

Board of Directors Minutes — March 1, 2008

Illinois Association of School Boards
 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
 March 1, 2008

Present:

Mark C. Metzger.....	President	Aurora
Joseph Alesandrini.....	Vice President.....	Pekin
Marie Slater	Immediate Past President.....	Wheaton
Carolynne Brooks	Treasurer/Wabash Valley	Noble
Ben Andersen.....	Northwest Division.....	East Dubuque
Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
Cyndi Dahl.....	DuPage.....	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Carol Farnum	Kishwaukee.....	Aurora
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock.....	Marseilles
Philip Fulton	Former Service Associates Representative.....	Chicago
Dale Hansen.....	Three Rivers.....	Grant Park
Mark Harms	Corn Belt.....	Flanagan
Felton Jose	Wabash Valley.....	Salem
Helen McClelland.....	South Cook	Country Club Hills
Jackie Mickley	Blackhawk	Erie
Tom Neeley	Central Illinois Valley.....	Morton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Howard Phillips	Two Rivers.....	Greenfield
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Dane Tippett	Southwest.....	Troy
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook	Berwyn

Absent:

David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Sue McCance.....	Western.....	Cuba

Chart Recorder.....	Karen Fisher
Time Keeper	Roger Pfister
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler
Process Observer	Dale Hansen

March 1 Agenda Approval

Action: Karen Fisher moved, seconded Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the agenda for the conduct of the March 1, 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting be approved as printed and distributed.

November 15 and 18, 2007, Minutes Approval

Action: Dale Hansen moved, seconded byCarolyn Brooks and carried unanimously that the minutes for the November 15 and November 18, 2007, Board of Directors' Meetings be accepted as printed and distributed.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Joe Alesandrini and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be accepted, with the removal for discussion of Item 4, President's Report, and item 7, FY2008 Membership Report.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission, Pages 17-21

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition, Pages 23-32

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Communication and Counsel to the Board, Page 25

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Relationship with Suppliers, Page 35

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Treatment of Member Districts, Page 37

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS /General Governance Commitment III-I, Page 39

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style III-2, Pages 40-41

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Job Description III-3, Page 42

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/President's Role III-4, Page 43

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Vice President's Role III-4A, Page 44

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Treasurer's Role III-4B, Page 45

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Immediate Past President's Role III-4C, Page 46

Text augmented to read:

The Immediate Past president shall be primarily responsible for the orientation of new members of the Board of Directors including formal orientation and the assignment of mentors and shall chair the Nominating Committee. The Immediate Past president shall have such other duties as the President of the Board of Directors shall assign.

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle III-7, Pages 47-48

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Members' Code of Conduct III-8, Pages 49-50

This policy is in compliance.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Assumptions Preview

Executive Director Michael Johnson reviewed the areas that will affect the budget assumptions to be presented at the May 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting. These were contained in the information presented on page 51 of the meeting materials packet. Among some of the items he touched upon:

- Addition of up to four additional staff members to assist in the development and presentation of new training programs.
- Anticipate three full-time equivalents and additional part-time, if needed, to assist with the expanded superintendent, assistant superintendent, business manager and principal searches.

- Consultant services to upgrade portals and additional equipment for increased electronic delivery of information/programs.
- TAG program will move from a grant to a budgeted line items.
- Purchase time and air additional radio spots, as well as considering billboard ads and editorial board meetings.
- Consideration of new pooling programs and program sponsorships to benefit member districts.

In response to a question of the apparent move from involving superintendents in the superintendent search process by Karen Fisher, the Executive Director noted that this move had been made due to some involved superintendents putting pressure on new superintendents for business reasons.

Johnson closed by stating, “As local budgets get tighter more services are requested from IASB, as we often provide services at a lower rate. The focal point of budget discussion remains what services shall we provide to school boards and at what costs?”

2008 Conference Registration Fees

In keeping with Board policy that the Joint Annual Conference registration fee be increased by 4% each year, rounded to the nearest \$10 amount, the 2008 fee would be \$330.

Cyndi Dahl, joined by Joanne Zendol, felt in view of the financial circumstances facing some member districts, the registration fee should remain at the 2007 level of \$315. During the ensuing discussion, the majority of the Board expressed opinions in support of the current fee increase policy and saw no reason to deviate from it at this time. It was noted the costs to the Association for underwriting the conference increase annually from 6-10%.

Action: Karen Fisher called for the question of setting the 2008 registration fee at \$330 for pre-conference registration and \$350 for onsite registrations. Upon a voice vote, the fees were approved at the policy-derived amounts.

Committee Appointments and Reappointments

President Metzger noted the updated Committee Appointments and Reappointments, listed on page 55 of the meeting packet materials, to include Carol Farnum as an alternate delegate to the NSBA Delegate Assembly. Farnum had been inadvertently left off the previously distributed list.

2008 Leadership Conference Review/Comments

Agenda time was allotted for Directors to discuss the Friday evening and Saturday morning 2008 Leadership Conference programming. There was overwhelming consensus that the Friday evening speaker and the Saturday morning staff programs presented on two newly-developed Association workshops, “Making Meetings Matter” and “Diversity and Inclusion Awareness,” were outstanding and left most wanting more information. When queried as to whether they liked and wished to continue the pattern of a Friday evening speaker setting the tone for the Saturday programming, general opinion advocated this type of program.

FRN Report and Legislative Update

Federal Relations Network. The 2008 Federal Relations Network conference, sponsored by the National School Boards Association, February 3-5, was reported by IASB delegates as a great success. The Illinois delegation included seven school board members. President Metzger, Vice President Alesandrini and Immediate Past President Slater each commented on aspects they found of particular interest. Joe Alesandrini shared information presented by Marian Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund which revealed startling statistics on the plight of children every day in America. Alesandrini will have this information reproduced and distributed to the Board. Tariq Butt reminded the Board that it is important that on ongoing correspondence be instituted with congressional members and that involvement and communication does not stop with the conclusion of the FRN conference. An overview synopsis of this conference is included on page 59 of the meeting packet.

Illinois Legislative Update. Associate Executive Director for Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm gave an overview of the current legislation situation and expressed the opinion that everything is related to the current economy and the formulation of the 2009 budget. Among issues he noted: Tax revenues are not coming in as high as expected and Comptroller Hynes is saying something has to be done to pay the bills, and the Governor is recommending \$300,000 million for elementary and secondary education and a \$25 billion major statewide infrastructure program.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB Representative to the Illinois High School Association Mark Harms included a February 12 copy of IHSA Announcements dealing with the photo dispute in the meeting packet and commented:

- Steroid testing will be started prior to the commencement of next year's statewide tournament series.
- Among upcoming discussion proposals, is whether or not a school on strike can compete. There is feeling that this should be a local control decision of the school board.
- 50% response was received to a survey which included, among other things, changes to four class system and steroid testing.
- IHSA is looking at expansion of other sports, including track and wrestling.

Service Associate Recognition

Retiring Service Associate Representative Philip Fulton was present and presented with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the IASB Board of Directors during his tenure as the Chair of the Service Associates. Fulton thanked the Board and stated that he had thoroughly had enjoyed his work with the association and with the Board.

Closed Session Approval

Action: Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Mark Harms and carried unanimously, that the Board convene in closed session.

Action: Motion was made and seconded to reconvene into open session.

Adjournment/Next Meeting Location/Date

Action: Joanne Zendol moved, seconded by Dane Tippett and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, May 16-17, 2008.



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