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Iowa Academy of Education Fall Meeting Minutes Presidential Room, Maucker Student Union October 16, 2009

Call to Order and Initial Activities

Members present were Greg Stefanich, Robert Brennan, Michael Kolen, Elizabeth Whitt, Sandra Alper, Ann Thompson, John Schuh, David Bills, Peter Hlebowitsh, Brian Hand, Laura Rendon, and Deborah Gallagher. Also present was Executive Director David Jepsen.

President Greg Stefanich called the meeting to order at 10 AM. He gave a brief presentation.

Michael Kolen agreed to take minutes in Tom Andre's absence

New members were introduced. The membership agreed to have a working lunch.

11:15. Following a short break, members provided an overview of their current activities.

David Bills, as Associate Dean in the College of Education at the University of Iowa, is involved in administration. Since July, he has been editor of *Sociology of Education*. He will be hosting an international meeting in Iowa City in 2011 that will have around 200 attendees that is on social stratification and mobility.

Brian Hand has 4 yr. \$5 million IES grant with the Federal Department of Education. For this grant, he will be conducting a randomized field trial of an elementary school science heuristic approach in 48 school buildings in Iowa.

Peter Hlebowitsh, as Department Chair at the University of Iowa, is involved in administration. He is working on the second edition of his curriculum development textbook. He recently submitted an application for a \$15 million teaching quality enhancement grant through the federal department of education. He is working on a small study of the effects of NCLB on reading instruction in Davenport.

John Schuh is editing a foundational textbook book on student services, which is in the first round of editorial review. He is the book review editor for the *Journal of Higher Education*. He recently has made a number of keynote addresses, including one in Ireland. He will be attending a meeting with the NCAA to discuss the evaluation of a life skills program for athletes. He is continuing accreditation work with the Higher Learning Commission.

Laura Rendon will be stepping down as department chair at Iowa State. She has been doing workshops and keynotes based on her new book, *Sentipensante (Sending/Thinking) Pedagogy: Educating for Wholeness, Social Justice and Liberation*. During the spring 2010 term, she will be on leave in Texas and Mexico. She will be working to edit a journal issue on revisiting validation theory.

Ann Thompson has been working with a center in Brazil to conduct a symposium on distance learning. She is working to make education programs at Iowa State available for distance learning.

She is the editor of the *Journal of Digital Learning in Teacher Education*. She is working on a frame on technology, pedagogy, and technical knowledge.

Robert Brennan has been conducting research in equating, linking, scaling, generalizability theory, and classical test theory. He recently completed a 5-year project in which 25,000 lines of computer code were created to conduct test equating. This project was intended to make test equating as done in testing organizations much less of a black box. Another outcome of this project was the publication of a 300-page manual.

Michael Kolen continues to serve on the Joint Committee to revise the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* which is sponsored by AERA, APA, and NCME. He is in the middle of a 3 year, \$580,000 contract with College Board to investigate methodology to scale and equate the Advanced Placement (AP) tests. He is serving on technical advisory committees for 3 states and is using his attendance at these meetings to better understand how NCLB is affecting state testing.

Elizabeth Whitt is in her third year with the Student Success Initiative in the Office of the Provost at the University of Iowa. She is involved with the New Directions for Student Services series. She is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Student Development*. She is working on an edited book on academic and student affairs and is planning for a book on student success in college.

David Jepsen is having a very productive retirement. He is teaching courses on two themes: religious concepts (e.g., forgiveness) and baseball stories. He is writing, including memoirs for his family. He is summarizing 43 letters from his father in WWI. He belongs to two writing groups.

Deborah Gallagher is teaching a new course on interdisciplinary study of disabilities. She has written a chapter on the history of the normal curve and development of statistics. She is considering the creation of an interdisciplinary center on the study of disabilities.

Sandy Alper is taking advantage of the UNI early retirement program. She is conducting research on employment outcomes for students with significant disabilities. She is studying students in early employment programs, and has 2 articles in press. She is interested in documenting the effects of NCLB in leading to much less emphasis on teaching functional skills to kids with severe disabilities.

Greg Stefanich held a two-day workshop titled, *Planning for Success in STEM for Students with Disabilities: A Working Conference* on April 1-2, 2009, supported by an Iowa Science and Mathematics Partnership Grant. He is in the second year of a grant from the Carver Foundation titled, *Adaptive Equipment and Supplies for Science and Mathematics Education: A Loan Program for Iowa Schools*. He is in the fifth year of a \$3 million National Science Foundation grant titled, *The Midwest Alliance*, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois to provide improved opportunities for students with disabilities to obtain degrees and secure employment in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). **David Bills**, as Associate Dean in the College of Education at the University of Iowa, is involved in administration. Since July, he has been editor of *Sociology of Education*. He will be hosting an

international meeting in Iowa City in 2001 that will have around 200 attendees that is on social stratification and mobility.

Business Meeting

Following a brief break for lunch, President Stefanich called the business meeting to order.

Minutes from the Spring Meeting were approved with no changes. The Treasurer's report was approved with no changes. Dave Jepsen gave a brief presentation and led a discussion on finances of the Academy. It was decided that financial issues should be on the agenda for the Spring meeting. The membership asked Dave to write a letter of appreciation to Jennifer Jones.

Peter Hlebowitsh indicated that, although 3 individuals were nominated, no Urban award is being given this year. Ann Thompson reported being pleased with the membership selection process.

The membership approved Rheta DeVries and Sandra Alper for Emeritus status in the organization.

New officers were elected as follows: Michael Kolen as President-Elect and Carl Smith as a 2-year term as Secretary.

The membership committee will be David Bills (Chair), Greg Stefanich, and Laura Rendon. The Urban Award Committee will be Gary Phye (Chair), Elizabeth Whitt, and Deborah Gallagher.

Jackie Blount has moved out of state and has not replied to inquiries. It was decided that Jennifer Jones should poll the membership on dismissing Jackie Blount for nonparticipation.

Proposed Bylaws amendments were discussed. The membership indicated that the executive committee should review the amendments, with one change, with the intent that the changes should be voted on in the Spring 2010 meeting. The change is to the second sentence of the proposed addition to section 8 which is as follows: "If a member misses four Meetings in any 3 year period, the Membership Committee will explore ..."

There was a discussion of the formation of an ad hoc publications committee to help ensure that more publications are produced by the Academy. Peter Hlebowitsh agreed to chair the committee and Robert Brennan and Ann Thompson agreed to be members of the committee.

The Spring meeting will be on April 16, 2010 at The University of Iowa.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM

Submitted by Michael Kolen acting for Tom Andre