

Board of Directors' Minutes – February 12, 2011

IASB Board of Directors' Meeting
February 12, 2011
Hyatt Regency, Chicago

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 Division	East Dubuque
Tim Blair	Wabash Valley	Casey
Karen Carney	Kishwaukee.....	Bartlett
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock.....	Marseilles
Dale Hansen	Three Rivers.....	Grant Park
Mark Harms	Corn Belt.....	Flanagan
Karen Hoffman (<i>for Director J. Metzger</i>).....	Egyptian	DuBois
Felton Jose	Kaskaskia.....	Salem
Steve Larson.....	Service Associates Representative.....	Lisle
Sue McCance	Western	Cuba
Jackie Mickley	Blackhawk.....	Geneseo
Tom Neeley.....	Central Illinois Valley.....	Morton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake.....	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Howard Phillips (<i>for Director D. Barton</i>).....	Two Rivers.....	Greenfield
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
Tom Cunningham	South Cook.....	Orland Park
Recording Secretary.....		Patricia Culler

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Introductions and Announcements

President Joseph Alesandrini called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and welcomed two individuals attending in place of a division director who could not attend: Howard Phillips, Two Rivers Division, for David Barton and Karen Hoffman, Egyptian Division for John Metzger.

On behalf of the Board, President Alesandrini congratulated Executive Director Emeritus Michael Johnson on being chosen as the NSBA Shannon Award recipient presented at the 2011 NSBA Leadership Conference.

In view of the fact that he will be applying as an IASB Executive Director, Immediate Past President Mark C. Metzger announced he will not be a candidate for his local board nor will he seek re-election to his NSBA Board position. Neither is Kishwaukee Division Director Karen Carney seeking re-election to her local board. Alesandrini noted that a number of other directors will be running for re-election to their local boards and wished them well.

Agenda Additions/Approval

Action: Joanne Osmond moved, seconded by Dane Tippett and carried unanimously, that the agenda for the February 12 meeting be accepted with the addition of 14.4 Conference Committee Report.

November 18 and 21, 2010 Minutes Approval

Action: Joanne Osmond moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the November 18 and 21, 2010, minutes be accepted as distributed with a correction to reflect Jackie Mickley's city of residence as Geneseo rather than Erie.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Dale Hansen moved, seconded by Joanne Zendol and carried unanimously, that agenda item 5. Consent Agenda Items be accepted as distributed in the meeting packet. It was noted that the Abe Lincoln and Blackhawk Division By-laws were contained as item e. of this agenda item.

Monitoring Reports

POLICY I-1, ENDS/Mission, Pages 42-43

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY II-4, EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition, Page 44-52

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The Executive Director Emeritus noted that although revenues were down about \$400,000, by January, 2011, the shortfall was down to about \$300,000 and it is hoped this can be made up by the end of the fiscal year. Revenue could get below the reserve line, but should be back up in May.

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POLICY II-8, EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Communication and Counsel to the Board, Page 53

Action: Ben Anderson moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond, that the wording of Item 5. Be revised to read: *Fail to inform the Executive Committee through the President when (s)he becomes aware of any actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board of Directors.* The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted the informational flow goes from the Executive Director Emeritus to the President, from the President to the Executive Committee and from the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors.

POLICY II-9, EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Relationship with Suppliers (Service Associates), Page 54

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY II-10, EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Treatment of Member Districts, Page 55

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-1, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/General Governance Commitment, Page 56

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-2, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style, Page 57-58

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-3, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Job Description, Page 59

This policy is in compliance at this time.

A discussion ensued around whether or not there was a need for detailed clarification of the policy language regarding Association officers, particularly as related to the office of Treasurer. However, there was general consensus that any language consideration be delayed until after the May Board session devoted to the Carver governance model. President Alesandrini noted that the President and Vice President are elected by the Delegate Assembly as officers of the Association and the Treasurer is elected by the Board of Directors to fill an additional role to his division directorship on the Board of Directors.

POLICY III-4, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/President's Role, Page 60

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POLICY III-4A, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Vice President's Role, Page 61

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POLICY III-4B, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Treasurer's Role, Page 62

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-4C, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Immediate Past President's Role, Page 63

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-7, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle, Page 64

This policy is in compliance at this time.

POLICY III-8, GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Member's Code of Conduct, Pages 65-66

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Farmington Central CUSD 265 Division Change Request

Due to a boundaries change resulting from a consolidation which resulted in closer ties to Peoria and the Central Illinois Valley Division, Farmington Central CUSD 265 requested that it become a part of the Central Illinois Valley Division rather than the Western Division.

Action: Sue McCance moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the Farmington Central CUSD 265 request to become a part of the Central Illinois Valley Division be honored.

Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Assumptions Preview

Executive Director Emeritus Johnson reviewed the fiscal year 2012 budget assumptions contained on page 68 of the meeting packet.

Committee Appointments and Re-Appointments

Audit Committee—President Alesandrini announced appointments to the Audit Committee: Chair, Treasurer Dane Tippett, and members Tim Blair, John Metzger, Felton Jose, Jr., Karen Carney, Tom Cunningham and Tariq Butt.

Nominating Committee—Chair, Mark C. Metzger; members--Roger Edgecombe, Michelle Skinlo, Roger Pfister and Sue McCance; and alternates—Phil Pritzker and David Barton.

Action: Phil Pritzker moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond and carried unanimously, that the appointments to the Audit and Nominating Committee be approved as presented.

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2011 NSBA/Federal Relations Network Conference

The 2011 FRN delegation was composed of President Joseph Alesandrini, Vice President Carlyne Brooks, Immediate Past President Mark Metzger, Illini Director Michelle Skinlo, Three Rivers Division Resolutions Chair/Plainfield CCSD 202 Board Member Michael Kelly, Maine THSD 207 Board Member John Jekot, and IASB Assistant Director of Governmental Relations Susan Hilton. The Illinois delegation met with Senator Durbin and Representatives Biggert, Hultgreb, Shimkus and Shock on the issues of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and local control.

Senator Durbin was shocked to learn that the Illinois State Board of Education is withholding Federal grant monies for local district grant programs and requiring local boards to first pay grant program costs upfront from their local budgets and then claim reimbursement from the State Board for Federal grant monies which are forwarded through the state for local district grant programs. Durbin instructed his aide to look into this immediately.

Legislative Update

Associate Executive Director for Advocacy/Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm updated the Board on recent legislative activities, including:

- An increase in the individual income tax rate from 3% to 5% for four years, then to 3.75% for the next ten years, reducing to 3.25% thereafter.
- An increase in the corporate income tax rate from 4.8% to 7% for four years, then to 5.25% for ten years, reducing to 4.8% thereafter.
- New State revenue from the income tax rate increases would total approximately \$7 billion.
- House Amendment #3 to SB2505 set State spending limits for the legislature at 2% increase per year through 2015. This includes making the required pension payments. The Auditor General determines if the limit is adhered to and if not, the income tax rate increase is void. The Governor, with the concurrence of the Comptroller and Treasurer, may declare a fiscal emergency to override the spending limitations.
- Passage of a pension borrowing bill, \$3.7 billion, to make the pension payments.

Among issues to be considered during the new session: Revenue for capital construction; educational reform/teacher tenure dismissal, pension reform, Workers' Compensation reform; school consolidation, gaming legislation, mandate issues and educational budget increases. ISBE has recommended a modest increase of \$750 million for K-12, a \$300 increase in the foundation level.

Service Associates Report

Service Associate Representative Steven Larson noted there are currently 75 Service Associate members, with two of these admitted in the last year. There have been no new applications during the past quarter and currently there are two vacancies on the Service Associates' Executive Committee.

The group is currently focused on offering speakers for division and conference panels, the educational environmental issues and legislative activities.

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Illinois High School Association Report

Illinois High School Association Representative Mark Harms reported on its recent activities including concussion legislation for which the IHSA has come up with a policy and which local school boards would be wise to look at as a part of their release forms.

Harms distributed copies of a new IHSA flier containing its annual report, a listing of sports/activities and requirements for participation in each sport, and noted that \$2.7 million of state tournament income is returned to local districts.

Carver Governance Overview

President Alesandrini directed attention to the Carver Governance Overview contained in the meeting materials. This overview covered a timeline of Carver Governance development, institution and discussions taken from Board minutes from November, 1993 through May, 1998. Dane Tippett suggested that this overview be included in the materials given to each newly-elected director.

Conference Committee Report

2011 Conference Co-Chairs Jackie Mickley and Ben Andersen reported on the February 10, Annual Conference Planning Committee Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. In addition to IASB, IASA and IASBO officer and staff participation, sales and convention service staff of the conference block hotels attended and participated in the planning discussions.

Both Co-Chairs commended the IASB staff involved in the planning process for the detailed information and timeline schedule for each conference activity presented in the 2011 conference planning booklet, the analysis and final report of each previous year's activities and the close working relationship that existed between the Association staff and the hotel representatives. Andersen stated he was amazed at the completeness of the process, the established deadline detail and how well it is all done. Mickley noted that since no conference hotel contracts contain attrition clauses, the four block hotels with extremely low 2010 room pick-ups were offered the opportunity to vacate their room block contracts, but all unanimously requested to remain as block hotel offerings.

2011 General Session speakers include:

1st General Session, Wes Moore, author of *The Other Wes Moore: The Story of One Man and Two Fates*. Moore explores how some survive and others sink in urban battlegrounds. Moore graduated Phi Beta Kappa from John Hopkins University and is a Rhodes Scholar, a former Special Assistant to Condoleezza Rice and Army Afghanistan combat captain.

2nd General Session, Stand Up, Change, a cutting edge musical production based on real statistics and real issues faced by students today—teen pregnancy, bullying/self mutilation, prejudice/hate crimes, drug and alcohol abuse, internet abuse/sexting and cyber bullying, depression/teen suicide, body image/unhealthy weight control, physical violence and peer pressure, portrayed by eight students and produced by REdl Arts and Education Foundation (Reach, Education, Inspire).

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3rd General Session, Representative Brooks Coleman, Georgia State Legislature. Education is a lifelong passion of Coleman and before being elected to the Georgia Legislation in 1993, Coleman served as a teacher, principal, and administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools. He currently is the Georgia Legislature Education Committee Chair and shares his passion for education with factual information and a southern sense of humor.

Retiring Kishwaukee Director

On behalf of the IASB Board of Directors, President Alesandrini thanked retiring Kishwaukee Director Karen Carney for her service. Carney is not seeking re-election to her local board in the spring elections.

Executive Director Search Closed Session

The Board went into closed session to discuss the Executive Director Search at 3 p.m.

Action: Phil Pritzker moved, seconded by Felton Jose Jr. to approve the candidate profile as presented. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the IASB Board of Directors will convene in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, May 13-14, 2011.