

Board of Directors Minutes — February 28, 2009

IASB Board of Directors' Meeting  
February 28, 2009  
Hyatt Regency, Chicago

Present:

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
Tom Cunningham.....	South Cook.....	Orland Park
Cyndi Dahl.....	DuPage.....	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln.....	Maroa
Carol Farnum.....	Kishwaukee.....	Aurora
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock.....	Marseilles
Dale Hansen.....	Three Rivers.....	Grant Park
Mark Harms.....	Corn Belt.....	Flanagan
Felton Jose.....	Kaskaskia.....	Salem
Sue McCance.....	Western.....	Cuba
Tom Neeley.....	Central Illinois Valley.....	Morton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake.....	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister.....	Shawnee.....	Murphysboro
Howard Phillips ( <i>Representative</i> ).....	Two Rivers.....	Greenfield
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi.....	North Cook.....	Elk Grove Village
Dane Tippett.....	Southwest.....	Troy
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook.....	Berwyn

Absent:

Mark C. Metzger.....	President.....	Aurora
David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Robert Bergland.....	Service Associates Representative.....	Chicago
John Metzger.....	Egyptian.....	Benton
Jackie Mickley.....	Blackhawk.....	Geneseo

Flip Chart Recorder.....	Mark Harms
Time Keeper.....	Tom Cunningham
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler
Process Observer.....	Joanne Zendol

February 28, 2009 Agenda Approval

**ACTION:** Mark Harms moved, seconded by Sue McCance and carried unanimously that the agenda for the Board of Directors' February 28, 2009, Meeting be approved with the additional of 20.B Conference Committee Report and 20.C Marie Slater Point of Privilege.

**ACTION:** Felton Jose moved, seconded by Roger Edgecombe and carried unanimously, that the November 20 and November 23, 2008 Board of Directors' Minutes be approved with the noted corrections.

**ACTION:** Sue McCance moved, seconded by Dane Tippett and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be received as printed and distributed in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS—Mission, Page 23

Policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Financial Condition, Pages 31-37

Policy is in compliance.

Executive Director Johnson stated: 1) The financial condition is in a positive position so far; 2) from this point on until the November annual conference, more will be spent than being taken in; and 3) there has been no drop-off in participation at this point.

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

Policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Relationship with Suppliers, Page 41

Policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Treatment of Member Districts, Page 43

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—General Governance Commitment, Page 45

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Governing Style, Pages 46-47

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Board Job Description, Page 48

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—President’s Role, Page 49

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Vice President’s Role, Page 50

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Treasurer’s Role, Page 51

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Immediate Past President’s Role, Page 52

Policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Annual Board Planning Cycle, Pages 53-54

Policy is in compliance.

**ACTION:** Dane Tippett moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously that Carver Training is added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Policy Development and Review and to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, if needed, to update the policy to reflect current procedure.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Board Members’ Code of Conduct, Pages 55-56

Policy is in compliance.

Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget Assumptions—Pages 57-58

Executive Director Johnson highlighted the 2009-10 budget assumption areas:

Staffing—Anticipate adding one additional staff member in the policy area to assist with more PRESS districts and one in the technology support and programming in Lombard.

Superintendent Searches—Moved superintendent searches to their own department and expanded them to include assistant superintendents, business managers and principals. Anticipate two full-time equivalents during the next year and additional part-time, if needed.

Consulting Services—Include electronic on-line portals. Equipment upgrades are ongoing on a three-year cycle and may increase as more electronic delivery is implemented. Continue to use on-going consulting services in the maintenance of website and in marketing programs and services. Association software updates are being reviewed.

LeaderShop—Program in full-scale use.

TAG—ISBE plans to continue funding at a \$250,000 annual budget. Approximately 100 districts involved that are not making AYP. Additional districts may receive services on a fee-for-service basis.

Center for Public Education—IASB is in the fifth year of commitment to the Center for Public Education.

Lombard Space—Space shared with IPA and IASA.

Program Pooling/Sponsorships—Looking at Medicaid reimbursement, health insurance programs and online virtual High School career Programs. Liquid Asset Fund, WSCIT, ISDA and Natural Gas Pool are growing. (IASB provides about 40% of natural gas used by schools.) On January 1, 2007, the Electric Pool changed to complete unregulated and has doubled participation. (IASB provides 20% of the electricity used by schools.) Looking at the availability of fund to buy bonds and generate a higher percentage rate than presently available in the next ninety days.

Joint Annual Conference—Do not anticipate any change in conference revenues for 2009.

Stimulus Package—\$1.7 billion coming to Illinois.

Materials/Training—The Executive Director wants more consistency in materials and more focus on training.

IASB's goal continues to be a balanced budget and the focal point remains "What services shall be provided to school boards and at what costs?"

#### 2009 Annual Conference Registration Fees

In keeping with the May 16, 1998, Board of Directors' position that the Annual Conference registration fee be based on a 4 percent yearly increase rounded to the nearest \$10, the 2009 pre-registration fee would be \$340 and the onsite registration fee at \$365. (Annual conference production costs annually increase four to six percent, depending on the service provider area.)

**MOTION:** Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Cyndi Dahl, that the 2009 Annual Conference registration fee remain at \$330 for pre-registration and \$355 for onsite registration in recognition of the present economy.

During the ensuing discussion, Cindy Dahl, Joanne Zendol, Michelle Skinlo and Dane Tippettt advocated freezing both the pre and onsite registration fees at the 2008 levels of \$330 and \$355 in light of the tight budgetary constraints of many school districts. Roger Pfister did not feel a \$10 per person increase would create much of a negative impact on local school districts.

**ACTION:** Dale Hansen called for the question—Dahl, Skinlo, Tippettt and Zendol voted yes. The motion failed and the established 2009 registration fees will prevail.

2009 Committee Appointments and Re-appointments

**Executive Committee:** President Mark C. Metzger; Vice President Joe Alesandrini; Immediate Past President Marie Slater; Treasurer Carolyne Brooks; Roger Edgecombe; Karen Fisher; Joanne Osmond; and Roger Pfister.

**Nominating Committee:** Past President/Chair Marie Slater; Members--Ben Andersen, Dale Hansen, Sue McCance, Roger Pfister; Alternates--Dave Bartlett and Jackie Mickley.

**Audit Committee:** Treasurer/Chair Carolyne Brooks; Members—Cyndi Dahl, Felton Jose, Jr., Tom Neeley and Dane Tippet; Alternates—Tom Cunningham and Karen Fisher.

**Resolutions Committee:** Vice President/Chair Joseph Alesandrini and members and alternates elected by 21 divisions.

**IHSA Representative:** Mark Harms

**Conference Committee:** Co-Chairs John Metzger and Joanne Zendol.

**2009 NSBA Delegate Assembly Appointments:** Delegates—Vice President Joe Alesandrini, Immediate past president Marie Slater, Treasurer Carolyne Brooks, Chicago Representative Tariq Butt; Alternates—Barbara Somogyi, Michelle Skinlo and Carol Farnum. President Mark C. Metzger is the NSBA Central Region Director.

Leadership Conference

During the ensuing discussion, Directors commented that they found the staff-developed and presented program on what the IASB staff has been doing over the past year and will be doing over the next few months to increase marketing efforts for new board member workshops, to upgrade workshop offerings and to provide new services for new board members and new board teams very well presented, insightful and productive. The staff-presented program and led exercises gave elected officer leaders insight into skill avenues by which they could make a direct contribution to the 20% Challenge in their local districts and gave them a vision of the why's of the mission.

Legislative Update

Associate Executive Director of Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm reviewed current legislative issues affecting schools and responded to issues of concern regarding four-year-olds/kindergarten, hold harmless status, freedom of information act changes, superintendent salary packages, pension reform and school construction.

FRN/NSBA Leadership Conference

Executive Director Johnson noted that coordinating IASB and the Chicago Board of Education's efforts allowed access to more legislative offices than in the past. Regarding the stimulus package it was perceived the general mood of Washington has changed and bipartisan support for working together has not

filtered down beyond the President. Durbin offered an amendment to use the higher amount of either 2006 or 2008 figures. Vice President Joe Alesandrini stated that president Mark Metzger will give further information on the NSBA Leadership Conference at the May 8-9 Board of Directors' Meeting.

#### Service Associates' Report

It was reported that the latest Service Associates' meeting was fairly routine and the group is working on putting together a construction projects video for the Joint Annual Conference general sessions and/or, for a fee, accessing the hotel's closed circuit programming, as well as generating some pre-conference materials on this subject.

#### Illinois High School Association Report

IASB's IHSA Representative Mark Harms noted discussion items from the recent IHSA Board meeting including:

- Results from the fall IHSA Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program showed 264 tests were conducted, representing 39% of the testing that will be conducted during the 2008-2009 school year. Of the 264 students, 156 students were tested for stimulants and 108 students were tested for anabolic steroids. 258 of the 264 students tested came back with negative results. The remaining six were granted medical exceptions for this year. For reporting purposes, these results are considered positive, even though no penalty was assessed to individual or school.
- Approval to add the Coaching Minor program at Loras College to the list of approved coaching curriculums.

#### Term Limits

In response to Dale Hansen's inquiry regarding Executive Committee term limits, Vice President Joe Alesandrini reaffirmed President Mark Metzger's earlier response that there are none. Comments shared during the ensuing discussion included:

- Joanne Osmond stated she feels there is an advantage to having people who have long experience serving as it is valuable to know what has occurred in the past and the current process allows for the Board to select new persons if it so chooses.
- Michelle Skinlo noted that the current process allows new individuals to self-nominate prior to the Board election for Executive Committee seats.
- Barbara Somogyi stated that until recent years, Executive Committee membership was processed through the Nominating Committee process for all Association officers. However, in recent years this process was changed to a self-nomination process at a November Sunday Board meeting.
- Cyndi Dahl felt the process needs further discussion before people are actually elected.
- Howard Phillips questioned the existence of division term limits for officers and Joe Alesandrini responded divisions do not have officer term limits and that at the August Board of Directors Meeting, the Executive Committee election process will be outlined.

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- Dale Hansen appreciated the opportunity to discuss the Executive Committee process, but noted the silence of those whom had previously questioned the current process.

The Executive Director stated, that although not well attended, he offers an opportunity for individuals interested in various officer positions and newly-elected officers to meet with him to discuss and acquaint themselves with various position descriptions and what is expected. One of these opportunities is always slated in conjunction with the February Leadership Conference.

Having completed the agenda items, the Board of Directors adjourned to an executive session to receive a TRS Update.

The next meeting of the IASB Board of Directors will be held May 8-9, 2009, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.