institute (formerly FRN) Update**

Phil Pritzker reviewed the highlights of the recent NSBA Advocacy Institute noting that the Illinois Advocacy Delegation met with several members of Congress this time. He mentioned what an impressive job Susan Hilton did putting together the schedule to meet all of the Congressmen and women and their staff. It was a beneficial trip this time whereas in the past there had been a lot of redundancy. President Karen Fisher was very impressed with the work effort put forth by Ms. Susan Hilton as well.

### **NSBA Summer Leadership Institute- Hyatt Regency Chicago, August 20-23, 2015**

Roger Eddy reminded the Board that NSBA would be hosting the Summer Leadership Conference in Chicago next August. This new Conference combines the NSBA President's Conference, Leadership Conference and Regional Meetings into one event. In addition, IASB will hold the First Quarter Board of Directors meeting during the same weekend allowing Board Members to take advantage of the event.

### **Communications**

Frank Mott reviewed meetings of the Teacher Recruiting and Retention Task Force explaining that the resolution requires the Task Force to study the impact of Tier 2 pension benefits on the ability of school districts to recruit and retain teachers in public schools classrooms.

Mr. Eddy informed the Board that the first Alliance Leadership Summit was very successful with over 600 participants. The current plan is to hold this event on a bi-annual basis.

Melinda Selbee provided the Board with a review of the Amicus brief related to school zoning that came because of the Grayslake Bleacher case. It was noted that the current decision, if not overturned, could be a major obstacle for school construction efforts in the future.

Mr. Eddy reviewed attendance at Fall Division meetings and provided a brief report regarding the current Spring Division meetings.

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Mr. Eddy informed the Board that Navigate Prepared (school digital security) and ISEBC (Health Insurance) Royalty programs are doing well for the first full year of implementation. Navigate has a goal of fifty schools this year and ISEBC already is approaching fifty schools enrolled in the program. The number of districts signing up for and using BuyBoard is still slow as legislation related to bids of over \$25K is still pending.

Mr. Eddy informed the Board that IASB is assisting ISBE with a survey of selected schools in an effort to provide ISBE with important data to determine issues related to Educator Equity.

Mr. Eddy discussed a proposed letter from ISBE regarding the PARCC Assessment and possible sanctions against Districts and/or District Employees. He also shared a joint response from IASB and IASA to the ISBE letter.

### **Meeting Debrief**

Dean Langdon conducted the Plus / Delta and the comments and suggestions will be posted with the next board of directors' meeting packet.

### **Adjournment – 12:30 p.m.**

Action: Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Linda Eades, to Adjourn at 12:30 PM; motion carries and President Karen Fisher adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. on March 7, 2015.

Board Members Frank Mott, Rob Luttrell and Rosemary Swanson were presented with service plaques by President Fisher after adjournment.