

Iowa Academy of Education

Business Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ann Thompson, Tom Andre, Sue Etscheidt, Gary Phye, Deb Gallagher, Dave Bills, Dave Jepsen, and John Schuh. Other meeting attendees, but not participating at the business meeting were Carl Smith and Linda Hagedorn.

Meeting called to order by President Gallagher at 1:15 p.m., April 27, 2012 at Iowa State University Nutrition and Wellness Center (2325 North Loop Drive, Suite 6100).

Scholarly activities of those present

Ann: Been accepting awards and taking victory laps. Recognized as one of 10 most influential people in educational technology in the US. Also, Upton Sinclair award for impact of research on practice. Also, Lifetime achievement award also from practitioners in Iowa. Will retire in May and plans to do some writing.

Tom: Has a paper coming out in *School Science and Mathematics*. Is co-pi on a grant—interviewing astronomy and birding hobbyists. Has conducted 30 interviews to date. Also working with a faculty member at ISU to determine extent to which physical activity and learning are linked. Preliminary results indicate that there is such a relationship.

Sue: Worked on reauthorization of several statutes and doing research that applied thereto, and have had publications results from this. Also study of LD eligibility authorization background and history. Use of seclusion and restraint for students who are autistic or who have other issues----look at case law and legislation.

Deb: Has written a response to scholars who have published in special ed journals looking at social models other than medical models of disability---presented at AERA. Chapter on ed. theory in book series published in Scotland. Another discourse analysis published on web sites. Presented on a faculty member from York University in Toronto's work.

Dave Jepsen: Retired---tries to learn something new or teaches something new each day---baseball, Lincoln, Shakespeare, writes as part of a memoir writing group.

Dave Bills: Editor of *Sociology of Education Journal*. Working on a mixed methods study of how and why adults make decisions to return to higher education. May see if some questions be added to BLS studies. Also, social stratification in Brazil study. Collaborating with demographer at UT-Austin in studying ed. in Brazil. Other projects in process. One quasi-administrative thing---developing a conference on the growing role of foundations in shaping educational research agenda. Maybe will occur in the next year in Iowa City.

Gary: Assessment of problem solving, particularly math and engineering. Still working on grant proposals and seeking funding. Unhappy with the quality of manuscripts being submitted and may work with colleagues in developing their own journals, hope they will be a flagship journals. Too many are pilot studies or studies that appear to be thrown together, poor performance on the part of editorial reviewers. Too many manuscripts are submitted just for feedback, not that they have any chance of being accepted for publication. "Too many juices still flowing before getting on the steed and riding off in the sunset."

John: Served as a Fulbright Specialist at Stellenbosch University in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Continues as Associate Editor of *New Directions for Student Services* and as a consulting editor for Jossey-Bass. Gave a number of keynote addresses and other presentations in Fall and has been team chair for two accreditation visits this past academic year.

Approval of minutes.

Minutes have been corrected and were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Dave Jepsen).

We're solvent and doing well. (Report distributed, dated April 27, 2012.) Some cash on hand has been invested. Assets as of April 23 are over \$115,000.

When debts are paid, cash balance will be \$1800-1900. "We are in good shape."
Report accepted by affirmation.

Executive Director's report (Dave Jepsen).

No luck with Iowa Public Radio in terms of getting on the air.

IAE's agreement with the University of Iowa's College of Education. Several UI faculty will meet with the Dean at UI to discuss extending the agreement.

Details from Executive Director are provided in attachment to the agenda.

Discussion about Executive Director's continued tenure ensued. Motion by Thompson, second by Andre, that the Executive Director continue until June, 2013. Approved by affirmation.

Andre moved that a process be developed to identify a new Executive Director by June, 2013. Second by Phye. Approved unanimously.

Jepsen pointed out that the current contract says that Executive Director should be emeritus faculty member from UI.

Committee Reports.

Membership. Bills will send out call for nominations in a few weeks. No quotas in terms of number of new members. Thompson pointed that members can be from institutions other than Regents' universities. Deadline: Roughly first of September.

Urban Award. Phye reported that a new committee member is needed for the Fall. OK on committee membership for now. He will call for nominations around the first of May. Asked for input on mailing list for the call for nominations.

Election

Position of Secretary. Needs to be a person who attends regularly. Discussion ensued. Could a non-member take the minutes? Or, could a person just be appointed pro-tem for each meeting? Or, record the meetings? Election Committee Chair (Gallagher) moved that the secretary pro tem will be continued for fall, and that Bob Brennan be approached to explore if Jennifer can take minutes going forward. Seconded by Andre. Approved unanimously.

If this approach is implemented, do the by-laws or articles of incorporation need to be changed? Dave Jepsen will check on this. Preliminary check indicates that no problem should be encountered if the host institution provides secretarial support.

Fall meeting.

Fall meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2012, at the University of Northern Iowa.

Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Schuh
Acting Secretary Pro-Tem