

IOWA ACADEMY OF EDUCATION  
**Annual Meeting (virtual), October 23, 2020**

**Present:** Members Susan Assouline, David Bills, Nick Bowman, Denise Crawford, Michele Devlin, Susan Etscheidt, Anne Foegen, Connie Hargrave, Megan Foley-Nicpon, Don Hackmann, Liz Hollingworth, Gabriela Olivares, Carla Peterson, Lia Plakans, Robert Reason, Marlene Strathe, Amanda Thein, Ann Thompson, Jen Waldron, Carl Weems, Jeff Weld, Greg Welk, and Jo Vaske, Executive Director, and Anne Wilson, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Saba Ali, Dan Clay, Deb Gallagher, Brian Hand, Won-Chan Lee, Don Yarbrough

**Executive Council:**

Carla Peterson, Past President

Amanda Haertling Thein, President

Michele Devlin, President-Elect

Liz Hollingworth, Secretary

Jo Vaske, Treasurer/Executive Director

Jennifer Waldron, At-Large Member

Donald Hackmann, At-Large Member

9:00 Welcome and remarks by President Amanda Haertling Thein

- Cancelled spring meeting due to COVID
- Thanks to Jo Vaske and Anne Wilson for coordinating the meeting
- Recognized members who were prepared for spring meeting that was cancelled. Hoping to reconvene the mental health panel for next spring
- Reviewed today's agenda
- Members introduced themselves

9:15 Membership Committee Report and Induction of 6 new IAE members.

Induction of new members – two members from 2019 and four members from 2020):

1. Induction of Gregory Welk (2019 new member) by Marlene Strathe followed by remarks by Gregory.
  2. Induction of Megan Foley Nicpon (2019 new member) was nominated by Saba Rasheed Ali and introduced by Amanda Thein, followed by remarks by Megan.
  3. Introduction of Nicholas Bowman (2020 new member) by David Bills followed by remarks by Nicholas (Nick).
  4. Introduction of Constance Hargrave (2020 new member) by Anne Foegen followed by remarks by Constance (Connie).
  5. Introduction of Gabriela Olivares (2020 new member) by Jennifer Waldron followed by remarks by Gabriela (Gabi).
  6. Introduction of Denise Schmidt-Crawford (2020 new member) by Donald Hackmann followed by remarks by Denise.
- Report from Bob Reason, Chair, Membership Committee.  
30 members allowed, currently have 28.

9:55 Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Christine Ogren, Associate Professor, Department of

- Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, The University of Iowa
- 10:00 Presentation (30 minutes) by and discussion (15 minutes) with Dr. Kristen Chmielewski, Assistant Professor, Recreation Management and Leadership, Department of Health and Human Development, Western Washington University: *“In Any Way Physically or Mentally Unfit to Teach’: City Teachers and Disability, 1930-1970*. Dr. Chmielewski’s dissertation was awarded one of the Iowa Academy of Education’s 2020 Outstanding Dissertation Awards.
- 10:40-10:55 Break
- 10:55 Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Amanda Haertling Thein, Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture, The University of Iowa
- 11:00-11:45 Presentation (30 minutes) by and discussion (15 minutes) with Dr. Kate Dower Lechtenberg, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Iowa, and English Language Arts Teacher, Merrill Middle School, Des Moines Public School District, *How Teacher Identities Inform Four White Teachers’ Text Selection, Instructional Framing, and Discussion Facilitation about Sociopolitical Issues*. Dr. Lechtenberg’s dissertation was awarded one of the Iowa Academy of Education’s 2020 Outstanding Dissertation Awards.
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch (bring your own) – *IAE members will share recent research and scholarly activities. We shared our COVID worlds of research, teaching, etc.*
- 12:30 **Business Meeting**
1. Call to order by President Amanda Haertling Thein.
  2. Approve Treasurer’s Report by Jo Vaske (sent prior to the meeting).
  3. Expenses are less than \$9000 annually. Expenses are covered by gifts from the three Regents’ institutions.
    - a. This year we need to renew our 3-year contracts with each university (\$3000 per year each). In addition, The University of Iowa has provided space, phones, clerical support, etc. Anne Wilson is changing positions and will no longer be the Administrative Assistant of IAE. New person TBD.
    - b. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Liz Hollingworth, seconded by Michele Devlin.
  4. Executive Director’s Report by Jo Vaske (sent prior to the meeting).
    - a. Not doing anything different with our investments until after the General Election, based on recommendation by our financial advisor (see attachment to the Executive Director’s Report). Current portfolio assets are down 9-10 % from last year, but, last year we realized an increase 11% from the previous year. Thus our earnings over the past two years

- have been flat. We stopped moving money into 3-month CDs that were earning 3% in the past but are earning 0.15% this year.
- b. Announcement of the Weathertop Foundation's long-term funding for the Thomas N. Urban Research Award. Tom Urban died this summer, but his family has gifted the Academy with \$15,000 for the purpose of awarding one recipient per year for five years. Bob asked about long-term funding after the five years of this gift have expired. We are not certain if the Foundation would make another award to the Academy. The Foundation has asked to be kept informed about the award and will send a director (if one is available) to the meeting when the Urban Award recipient is presenting to the Academy. The most immediate need is to make sure we have good nominations for the award for next year.
  - c. Conversation about deadlines for awards in July. Carla wondered if it would be better to change the deadline for nominations of some of the Academy's programs. Jo said the deadlines used to be staggered, but members had difficulty remembering the various deadlines, so we decided on a common date (July 1) for all nominations. Following discussion, members decided that, **for 2021, nominations for all three programs will be July 1**, with an option to extend deadlines if needed.
  - d. Motion to approve Executive Director's Report: Robert Reason, Second: Nick Bowman.
5. Report by Carla Peterson on behalf of the committee charged with discussing opportunities for increasing IAE's visibility and expanding communications with a variety of stakeholders and policy makers across Iowa. Committee members are: Susan Assouline, Susan Etscheidt, Deb Gallagher, and Carla Peterson.
    - a. Ideas: inviting people to our meetings when they are held on campuses again, other faculty, staff from Iowa Dept of Ed, government officials, etc. Expand the audience for presentations outside of IAE and identify the best people to invite them, engage them in discussion, and follow up with them.
    - b. Suggested different measurement categories. Maybe not as relevant now that our membership N=28. Consider inviting junior faculty to have short term relationships with the academy to support them. Maybe other membership categories for legislators and Department of Education staff.
    - c. Possibly taking time in the afternoons to develop an action agenda to follow up on whatever the research presentation topic in the morning was about.
    - d. Michele suggested posting published research of the members on the IAE website. Carla wondered about ways to increase traffic to the website.
    - e. Ann Thompson liked the idea of having the host university invite people to the meetings. (Iowa State is the next host.) Consider people from the

press. Carla also wondered about making sure the people who are invited are interested in the topic. Amanda agrees that this is a good idea.

- f. Lia wondered about the goals of this proposal: (1) Elevate the educational research in the state, and (2) activism.
  - g. Carla wants press, businesses, and legislators to know if they have questions or start an education initiative, the Academy would have the presence to respond to those kinds of questions. David says the Academy wants to be an honest, nonpartisan broker of research. Carla suggested we consider inviting a discussant to respond to research presentations during meetings.
  - h. Amanda thinks we can put some of these things in place in our 2021 meetings; e.g., start with inviting discussants to the meetings.
  - i. Jo asked if the committee is disbanded now. Carla said yes. We can implement the suggestions made at this point and then revisit the topic again after the 2021 meetings.
  - j. Amanda picked up on Lia's suggestion about sharing the IAE's expertise with strategic communications staff at our university. For the Spring meeting 2021, Amanda hopes to bring together the panel she assembled for the 2020 Spring meeting which had to be cancelled due to COVID. The topic is social and emotional learning and mental health. Whatever the topic is, we will plan to invite guests.
6. Announcement- Election of Officers. Due to the pandemic and cancellation of the Spring Meeting, 2020, the Academy voted to have the current officers serve another term, 2020-2021:
- Carla Peterson, Past President
  - Amanda Haertling Thein, President
  - Michele Devlin, President-Elect
  - Liz Hollingworth, Secretary
  - Jo Vaske, Treasurer/Executive Director
  - Jennifer Waldron, At-Large Member
  - Donald Hackmann, At-Large Member
7. Reports from Chairs of the standing committees (Jo explained that each committee has 3 people, one from each university):
- a. Outstanding Dissertation Committee: Ann Thompson, Chair. Looking forward to Michele, Saba, and Ann staying together as a committee for another year. Need to be sure we have good nominations, so remind people often about this award.
  - b. Thomas N. Urban Research Award: Marlene Strathe, Chair. There were no nominations for the award in 2020.
  - c. Membership Committee: Bob Reason, Chair, reported earlier in meeting.
8. Appointments of 2021 Committee Chairs and Members:

- a. Membership Committee
    - i. Chair: Bob Reason, ISU
    - ii. Members: Liz Hollingworth, UI, and Jeff Weld , UNI
  - b. Urban Award Committee
    - i. Chair: Marlene Strathe, ISU
    - ii. Members: Won-Chan Lee, UI, and Jennifer Waldron, UNI
  - c. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee
    - i. Chair: Ann Thompson, ISU
    - ii. Members: Michele Devlin, UNI, and Saba Rasheed Ali, UI
9. Reminders of criteria and deadline (July 15, 2021) for nominations for:
- a. Membership Committee
  - b. Urban Research Award Committee
  - c. Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee
10. **The Spring Meeting of the Academy will be Friday, April 16, 2021** hosted by Iowa State University. Plan to have a condensed meeting. Make it like a conference symposium.
11. Other items. Jo wanted to return to the question about renewing contracts with the universities. The contracts that expire this year were for the amount of \$3000 per year for three years. Robert suggested that given the pandemic we should keep the terms the same for the new contracts. Carla mentioned high dean turnover as another reason to keep the length of the contracts at 3 years. Liz and David Bills will help Jo review and rewrite the unique sections of University of Iowa contract which provides for space and administrative assistant support.

Amendment to the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting, Fall, 2019, were not brought for a vote at the meeting. On October 30, Amanda Thein, President, and Jo Vaske, sent the minutes, via e-mail, to the members. Carl Weems moved to approve the minutes; Gabi and Ann Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of the members.

1:35 Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Bob Reason, seconded by Don Hackmann.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Hollingworth, Secretary.