

Iowa Academy of Education  
Minutes – Annual Meeting  
Friday, Oct. 31, 2014  
University of Iowa, Lindquist Center

Present: Susan Assouline, David Bills, Robert Brennan, Nicolas Colangelo, Chris Edginton, Susan Etscheidt, Deborah Gallagher, Linda Hagedorn, David Jepsen (Emeritus member), Christopher Morphey, Carla Peterson, Gary Phye, John Schuh, Ann Thompson, Dwight Watson, Donald Yarbrough, Jo Vaske, Jennifer Jones, Anne Wilson

Guest: Brad Buck

1. President David Bills called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.
2. Don Yarbrough reported that the membership committee (Don Yarbrough, Greg Stefanich and Ann Thompson) met August 4 and endorsed the nomination of Dwight Watson for membership in IAE; he was subsequently elected by the membership. Dean Watson was introduced and given a membership plate.
3. Bob Brennan presented a short history of IAE and announced that Jennifer Jones will be leaving UI/IAE and that Anne Wilson will be taking her place. Jennifer was given an IAE membership plate in honor of her outstanding service to IAE.
4. Deborah Gallagher and Susan Etscheidt gave a presentation entitled “The Legal and Philosophical Bases for Inclusion” that described the movement from a medical model to a social model for special education.
5. Dr. Brad Buck, Director of the Iowa Department of Education, provided information about current areas of emphasis for the DE.
  - a. He emphasized the teacher leadership programs, early literacy programs, and the Iowa core.
  - b. The group asked how the IAE could be helpful to the DE.
  - c. Dr. Buck mentioned using the Twitter and Facebook pages from the DE as methods to stay current on DE issues.
    - i. @IADeptofEd
    - ii. @DrBradBuck
    - iii. <https://www.facebook.com/laDeptofED>
  - d. Dr. Buck expressed interest in using IAE expertise to inform DE issues.
  - e. Jo Vaske will supply information on IAE members’ areas of expertise to Dr. Buck.
  - f. Dr. Buck and the group agreed to:
    - i. Provide a document to Dr. Buck summarizing the research expertise of each academy member
    - ii. Dr. Buck will contact Jo Vaske when research on a particular policy issue is needed
    - iii. IAE will investigate possibilities for using social media for communication

6. The group conducted a discussion on "Taking Stock of IAE".
  - a. The group agreed on the need for IAE to better connect with the needs of Iowa education.
  - b. The possibility of an IAE sponsored conference was discussed.
    - i. There was general agreement that hooking on to an existing conference was a good way to start this effort.
    - ii. The group agreed to participate in the upcoming Education Summit at UNI April 30-May 1, 2015.
      1. Don Yarbrough, Ann Thompson, John Schuh, and Deborah Gallagher will work with Dwight Watson on IAE contributions to this conference.
  - c. Additional ideas for increased IAE contributions included:
    1. IAE members identifying their membership when they are presenting, working on Iowa projects
    2. Presenting a session/information on student debt in Iowa
    3. More involvement with IERA
7. IAE Business Meeting
  - a. The minutes from the April, 2014 meeting were approved.
  - b. The Executive Director and Treasurer's Reports were approved.
  - c. Carla Peterson reported that there were no nominations for the 2014 Urban Award and urged the group to submit nominations for next year. These nominations are due June, 2015.
  - d. Linda Hagedorn was nominated to serve as IAE President-Elect and was elected unanimously.
  - e. Tom Andre will continue to serve as IAE Secretary.
  - f. The committee chairs of the Membership and Urban Award Committees (Don Yarbrough and Carla Peterson) will serve as Members at Large.
  - g. Incoming 2015 President Chris Edginton urged the group to work to increase its social media presence.
    - i. The possibility of finding a student to help work on this was discussed.
  - h. Spring Meeting: May 1 at UNI**
    - i. The meeting site was changed from ISU to coincide with the UNI Education Summit and the IAE involvement with the Summit.

#### Member Updates from the meeting

Each member was asked to describe one major activity since the last meeting

#### Carla Peterson

I am leading an evaluation of Iowa's MIECHV (Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting) programs. Iowa is serving approximately 800 families at 10 sites. Recently I presented data on home visiting interventions at the Division for Early

Childhood conference. I will be using home visit quality data to develop training for providers in 2015.

#### Susan Assouline and Nicholas Colangelo

Susan Assouline and Nicholas Colangelo are co-authoring a national report titled “A Nation Empowered: Evidence Trumps the Excuses that Hold Back America’s Brightest Students”. This is a report on the research and practices associated with acceleration as an academic intervention for high ability students. “A Nation Empowered” is a 10-year follow-up to the report titled “A Nation Deceived” published in 2004 and co-authored by Assouline and Colangelo. The new report documents the research findings and practices regarding acceleration since the 2004 report.

#### Christopher Morphey

I’m currently working on a study of performance funding plans. Previous research on the adoption of performance funding plans has examined them within the broader context of policy antecedents. These studies focused on predicting the adoption of new higher education policies but have been only marginally successful in building a conceptual model that successfully predicts adoption. These studies have not focused on the role of advocacy organizations. Our study is focused on the impact of these organizations – most of which are funded by the Gates Foundation – and how the rhetoric in legislative sessions and the media is influenced by these organizations.

#### Bob Brennan

I am advising and assisting the College Board on a redesign of the SAT, the PSAT, and an easier version of the PSAT called PSAT8/9. This is the most extensive revision of the SAT (and its companion programs) that has ever been undertaken. The first administration of the revised PSAT will be in October 2015; the first administration of the revised SAT will be in March 2016.

#### Ann Thompson

I just returned from the National Technology Leadership Summit in Washington DC where I worked on a project with the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. The project involves creating kits so that middle school students can study and then reinvent early inventions.

#### David Bills

I participated in Crescendo, a stage performance on American public education sponsored by The Iowa Partnership in the Arts (<http://theatre.uiowa.edu/production/mainstage/iowa-partnership-arts-crescendo>). I collaborated with dancers, musicians, and actors.

#### David Jepsen

Although retired nine years, I continue to read and write, only different stuff.

Our Gray Hawks Memoir Writing group has self-published a collection of memoirs, YESTERDAYS, and some of us will read selections at Prairie Lights Book Store in mid-November. Also late in the month, the annual WAPSIPINICON ALMANAC, Number 21 will be published and include a book review I authored.

#### Linda Hagedorn

This summer I had three international trips:

1. China and Vietnam
2. China
3. Vietnam

In May I was in charge of the first Bald Eagle & Panda Virtual Conference. The conference was in China, but we had participants from both China and the U.S. The majority of participants were undergraduates, and their presentations were about American and Chinese Culture. The student presentations can be viewed at: [www.pandabaldeagle.wordpress.com](http://www.pandabaldeagle.wordpress.com) or on our YOUTUBE Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/baldeaglepanda>

#### Deborah Gallagher

I have been working on an Inclusive Teacher Initiative with Mount Pleasant Community School District.

#### Dwight Watson

I am working with three UNI African American faculty members on an article pertaining to African American history and culture. The working title for the research is "What do white teachers need to know and understand about African American history and culture in order to effectively teach all children, but especially students of color?"

#### Donald Yarbrough

Five other Center for Evaluation and Assessment (CEA) students and staff and I recently presented six papers at the American Evaluation Association's 2014 Annual Meeting in Denver Colorado. The papers addressed expanded program models that integrate context and program theory to guide evaluation questions and methods for three teacher professional development programs; ways to define and assess assets in evaluation frameworks for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiatives; and metaevaluation. Additional details are available at the CEA website: <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/centers/cea/cea-home>

#### Christopher Edginton

I have been named the R. J. McElroy Professor of Youth Leadership Studies in the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services at the University of Northern Iowa. Established in 1989 by the R. J. McElroy Trust, this endowed professorship seeks to enhance the youth leadership studies program at UNI as well as improve the quality of youth leadership programs throughout the United States. Currently, my scholarly and community service efforts are focused on a proactive approach to "Youth Well-Being."

John Schuh

I had two books published in 2014:

Dunkel, N. W., Schuh, J. H., & Chrystal-Green, N. E. (2014). *Advising student groups and organizations* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Manning, K., Kinzie, J., & Schuh, J. H. (2014). *One size does not fit all: Traditional and innovative models of student affairs practice*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). New York: Routledge.

Submitted by Ann Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem