

**Iowa Academy of Education**  
**Spring Meeting, May 1, 2015**  
**Schindler Education Center, UNI**

**Minutes**

A combined lunch and business meeting was held on May 1, 2015 in Room 122, Schindler Education Center, Room 122, University of Northern Iowa from 11:00 to 11:40 AM. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Educational Summit held at UNI.

**Present at meeting:** Christopher Edginton, President; Linda Hagedorn, President-Elect; Thomas Andre, Secretary; David Bills, Susan Etscheidt, Deborah Gallagher, Christopher Morpew, Carla Peterson, Dwight Watson, Jo Vaske, Executive Director, and Kristina Kofoot, Graduate Student (note-taking assistance).

**11:00            Opening Comments, President Edginton**

The meeting opened with a welcome and remarks by President Chris Edginton. He thanked Dean Watson for providing the lunch. He also briefly mentioned the quality of the keynote address presented by Jonathon Kozol at the Education Summit. This year the IAE was one of the sponsors of the Summit.

**11:05            Dean Watson**

Dean Watson welcomed the Academy members to UNI and also commented on the Education Summit. He indicated that the Summit would be an annual event and suggested that IAE could have a have a more amplified connectivity to this event and continue to present sessions.

Linda H. suggested that such involvement would be an excellent way to showcase what IAE is and what we do.

**Business Meeting**

1. President Edginton called the meeting to order at 11:10.
2. **Approval minutes of Annual Meeting** (sent in advance of the meeting). Dwight W., and Deb G. seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

3. **Treasurer's report by Jo Vaske** (sent in advance of the meeting).

David B. moved, and Linda H. seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Jo V. pointed out that we have nearly \$19,000 in cash reserves and asked if the Academy might want to consider investing some of these funds. This topic will be discussed by the Executive Council and the membership.

4. **Executive Director's Report by Jo Vaske** (sent in advance of meeting, attached).

Carla P. moved, and Susan E. seconded the motion to approve the Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's report was unanimously approved.

Carla P. suggested that since Jo V. meets with a tax consultant who prepares the IAE tax return she might obtain investment advice (related to the IAE's cash reserve) from him.

5. **Report on agreements between IAE and each of the Regents' Institutions**

President Edginton offered thanks to the Executive Council for their efforts to move forward proposed three-year contracts with each of the state universities.

Edginton briefly described the current status of the agreements. The UI/IAE agreement, with a three-year term, has been signed. When final copies of the other two agreements are ready, Linda H. and Carla P. will take the ISU/IAE agreement through the appropriate channels at ISU, and Chris E. will take the UNI/IAE agreement through the appropriate channels at UNI.

Drafts of the contracts were distributed, and a brief discussion ensued. Susan E. moved, and Deb G. seconded the motion to continue the process of finalizing the contracts and move them through the necessary channels. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Defining and publicizing the IAE

### a. Review IAE mission.

The development of agreements has led to a review of the IAE mission statement. A revised mission statement will be distributed to the membership for review and comment. Discussion of the mission statement will be an agenda item for the Annual meeting. A final version requires approval by the membership.

### b. Develop small brochure.

Chris E. indicated that development and distribution of a small brochure at events and conferences would be useful in informing groups about the IAE. Dwight W. suggested that the brochure should inform people about what IAE is and what functions it carries out.

Chris E. indicated that the IAE has programs, scholarships, and awards. It is challenging to get the word out about these programs, and the brochure could be useful for this purpose.

It was decided to move forward and develop a brochure.

## 7. New program proposal

David B. proposed that IAE give an annual award to an outstanding doctoral dissertation focused on research or policy issues in Iowa. An award of \$500 was suggested, and the award winner would be expected to present the work to the Academy. This program would be beneficial for both the student and the Academy.

Chris E. requested a motion to approve the concept of an award. David B. moved a motion to approve the concept; Carla P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A three-person committee (one member from each of the Regents' Institutions) was appointed to develop guidelines for the program: David Bills, Dwight Watson, and Linda Hagedorn. A draft of the guidelines will be brought to the Executive Council and to the membership.

## 8. Website redesign/enhancement

Chris E. thanked Linda H. for volunteering to work with Anne Wilson, Assistant to the IAE, and Dawn Hanna, web coordinator, College of Education, UI, to redesign the IAE webpage.

Linda proposed that IAE obtain its own domain name (the cost would be about \$20/year). Chris E. suggested that we buy a domain name for more than one year, stating that this is an administrative decision that the board can make.

Linda raised a series of issues about the website for which she would like member input:

- A. Colors of the website. Should we keep the current green color or change to other colors such as blue and gold?
- B. Should we add a tag line that recognizes the Regents' universities as supporters of IAE?
- C. Should (or how should) occasional papers and presentations be included on the website?
- D. Should policies be developed regarding emeritus members; e.g., should they remain on the website or be deleted? Should they be asked if they wish to be included or not? What information about them should be included?
- E. Should links to personal websites for members be included?

Input on these and any other issues about the website may be forwarded to Linda: [lindah@iastate.edu](mailto:lindah@iastate.edu).

Jo indicated that IAE would like to develop a repository of photos of IAE events for the webpage and other publicity purposes. Linda is working on this for the webpage. Members who have relevant materials should send them to Anne Wilson, Assistant to the IAE: [anne-wilson@uiowa.edu](mailto:anne-wilson@uiowa.edu).

There was a discussion of creating a repository of scholarly work of IAE.

9. **Call for nominations of new members** – send nominations to Don Yarbrough, Chair, Membership Committee: [d-yarbrough@uiowa.edu](mailto:d-yarbrough@uiowa.edu). See the IAE Constitution, Article 2 related to membership qualifications. The deadline for submissions is June 1.

**10. Call for nominations for 2015 Urban Award** – send nominations to Carla Peterson, Chair, Urban Award Committee: [carlapet@iastate.edu](mailto:carlapet@iastate.edu). The criteria for the award and description of the nomination process are on the IAE website. The deadline for submissions is June 1.

**11. Set Annual Meeting date.**

The Annual Meeting will be held on October 23 at ISU. Mark your calendars.

11:40

**Adjournment.**

Chris E. called for a motion to adjourn because four members, Linda H., David B., Deb G., and Christopher M. were scheduled to give a panel presentation on the IAE at the Education Summit at 11:45.

Deb G. moved and Sue E. seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Andre, Secretary, IAE, with assistance from Kristina Kofoot, Master's Candidate, UNI.