

Minutes

IOWA ACADEMY OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2005

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hotel Fort Des Moines

Present: Andre, Blount, Colangelo, Davis, Hlebowitsh, Jepsen, Kolen, Lohman, Schuh, Smith, Sitlington, Thomas, Thompson, Whitt, members; Frerichs and Vaske, staff

Absent: Alper, Brennan, Cornett, DeVries, Jackson, Pascarella, Stefanich, Yager

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

Nick Colangelo, President, opened with an overview of the meeting and with introductions of new members Jackie Blount, Niki Davis, Pat Sitlington, and Liz Whitt.

Nick Colangelo introduced Ann Thompson who gave presentation “Students Teaching Teachers: Effective Technology Professional Development” Copies of a related paper were distributed prior to the meeting. The presentation focused on approaches used in a course in which graduate students studying educational technology serve as mentors for faculty members in their learning about educational technology. In this context, the students are considered to be “digital natives” and the faculty as “digital immigrants.” Ann described how the program works and discussed its effectiveness both for students and faculty. A key in the implementation is to establish learning communities for mentors and mentees. The presentation was followed by a lively and wide-ranging discussion of technology-related issues in education.

The Business meeting was called to order at 2:50 by Nick Colangelo.

- I. Minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting that were distributed electronically were approved.
- II. Occasional Research Papers and Policy Papers. Dave Lohman indicated that he would complete and distribute a copy of an occasional paper on ability and accomplishment.

Ann Thompson indicated that she would work on an occasional paper based on her presentation. Jerry Thomas indicated that he would be willing to visit with his wife about writing an occasional paper on school health policy. There was also talk of a

paper on good practice in technology distance and education and another on high school reform.

III. Possible Invited Speakers for Spring Meeting

Nick Colangelo indicated that Michael Gardner would still be interested in attending an IAE meeting. Peter Hlebowitsh suggested Dave Frisbie as a possible invited speaker to talk about state assessment issues surrounding NCLB and how to reconcile NCLB state assessment results with NAEP results. Mike Kolen indicated that he would talk to Dave about the possibility of his being an invited speaker for the Spring meeting and possibly to contribute an occasional research paper on this topic. Nick Colangelo indicated that he would continue to look for invited speakers.

IV. FINE Foundation Report

Jo Vaske presented the FINE Foundation report.

Seven Occasional Research Papers have been published (see list provided). Opinion articles sent to the Des Moines Register had been not been accepted for publication. Jerry Thomas appeared on a radio show and David Jepsen sponsored a radio program on NCLB on "Talk of Iowa" with Bob Brennan as one of the guests.

IAE members are encouraged to consider developing Policy Papers, which are shorter than Occasional Research Papers.

The Urban Award will be presented tonight to Johnmarshall Reeve of the University of Iowa . Deadline for the next Urban Award is March 31, 2006.

The FINE day conference will be held October 17 on organizing schools for optimal student learning.

The FINE newsletter includes a column titled FINE People. IAE members should provide material that would be appropriate for the column. Copies of previous issues of the newsletter are on the web.

Dean Frerichs requested IAE members check FINE's web page, www.finefoundation.org, and provide suggestions for improving the website.

The IAE budget is \$15,000 per year. Last year IAE spent \$3,702 in hard costs; this does not include personnel costs or allocated costs.

Dave Jepsen described discussions from a recent FINE Board Meeting. Due to decreasing resources, FINE is examining all of its programs, including the Iowa Academy of Education. FINE wants the IAE to continue, but it may have to continue with new sponsorship. FINE is exploring possibilities. Members will be surveyed to express their opinions about the future of IAE. The survey will be

anonymous, and Dave Jepsen will develop a summary of the results. There was some discussion about possible future sponsors; e.g., Regents' Institutions and Board of Regents. It was also pointed out that there is a close connection between the Academy and the Urban Award. It is believed that Tom Urban will likely continue to provide financial support for the annual Urban award.

V. Election of Officers

Jeff Cornett is the new President.

Nick Colangelo nominated Ann Thompson as Vice President. The vote in favor was unanimous. Ann will become president in 2007.

There was expressed agreement of all in attendance that the intent of IAE is to rotate the Presidency among the three Universities.

Tom Andre was nominated for Secretary, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Nikki Davis will replace Ann Thompson on the Membership Committee. The members will be Nikki Davis, Rita DeVries, and Ernie Pascarella. Ann Thompson will talk to Rita DeVries about chairing the committee.

The Urban Committee will continue to be chaired by David Lohman. The other members of the committee will be Jackie Blount and Greg Stefanich.

VI. Description of Professional Activities

The business meeting concluded with each member describing his/her professional activities since the previous meeting.

VII. Next Meeting.

The Spring meeting will be held at the University of Northern Iowa in April or May.

Reported by Michael J. Kolen, Secretary