

Board of Directors Minutes — March 11, 2006

Illinois Association of School Boards  
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois  
March 11, 2006

Present:

Marie Slater .....	President .....	Wheaton
Mark C. Metzger.....	Vice President.....	Aurora
Raymond Zimmerman.....	Immediate Past President.....	Flanagan
Joseph Alesandrini .....	Treasurer, Central Illinois Valley .....	Pekin
Lowell Beggs.....	Northwest.....	Amboy
Carolyne Brooks .....	Wabash Valley.....	Noble
Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
Cyndi Dahl.....	DuPage.....	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln .....	Maroa
Carol Farnum .....	Kishwaukee.....	Aurora
Philip Fulton .....	Service Associates Representative .....	Chicago
Steve Hawk .....	Blackhawk .....	Erie
Cheryl Jackson.....	Corn Belt.....	Bloomington
Felton Jose .....	Wabash Valley.....	Salem
John Metzger .....	Egyptian.....	Benton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake .....	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister .....	Shawnee .....	Murphysboro
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi .....	North Cook .....	Elk Grove Village
Wesley G. Stellhorn.....	Southwestern.....	Baldwin
Gerald White.....	Western .....	Colchester
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook .....	Berwyn

Absent:

David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Fred Blue .....	Starved Rock.....	Utica
Helen McClelland.....	South Cook .....	Country Club Hills
Debra McCleary.....	Three Rivers.....	Coal City

Chart Recorder.....	Philip Fulton
Timekeeper .....	Felton Jose
Process Observer .....	Cyndi Dahl
.....	
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler

Call to Order

President Marie Slater called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., Crystal C Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Meeting Agenda Additions/Approval

No additions to the meeting agenda were forthcoming and the March 11, 2006, meeting agenda was accepted as presented.

Minutes Approval—November 17 and 20, 2005

Action: Steve Hawk moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the November 17, 2005, Board of Directors' Meeting be accepted as distributed and placed on file.

Action: Joe Alesandrini moved, seconded by Wesley Stellhorn and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the November 20, 2005, Board of Directors' Meeting be accepted as distributed and placed on file.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Lowell Beggs moved, seconded by Roger Edgecombe and carried unanimously, that the items contained in the consent agenda be accepted as printed and distributed.

Presidents' Report

A copy of the President's Association-related activities for the period December 2005, through March 2006, was included on page 13 of the meeting packet.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Association itinerary, including an informational narrative for the period November 21, 2006, through March 11, 2006, was presented in the meeting packet.

Executive Committee Minutes, January 6, 2006

Minutes of the January 6, 2006, Executive Committee Meeting was distributed in the meeting packet, pages 19-20.

FY2006 Membership Report

A FY2006 Membership Report was distributed in the meeting packet, page 21. 2006 membership was 97.4 compared to 96.8 for 2005. Six districts were lost five due to consolidations/annexations and one from non-renewal. Four new members were added. Dues collected, \$2,817,215, exceeded budgeted 2006 dues, \$2,788,273, by \$28,942.

There was no change in the twenty-year-old dues formula and the dues surcharge will affect 131 districts in the next year, down 203 districts from the current year. A drop is anticipated for the following year as well.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—Pages 23-26

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition, Page 29

This policy is in compliance at this time.

It was noted that medical expenses could be higher in the current year and the Board will be kept informed.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition, Pages 31-38

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Communication and Counsel to the Board, Page 39

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Relationship with Suppliers, Page 41

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Treatment of Member Districts, Page 43

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The Executive Director stated that a form for submitting membership recommended constitutional amendments to the Board of Directors will be developed and available to member districts on a request basis. All such recommendations must be submitted to the Board no later than its May meeting. The Board has the right to amend such recommendations prior to submission to the Delegate Assembly. The constitutional amendment procedure will be included in the IASB website information.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/General Governance Commitment, Page 45

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style, Pages 46-47

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Job Description, Page 48

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/President's Role, Page 49

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Vice President's Role, Page 50

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Treasurer's Role, Page 51

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle, Pages 52-53

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Members' Code of Conduct, Pages 54-55

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Assumptions Preview, Pages 57-58

The 2007 Budget Assumptions, based on a goal of a balanced budget, will be presented at the May 19-20, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting and will include the following area recommendations:

- Staffing—two additional staff members in the training area.
- Consulting Services—superintendent and principal searches and electronic on-line portals.
- On-line Service Additions
- LeaderShop Growth
- TAG Program Expansion
- Governance Video Development
- Radio Spot Air Time
- Center for Public Education and Multi-State Project Participation
- Impact of School Board Governance on Student Achievement Study
- Springfield Building Expansion
- New Pooling Programs and Program Sponsorships

2006 Annual Conference Registration Fee, Page 59

At its May 16, 1998, the Board of Directors took action that the annual conference registration fee be based on an annual four percent increase, rounded to the nearest \$10, to keep pace with the annual production costs inflation.

Action: Cheryl Jackson moved, seconded by Carol Farnum that the 2006 pre-conference registration fee be established at \$300 and the onsite registration fee at \$325 per person.

No exhibit booth rate increases were recommended for the 2006 conference. Rates will remain at the 2005 rates: \$1,750, 10'x10' booth; \$1,950 10'x10' corner booth; \$1,450, 6'x10' booth; and \$1,650, 6'x10' corner booth.

2006 Committee Appointments and Reappointments, Page 61

Action: Carol Farnum moved, seconded by Joanne Zendol, that the following 2006 committee appointments and reappointments be accepted:

**Executive Committee.** President Marie Slater, Vice president Mark C. Metzger, Immediate Past President Raymond Zimmerman, Treasurer Joe Alesandrini, Lowell Beggs, Roger Edgecombe, Roger Pfister and Barbara Somogyi.

**Nominating Committee.** Raymond Zimmerman, Chair; Lowell Beggs, Roger Pfister, Carol Farnum, and Debora McCleary, members; and Joanne Zendol and John Metzger, alternates.

**Audit Committee.** Joe Alesandrini, Chair/Treasurer; David Barton, Steve Hawk, Joanne Osmond and Carolyne Brooks, members; and Wesley Stellhorn and Felton Jose, alternates.

**Resolutions Committee.** Mark C. Metzger, Chair/Vice President, and members and alternates elected by the twenty-one divisions.

**IHSA Representative.** Joe Alesandrini

**Conference Committee Co-Chairs.** Fred Blue and Cheryl Jackson

**NSBA Delegate Assembly Delegates/Alternates.** President Marie Slater, Vice President Mark C. Metzger, Immediate Past President Raymond Zimmerman and Chicago Representative Tariq Butt, delegates; and Michelle Skinlo, Barbara Somogyi and Treasurer Joseph Alesandrini, alternates. Barbara Somogyi will serve on the NSBA Credentials Committee and Marie Slater and Mark C. Metzger have been recommended to serve on the NABA Policies/Resolutions Committee and NSBA National Nominating Committee, respectively.

Springfield Office Expansion

The Executive Director updated the Board on events related to its November 17, 2005, meeting action to purchase half of the adjacent lot to the Springfield property, should it become available, at a cost not to exceed \$137,500. Presently all office space is filled to capacity leaving none available to accommodate the immediate and future staff anticipated to service member requested services.

At the November 17 meeting, the President had stated more definitive building plans, costs would be presented at the March Board meeting and Directors were requested to get their suggestions, ideas relative to this issue to the Executive Director for consideration prior to the meeting. The Executive Director received no input from the Board on this issue.

Executive Director Johnson reported that since the party interested in the other half of the adjacent lot was no longer interested, the property owner was not interested in selling just one half of the lot to the Association and Johnson did not feel it would be a prudent investment of Association funds to purchase the entire lot when he did not foresee a need for more the one-half originally discussed. Therefore, it was recommended that Springfield office expansion proceed on its current property at a cost not to exceed \$350,000.

During the ensuing discussion, the Board was divided between those who wanted to see definitive plans for the recommended expansion before voting on the issue and those who felt that the project should move ahead since the Board had already given its consent to purchasing land and therefore, in essence, had approved this expansion.

Consensus was reached that more definitive plans and costs for the proposed expansion should be developed and circulated to the Board prior to the May Board meeting.

Action: Cyndi Dahl moved, seconded by Cheryl Jackson and carried unanimously, that the Springfield office expansion decision be tabled until the May meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### Leadership Conference Follow-up

A Board discussion of the March 9-10 Leadership Conference and the recently completed membership survey results generated the following comments:

- Leadership Conference participants need to be surveyed to ascertain if the meeting content was a good experience. These conferences must be worth their time investment. The membership should drive the content rather than the Board of Directors and staff. It must be interesting for the participants.
- The goal statements need to be simplified.
- Confusion was generated by the way in which survey questions were formatted.
- Combine goals 3.1 and 3.2.
- Survey results need to be sent to all member boards, not just those attending the Leadership Conference. It was noted that the survey results will be a part of the monthly update sent to division officers.
- The Leadership Conference content needs to be one of general interest. Many attendees had no knowledge of the survey.
- Survey results should be viewed from the vantage of the very low numbers that completed and returned it—a very small minority making a big voice.

#### FRN Report

Illinois was represented by seven school board members, including President Marie Slater, Vice President Mark Metzger and Past President Raymond Zimmerman, at the February 5-7 NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference and one-on-one visit with congressional leaders. Discussed issues were federal education funding, the implementation of the *No Child Left Behind* and opposition to private school

vouchers. An appointed fifteen-member commission will be traveling around the country obtaining input upon which new NCLB recommendations will be based. Attendees were encouraged by the reception they received from legislative staff and their apparent interest in what board members were saying.

### Legislative Update

Associate Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Ben Schwarm, updated the Board on issues before the Illinois General Assembly, specifically touching on school district reorganization (IASB supports), the less red tape initiative, school food service rules/junk food, extension of the 7% alternative general homestead exemption, summer school food service mandate and child abuse reporting. Schwarm stated the Governor has called for a \$400 million increase in new dollars for elementary and secondary education and is pushing for a capital projects bill that would include \$500 million for construction and \$50 million for school maintenance grants. The unanswered question is how is this going to be funded. (Printed reported distributed and filed.)

### IASB Service Associates Report

IASB Service Associate Representative Phil Fulton reported that the group had no new members to present for Service Associate membership. The last meeting of the organization was spent in discussing division programs/topics, exploring means to attract increased Service Associate membership, and means of differentiating service associate exhibits on the Joint Annual Conference exhibition floor.

### Illinois High School Association Report

IHSA Representative Joe Alesandrini reported this group will not meet for another week; however, IHSA is pleased that the Legislative has not forwarded a proposal to have the State Board of Education take over the IHSA.

### IASB Staffing Update

Meagan Rippel, who filled in for Connie Crowder in Governmental Relations while she was off due to an on-the-job accident, has returned to school to become a teacher with Connie's return to duty. Upcoming retirements include: Marion Hansen (Lombard), June 2, 2006--35 years of service; and Ellen Murray (Springfield), June 30, 2006--12 years of service.

### Other

A discussion of moving the Joint Annual Conference Sunday noon meeting to a breakfast meeting just prior to the 9:45 a.m. Third General Session will be held at the May Board of Directors' Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the IASB Board of Directors will be held May 19-20, 2006, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.