

IOWA ACADEMY OF EDUCATION

Fall Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2008

RM 610, Belin – Blank Center Blank Honor Center

The University of Iowa

President Peter Hlebowitsh called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Members present were David Jepsen, Nick Colangelo, Robert Yager, David Lohman, David Bills, Ann Thompson, Carl Smith, Gary Phye and John Schuh.

Following welcoming remarks by President Peter Hlebowitsh, Carl Smith and Laura Rendon from Iowa State University were announced as new members of the Academy. We are extremely pleased to have Carl and Laura join us and we look forward to their contributions to the vitality of the Academy. Carl was presented his commemorative plate by President Hlebowitsh. Laura was not in attendance due to a professional meeting in California. However, John Schuh will present Laura with her commemorative plate in a formal meeting at a faculty gathering at ISU.

Dr. Andrew Ho, Assistant Professor of Psychological and Quantitative Foundations at the University of Iowa was announced as the Urban Award winner for 2008. The distinguishing characteristic of Dr. Ho's research program was its wide spread potential for impact on the educational community. Andrew's presentation "Discrepancies between score trends from NAEP and state tests: A scale-invariant perspective", was well received and provided the basis for a lively discussion of "high stakes" assessment issues.

Following Dr. Ho's presentation, an update of member activities was provided by those in attendance.

At 12:30 PM, the business meeting commenced.

The minutes of the previous Spring meeting, April 18, 2008 were presented for approval. Robert Yarger moved approval and David Bills seconded. The motion was approved.

*Treasurer's Report*

The treasurer's report was presented by David Jepsen. Davis reported that there had been no billing as yet from the lawyer. This billing could be as much as \$1,000 and this expenditure did not appear in the report. The Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$3,055.26 as of October 17, 2008. The Academy portfolio was valued at \$91, 176.93 as of September 30, 2008 with an estimated annual income of \$5425. Robert Yager moved to accept the treasurer's report, the motion was seconded by David Bills and approved.

*Executive Director's Report*

David Jepsen discussed a number of suggestions for the Academy to consider as future activities. Two suggestions that were discussed were 1) extending an invitation to Jo Vaske to join us and 2) the initiation of news releases concerning Iowa Academy of Education perspectives on education issues in Iowa.

A request was made for Emeritus status in Iowa Academy of Education for Jerry Thomas who moved to North Texas State University. The motion was approved.

#### *Committee Reports*

Ann Thompson will continue as chair of the membership committee for the 2009 calendar year.

The Urban Award committee: Gary Phye, Peter Hlebowitsh, and Patricia Sitlington will continue for the 2009 calendar year. Requests for nominations will go out May 1, 2009 with a deadline for the receipt of nominations being June 1, 2009.

John Schuh is our president elect for the 2009 calendar year and Gary Phye will serve as secretary through the 2009 calendar year.

#### *General Discussion*

Ann Thompson initiated a discussion of "how to keep attendance up at our meetings. Following a vigorous debate, Nick Colangelo suggested a letter to the entire membership about the development of a "culture of attendance". This letter will be developed by Peter Hlebowitsh and the membership committee. This letter will go to all current members and all new members upon their consideration for membership.

The membership committee was asked to take under advisement the issue of contributions to Iowa education as a critical criterion for membership when monitoring nominations.

A wide ranging discussion of the better utilization of the IAE web page was the concluding segment of the business meeting. The idea of video streaming an occasional on-line presentation for public consumption was discussed. Examples of such presentations would be the Urban Award winning presentation, guest lecturers or presentations by Academy members, etc. There is a perceived need to better exploit our web page. Peter Hlebowitsh volunteered to increase efforts to use the web page more effectively and will develop a template for video streaming presentations.

At 2:00 PM a motion to adjourn was made and carried.