

ILLINOIS COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
RADISSON HOTEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008
EXECUTIVE BOARD #4

Members Present: Heather Tratt, Nancy Riggin, Betsy Murphy, Jeri Wenberg, Elizabeth Mackie, Beth Bobel, Samantha Thomas, Cathy R. Anderson, Mary Camp, Corrine Woehler, Missy Jones, Robin Miller Young, Sharonjoy Jackson, Emily Weaver, Robert E. Abbott, Iris Kerbis Puccini, Anita Fischer, Bill Vickers. Karen Garman, Joyce Meyer

1. Call to Order Heather Tratt, President
The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM

2. Adoption of Agenda/Procedures Nancy Riggin, Parliamentarian
Beth Bobel made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Emily Weaver. Motion passed. Nancy went over the procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Bethanie Whittaker
Robert Abbott made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented by Bethanie Whittaker. This was seconded by Robin Miller. Motion passed

4. President's Report Heather Tratt
Report on file. She listed her activities since our last meeting as follows: Represented Illinois at the Chapter Officers Meeting in Boston; Assisted Jeanne Fisher and Betsy Murphy with accommodations and planning for Spring Conference; Began gathering items to transition to Betsy Murphy; Transition meeting will take place on Saturday, June 7th at the Eaglewood Resort and Conference Center in Itasca.

5. President-Elect Report Betsy Murphy
Report on file. She had a good time in Boston. There will be no Regional Directors meeting at this Spring Conference. She will provide the Membership Chair and Regional Directors with information received from Nation.

6. Past President's Report
None

7. Treasurer's Report Mike Daly
None

8. CEC Representative Report Bob Abbott & Iris Kerbis-Puccini
Report on file. Mary Camp was commended for her tenure on this committee. Bob highlighted his and Iris's attendance at the National Convention. Both were very vocal at the meeting. The following were included in the Necrology Report at Nationals: Margaret Ortinau-Simons, Robert Leach, Kathleen Nikides, Carolyn Noeth, Margaret Quane and Joseph Rapf.
They were sad to report that the Canadian chapters will disassociate themselves from Council for Exceptional Children.
The next convention will be held April 4-11 in Seattle.
They also furnished several important addenda from CEC: Policy on Safe and Positive School Climate, New Diversity Terminology, CEC Finds Much to Applaud for Students with Exceptionalities in the House's Higher Education Act, CEC Denounces President's Budget Proposal and CEC's Legislative Action Center.

9. ISCEC President's Report

Emily Weaver

Report on file. This is a busy time for students after spring break and getting ready for finals. She enjoyed the National Convention. It was noted that there is a \$1000 scholarship available for student from Pioneers. The deadline to apply is September 26th.

Regional Directors

10. Region I

Elizabeth Mackie

Her report was on the web site but it was not printed for this meeting. Her region is quiet now. She has not heard from Chapter 557 and Chapter 10 has not had any big meetings.

11. Region II

Lyle Goldensohn

No report

12. Region III

Karen Garman

Report on file. She highlighted each of her chapters. Chapter 79 Peoria—They worked very hard to provide the Make and Take at this Conference. They will be honoring Bosses at the event on May 14th. Chapter 794 Bradley—Their President and another student will be attending this conference. Their chapter has been very active and they have finished with the Scholastic book orders and Easter baskets that were donated to Children's home. Chapter 648 ISU—she hasn't heard from them. Chapter 51 UIC She hopes to visit this chapter this summer. Looks like they may have a new advisor.

13. Region V

Kathryn Neu

Report on file.

14. Region VI

Bobbi Kearney

Report on file. She received 19 applications for scholarships. Five were selected. 19

15. Region VII

Martha Vache'

Report on file.

16. Region VIII

Beth Bobel

Report on file. Fifteen students and nine adults were recognized at their "Yes, I Can" brunch.

Subdivision Liaisons

17. Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Sp. Ed. (IAASE)

Lynette Williams

No report

18. Illinois Council for Children Behavior Disorders (ILCCBD)

Bethanie Whittaker

Report on file. They are looking for new members and officers.

19. Illinois Division of Career Development & Transition (IDCDT) Donna Ree

Report on file.

20. Illinois Division for Developmental Disabilities (IDDD)

Iris Kerbis-Puccini

No report

21. Il. Div. on Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (IDDEL)

Rita Brusca Vega

No report

22. Illinois Division for Early Childhood (IDEC) Robin Miller Young
Report on file.
23. Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities (IDLD) Robin Griswold
They will be having a meeting at 7:30 in the morning to outline what they plan to do at Fall Convention.
24. Illinois Subdivision Pioneers Division (ISPD) Bev Johns
Report on file. Noted their new officers as follows: President – Eleanor Guetzloe, Secretary – Barbara Gartin, RA – Andy Berg, Treasurer – Rosalie, Divit/previously elected. Thanks once again to Elda Buchanan for her years of dedication to the Silent Auction.
25. Illinois Teacher Education Division Melissa Jones
They continue to advocate for teacher educators and the student their programs prepare candidates to serve. It was decided that they will not host the annual Summer Institute as attendance has declined and funding is an issue. Nominees are being sought for the Excellence in Teacher Award – information set to program directors/Chairs of accredited SPE programs.

Standing Committees

26. Awards Mary Camp
Report on file. Award forms will be available at the Delegate Assembly. They are due May 24th. ICEC name can be used to grant any high school student recognition at the local level. This may be a suggestion for the Exceptional Children's Week Committee.
27. By Law & Policy Nancy Riffin
The proposed changes in by laws will be voted on at Fall Convention at Delegate Assembly. Policy changes are voted on by this board not the Delegate Assembly. Iris made a motion that we accept the recommendations to the policy guide. This was seconded by Karen Garman. The motion passed with one opposition vote.
28. Communication (Newsletter) Samantha Thomas
A great newsletter was sent out. Discussion was held on when the next one should be sent out. There might have been a duplication of the convention flier. We no need another newsletter early in August.
29. Convention Site Betsy Murphy
Report on file. Fall Convention will be held at the Eaglewood Resort. She has communicated with them and everything is in order.
30. Credentials & Elections Cathy R. Anderson
Report on file. She is working on getting letters out. Let her know if you don't get one.
31. Exceptional Children's Week & "Yes I Can" Awards Anita Fisher & Joan Rog
They did not receive any nominations for "Yes, I Can" award to present to nationals. Discussion on when the date for nominations should be due. This years nominee is Miles Williamson of Algonquin.
32. Fall Convention 2008 Melissa Jones & Joyce Meyer

Report on file. Discussion was had on conference format, strands, potential presenters, Special Thursday workshops ideas and Friday Keynote. The Call for Proposals was emailed to past presenters and posted on the website. Beth Bobel made a motion to allocate \$6000 for Amanda VanDerHeyden and Matt Burns to present RTI workshops on Very Special Thursday. This was seconded by Robin Miller Young. Motion passed with one opposition vote. Beth Bobel made a motion to give the Convention Committee authorization to proceed in securing a Friday keynote within the allocated budget (not to exceed line item of budget). This was seconded by Elizabeth Mackie. Motion passed with one abstention. Beth Bobel made a motion to keep the 2008 Fall Convention fees the same as the 2007 Fall Convention. This was seconded by Sharonjoy Jackson. Motion passed.

33. Finance

Lyle Goldensoph

No report

34. Governmental Relations

Connie Woehler

Report on file. She continues to communicate with Springfield. She was introduced to TAP and Autism Speaks directors. There will be a rally in Springfield to meet representatives on April 15th.

35. History

Bob Abbott

Report on file. The first student recruitment was 50 years ago. Clarrisa Hug Exceptional Children's week was also begun 50 years ago. He has the history files up to date and he paid the archives rental fees to June of 2009. The State of Illinois not for Profit annual report was filed. Samantha and Beth will be working on scanning the ICEC history this summer.

36. Membership

Beth Bobel & Natalie Naylor

North Park College Chapter #1206 recognized. She continues to update membership lists and to assign members to appropriate chapters.

37. Nominations

Dr. Frances Carroll & Dr. Vinni Hall

No report

38. Past President's Advisory Committee (PPAC)

No meeting

39. Ray Graham Memorial Fund

Betsy Murphy

The application was put on the web recently. It will have Sharonjoy's address on it.

40. Scholarship

Corrine Woehler

They received eighteen post-secondary and two school to work applications. Four scholarships will be awarded at the luncheon tomorrow. They are: Abraham ban from Lake Bluff, Brandy Koehler from Huntley, Sara Hesler from Jewett and Kyle Elrod from Antioch.

41. Spring Conference 2008

Jeane Fisher & Betsy Murphy

Thanks to everyone who helped The Make and Take was great and they had many participants.

42. Student Activities

Natalie Naylor & Hyun Song

No report

43. Website/Webmaster

Samantha Thomas

Report on file. The website has been updated and it has been recovered from a major crash. There is a student website now. She continues to do an excellent job!

Ad Hoc Committees

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| 44. Explore Illinois CEC Chapters and Regions
Her work is completed. | Joan Rog |
| 45. Communication Advisory Committee
Her committee will meet tomorrow | Nancy Riggan |
| 46. Mission Statement
Her work is complete. | Bev Johns |
| 47. Special Thinkers
No report. | Vinni Hall |
| 48. New Business
None | |
| 49. Old Business
None | |
| 49. Adjournment
Beth made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Karen Garman. Motion massed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM. | |