

Illinois Association of School Boards
 430 East Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois
 May 2-3, 2003

Present:

Christy M. Coleman.....	President	Geneseo
Raymond Zimmerman.....	Vice President.....	Flanagan
Dennis McConville.....	Immediate Past President.....	Peru
Mary Walsh	Treasurer.....	Rosemont
Joseph Alesandrini.....	Central Illinois Valley.....	Pekin
Lowell Beggs.....	Northwest.....	Amboy
Gary Carter	Egyptian.....	Fairfield
Donna Cech	West Cook	River Forest
Fred Clatfelter.....	Wabash Valley.....	West York
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Thomas Hannigan.....	Lake	Mundelein
Steve Hawk.....	Blackhawk	Erie
David Henebry.....	Service Associates	LZT
Cheryl Jackson.....	Corn Belt.....	Bloomington
Kent Kistler.....	Kaskaskia.....	Brownstown
Jack Moore	Illini.....	Charleston
Roger Pfister	Shawnee.....	Murphysboro
Marie Slater	DuPage.....	Wheaton
Barbara Somogyi.....	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Wesley G. Stellhorn.....	Southwestern.....	Baldwin
Patricia Stroube.....	South Cook	Steger
Brian Waitkus	Starved Rock.....	LaSalle
Gerald White.....	Western	Colchester

Absent:

David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
John Heidler.....	Kishwaukee.....	McHenry
Debora McCleary.....	Three Rivers.....	Coal City

Time Keeper	Wesley Stellhorn
Process Observer	Kent Kistler
Recording Secretary.....	Pat Culler

Call To Order

President Christy Coleman called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2003, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

Introductions

President Coleman requested that Board and staff members introduce themselves and affirm how much of the meeting packets they had reviewed prior to the meeting.

Retiring Board Members

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Association, President Coleman expressed appreciation for the service of the following retirees: Gary Carter, Egyptian Division; David Kniker, Blackhawk Division; Jack Moore, Illini Division; and Patricia Stroube, South Cook Division.

Additions To and Agenda Approval

Action: Roger Pfister moved, seconded by Wesley Stellhorn and carried unanimously that the agenda for the meeting be approved with the following additions: 14.B Election—Executive Committee Member; 17.B 430 Vine Street Property Sale; and 23. Communications, d. Intergenerational Group.

February 8, 2003, Board of Director's Minutes Approval

Action: Joseph Alesandrini moved, seconded by Cheryl Jackson and carried unanimously that the minutes for the February 8, 2003, Board of Director's Meeting, be approved as printed and distributed with a correction to page 5, Treasurer's Term of Office, to reflect that Mary Walsh continues to fill the office of IASB Treasurer until Sunday, November 23, 2003, rather than Saturday, November 22, 2003.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Marie Slater moved, seconded by Lowell Beggs and carried unanimously, that Consent Agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 be accepted as printed and distributed in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

Ends/Mission (Pages 17-21)

This policy is in compliance at this time. However, the Board should review Ends statement 1.3.B to state more of a target global End rather than specific.

Executive Limitations/Financial Condition (Pages 23-32)

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Treasurer Mary Walsh noted that she couldn't add anything to the report at this time, all of the conference refunds have been processed, and there will be a complete report on the 2921 Baker Drive property at the August meeting.

Executive Limitations/Emergency Executive Succession (Page 33)

This policy is in compliance at this time.

As a matter of information, the Executive Director noted that the minutes of the executive staff leadership meetings are now distributed to the entire staff that does not attend these meetings, and he is sharing trust minutes with the executive staff leadership and has started the practice of taking different executive staff members to trust meetings. Both practices keep the staff up to date on what is happening.

Governance Process/Governing Style (Pages 35-36)

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Recommended addition to policy: *Except in the event of an emergency as determined by a 2/3's vote of the Board at that time, the IASB Board of Directors will not take final action on an item unless it is on the agenda distributed before the meeting began.*

Action: Cheryl Jackson moved, seconded by Marie Slater and carried unanimously, that the recommended addition to the policy be amended to read: **Except in the event of an emergency as determined by a 2/3's vote of the Board members present, the IASB Board of Directors will not take final action on an item unless it is on the agenda distributed before the meeting began.**

Action: Mary Walsh moved, seconded by Joe Alesandrini and carried unanimously that the amended addition to the policy be approved.

Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Assumptions

The Executive Director reviewed the 2004 budget assumptions listed on page 37 and stated that the goal continues to be a balanced budget. He noted the changes were moving a Policy Services Consultant from part-time to full-time and a new Advocacy/Governmental Relations position jointly funded by IASB and IPA. The Advocacy/Governmental Relations position previously funded by IASB, IASA, IASBO and IPA will now be funded by IASA and IASBO.

Action: Treasurer Mary Walsh moved, seconded by Ray Zimmerman and carried unanimously, that the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget be adopted as presented.

IASB Constitution Amendment

Recommended change to Article VIII. Divisions, Section 5: Whenever an officer or member of the Governing Committee ceases to be a member of an Active Member, his/her committee membership shall terminate. Unexpired terms of elective officers shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee in such manner, as they shall determine. *A Director serving on the Association's Board of Directors serves until the appropriate Division Governing Committee elects a successor.*

Action: Joseph Alesandrini moved, seconded by Fred Clatfelter that the recommended change to Article VIII. Division, Section 5, be amended to read: **Whenever an officer or member of the Governing Committee ceases to be a member of an Active Member, his/her committee membership shall terminate. Unexpired terms of elective officers shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee in such manner as they shall determine. Absent a provision in the Division bylaws to the contrary, a Director serving on the Association's Board of Directors serves until the appropriate Division Governing Committee elects a successor.** Upon a call for the question, the motion carried with Roger Edgecombe voting nay.

Action: Roger Pfister moved, seconded by Cheryl Jackson and carried unanimously that the IASB Board of Directors submit the amended change to Section 5, Article VIII. Divisions, IASB Constitution, to the 2003 Delegate Assembly for membership action.

IASB Treasurer Election

Action: Mary Walsh moved, seconded by Fred Clatfelter and carried unanimously that the following procedure be established by which the Board of Directors will elect the next, and successive Treasurers:

Any member of the Board of Directors interested in being considered for the Treasurer's position is to submit a one page paper indicating their interest, their qualifications, and reasons they want to be considered to the President by Friday of the August Board of Directors' Meeting (2003--August 22).

At the August 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors, each candidate will be given four minutes to speak to why he/she should be chosen. The Board will then vote on a nominee for Treasurer to be nominated at the Board of Director's organizational meeting in November. Other candidates could run from the floor at the Sunday, November Board of Directors' organizational meeting.

The Treasurer's duties include the following: To keep account of all monies received and disbursed by the Association. This is done in the following manner: The Treasurer receives a printout of all checks written by the Association and a monthly report of the revenue and expense totals. The Treasurer convenes an Audit Committee, which meets with the auditor and presents an audit report to the Board of Directors at its August Meeting and the IASB Delegate Assembly. The Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Treasurer prepares the draft text of these reports.

IASB Executive Committee Membership Replacement

Gary Carter's non-retention on his local board of education created a vacancy in the IASB Executive Committee. Following precedent, Directors wishing to be considered submitted their names at the meeting and a paper ballot was taken and resulted in Joseph Alesandrini being elected to fill the remaining term. A new Executive Committee is elected at the Board's November organizational meeting each year.

IASB Springfield Properties Update

The Executive Director reviewed the transition from the 430 Vine Street property to the newly-constructed 2921 Baker Drive property and noted that although the 430 Vine Street location had not been sold at this time, there was a prospective purchaser looking at it and the staff feels it will sell at somewhere between \$700,000 and \$990,000. (The property is presently listed at \$990,000.)

Emergency Action: Marie Slater moved, seconded and carried on a hand vote, that an emergency action pertaining to the sale of the 430 Vine Street property be added to the agenda for discussion and Board action.

Action: Tom Hanningan moved, seconded by Mary Walsh and carried unanimously, that the Executive Director be authorized to sell the 430 Vine Street property at fair cash market value.

IASB's NSBA Delegate Reports

Officers and Directors serving as IASB's representatives to the 2003 NSBA Delegate Assembly shared their experiences with the Board. President Coleman commended the IASB staff for their participation in panel and workshop offerings and noted she will serve on the 2004 NSBA Policy Committee. Vice President Ray Zimmerman affirmed her comments and expressed the feeling that participating in the Delegate Assembly was quite worthwhile and interesting. Immediate Vice President Dennis McConville stated that although the timing of local school board elections reduced Illinois attendance (from approximately 700 to 400), as well as that of other states, those who attended participated in an excellent program of helpful offerings. Director Barbara Somogyi was appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the Delegate Assembly and service on the NSBA Credentials Committee as well. Director Joseph Alesandrini remarked that although the NSBA process is quite different from IASB's, it was very interesting and he enjoyed participating.

Executive Director Johnson distributed NSBA Certificates of Appreciation to Delegates Christy Coleman, Raymond Zimmerman, Dennis McConville, and Tariq Butt, as well as Alternates Joseph Alesandrini and Barbara Somogyi.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB Representative Joseph Alesandrini noted that Senior Field Service Director Doug Blair had represented IASB at the last IHSA Board of Directors' Meeting, and that IHSA will once again sponsor a session at the Joint Annual Conference and he invited every one to attend the panel and get their questions answered.

Legislative Report

Associate Executive Director for Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm noted that with so many freshman legislators and the new power structure in the General Assembly, Alliance lobbyists have found it difficult to find lawmakers willing to give up or amend their legislation and distributed and discussed some evident Alliance successes. He particularly emphasized: HB43 that requires schools to have defibrillators in physical fitness facilities. The Alliance is attempting to get this for only high school gyms (indoor facilities) and the statewide cost is estimated at \$12 million. HB205 that requires schools to supply a list of community groups to suspended students was only opposed by the Alliance and is being held for an Alliance amendment. SB317, the teacher tenure probationary period bill, has passed the Senate and is now stalled in the House. An Alliance amendment has made the bill less restrictive. SB368 allows for district consolidation without the vote of small districts. Only the Alliance opposed this bill and testified in committee. It has been sent to a study committee in the House. SB533 mandates mentoring and induction

programs. An Alliance amendment allows school districts to use current programs and requires state funding. SB878 allows ISBE to take over school districts under NCLB. Only the Alliance testified in opposition and the bill will be amended with Alliance requests. SB1400 mandates school breakfast and summer lunch program. Only the Alliance testified in opposition and negotiated an amendment. SB1513 contained the IEA “RESCUE” plan for retired teacher health insurance. The Alliance is in negotiations on this issue and the IEA “RESCUE” plan is no longer the bill.

Schwarm stated that the Alliance believes that district consolidation funds for those who have done things, and construction money for regional offices must be restored. They would also like to see the block grant money restored and are talking with legislators to secure support for new line items where the money is going to all school districts.

IASB Service Associates’ Report

IASB Service Associates’ Chair David Henebry reported that their Executive Committee met on Friday afternoon, May 2, 2003, and among other business, reviewed membership applications and references and voted to recommend that the IASB Board of Directors issue an IASB Service Associate membership invitation to Johnson Consulting, Inc. of Des Plaines, Illinois. The Service Associate staffed Cracker Barrel sessions will be continued at the Joint Annual Conference and Henebry suggested that Deputy Executive Director Gerald Glaub be contacted when the services of member firms might be appropriate for the staffing of Association programs and/or a resource.

Action: Wesley Stelhorn moved, seconded by Roger Edgecombe and carried unanimously, that an IASB Service Associates membership invitation be extended to Johnson Consulting, Inc. of Des Plaines, Illinois.

IASB Staffing Update

Kevin L. Bell has been employed as Assistant Director of Governmental Relations/Advocacy, as a joint venture between IASB and the Illinois Principals’ Association. Bell previously served as Communication and Research Analyst for the Office of the Senate President.

Susan Farrell Herrmann moved from part-time (since February, 1998) to full-time Assistant Director of Policy Services. Prior to coming to the Association, Farrell Herrmann worked as a Grant Writing Consultant for Park Ridge CCSD 64.

Illinois Intergenerational Initiative Report

Treasurer Mary Walsh, who serves as IASB’S representative for the Illinois Intergenerational Initiative, presented the following report:

“Saving our Stories, the art of recording and preserving family, cultural and community history became a happening Thursday, May 1, at the State Capitol. This is an outgrowth from the Service Learning panel at the November 2002 Conference.

“A follow-up to this remarkable project will be an educational insert in the Chicago Tribune. Folks in the know say Thanksgiving week. I am hoping it is the week of our Annual Conference. (This would be a real coup for us.)

“Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be your liaison in the Illinois Intergenerational Initiative. It truly is a pleasure to be at the table with folks forming this coalition of educational supporters. Thanks also to Linda Dawson, a member of the team, and to Pat Culler, who provided a major assist in hotel change, thus I didn’t become a member of Springfield’s homeless.”

Adjournment

Action: Tom Hannigan moved, seconded by Roger Pfister and carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

The August 22-23, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Eagle Ridge Inn and Resort, Galena, Illinois.