

**Illinois Council for Exceptional Children
Board Meeting #2
Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, Illinois
Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 7:00PM**

Members Present: Heather Tratt, Betsy Murphy, Michael Daly, Jeri Wenberg, Sharonjoy Jackson, Margaret Ortinau-Simons, Bev Johns, Robin Griswold, Bethanie Whittaker, Iris Kerbis Puccini, Missy Jones, Joyce Meyer, Samantha Thomas, Cathy R. Anderson, Elizabeth Wignot, Corrine Woehler, Anita Fischer, Joan Rog, Natalie Komo, Beth Bobel, Robert E. Abbott, Bobbi Kearney, Kathy Neu, Martha Vache, Karen Garman, Lyle Goldensohn, Elizabeth Mackie, Nancy Riggin.

1. Call to Order

Heather Tratt, President

The meeting was called to order by President Heather Tratt at 7:13 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda/Procedures

Nancy Riggin, Parliamentarian

Nancy reminded us that we conform to Roberts Rules of Order. If you make a motion you must use the pink forms and submit them to the secretary. Margaret made the motion that we accept the agenda. It was seconded by Karen Garman. The motion passed.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Jeri Wenberg, Secretary

The minutes were approved with the following corrections. Motion made by Bev Johns regarding the ICEC urging members of JCAR to take no action on Part 226 on June 12th was seconded by Jeri Wenberg. It was also noted that Nancy Riggin is the Parliamentarian this year. Robin Griswold made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Elizabeth Mackie.

4. Presidents Report

Heather Tratt

Report on file. She has prepared and filed all the reports with CEC. A plant was sent to Frances Carroll.

5. President-Elect Report

Betsy Murphy

Report on file. She is trying to get the Regional Directors together. She has also communicated with Sally Dunn, Bureau of Education and Research requesting upcoming dates of conferences.

6. Past President's Report

Margaret Ortinau-Simons

Report on file. Nancy Riggin highlighted some of her report.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mike Daly

Report is on file. Mileage remains the same at this time.

8. CEC Representative Report

Mary Camp & Bob Abbott

Report on file. Parts of this report were highlighted. CEC has held a recent BOD meeting. It appears that there will be another \$3.00 dues increase. A special fee less than that will be used to calculate the retired members' fees. Convention site has changed. It will be in Boston but the Hynes Convention Center not the new Center in the Warf is the site. The convention hotel is the Sheraton Hotel.

9. ISCEC President's Report

Emily Weaver

No report. Natalie spoke for her. They are interested in creating a document to send to the universities to encourage them to get involved with ICEC.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

10. Region I

Elizabeth Mackie

Oral report. Chapter 557 has been very busy. They have sent in their delegates forms for Delegate Assembly.

11. Region II

Lyle Goldensohn

Report on file. Northern Illinois University has several activities planned for the year. He hopes to attend two of these meetings.

12. Region III

Karen Garman

Report on file. The Bradley Chapter is very active. They are having a guest speaker come in and discuss the deaf culture and teach some basic signs. They are also making and filling stockings for the kids at the Juvenile Detention Center. She knew nothing of the addition of ISU to her Region.

13. Region IV

Vacant

14. Region V

Kathryn Neu

Report on file. SIU Edwardsville as session will be presented on Sat. November by Kayla Korves, Kelly Bisso and Dr. Susan Claflin on "Let's Play1 Using Toys as Assistive Technology Learning Tools"

15. Region VI

Bobbi Kearney

Report on file. She highlighted several items in her report. She contacted area special education professionals in an attempt to gain support for the School Psychologists working their districts. The APA wants to remove the exemption which allows non-doctoral school psychology practitioners certified by a state department of education and working in the public school setting to use the term psychologist in their title. CASE has a position paper in this regard that could be used to create a position paper for ICEC. Iris and Bev will write this paper and then Heather will forward the letter to APA.

16. Region VII

Martha Vache'

Report on file. She highlighted sever items in her report.

17. Region VIII

Beth Bobel

Report on file.

SUBDIVISION LIAISONS

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

Lenette Williams

Report on file.

- 19. Illinois Council for Children/Behavior Disorders (ILCCBD) Bethanie Whittaker**
Report on file.
- 20. Illinois Division of Career Development & Transition (IDCDT) Donna Ree**
Report on file.
- 21. Illinois Division of Developmental Disabilities (IDDD) Iris Kerbis Puccini**
Oral report. She is hooking up with several piloted programs that are interested in reorganizing. Natalie will help her with this endeavor.
- 22. Illinois Division on Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (IDDEL) Rita Brusca Vega**
Report on file.
- 23. Illinois Division of Early Childhood (IDEC) Robin Miller Young**
Report on file.
- 24. Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities (IDLE) Robin Griswold**
Report on file. Please attend their session on Saturday.
- 25. Illinois Subdivision Pioneers division (ISPD) Bev Johns**
Report on file. Please support the silent auction. Bid open and high.
- 26. Illinois Teacher Education Division (ITED) Melissa Jones**
Report on file. 56 attended the Special Thursday sessions.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- 27. Awards Mary Camp**
Report on file.
- 28. Bylaw & Policy Nancy Riffin**
She highlighted the changes that will be voted on at the Delegate Assembly.
- 29. Communication (Newsletter) Elizabeth Wignot**
She is resigning and we will need a replacement.
- 30. Convention Site Betsy Murphy**
Report on file.
- 31. Credentials & Elections Cathy R. Anderson**
Report on file. Cathy went over the delegates that have not checked in yet.
- 32. Exceptional Children's Week & "Yes, I Can" Anita Fischer & Joan Rog**
Report on file.

33. Fall Convention 2007**Dr. Melissa Jones & Joyce Meyer**

There were 96 registered for today. 204 registered for Friday and Saturday. Total of 300 registered now. Be sure to look over the revisions that were handed out.

34. Finance**Lyle Goldensoph**

Report on file. Note the change for Regional Directors is now \$300 for the regions that got new chapters.

35. Governmental Relations**Corrine Woehler & Margaret Ortinau-Simons**

Report on file. They will focus on networking now. They are in need of a committee. Subdivisions can have the Governmental Relations chair as part of their committee. There should be 6 members of this committee with 4 from different regions.

36. History**Bob Abbott**

Report on file. John Thomas Nelson passed recently. He was a special education official in Elgin who spoke up for children and teachers. Bob went on to explain the pictures in his report.

37. Membership**Beth Bobel & Natalie Komo**

Report on file

38. Nominations**Dr. Frances Carroll & Dr. Vinni Hall**

Report on file. Elected delegates can only be accepted by the Delegate Assembly. Bob moved to elect Iris. Margaret 2nded this motion and the motion passed. She will be replacing Mary Camp as RA.

39. Past President's Advisory (PPAC)**Margaret Ortinau-Simons**

There were 10 members present at their meeting. Several items were discussed. One was what is this committee's role? Leadership training needs to be reflected at our meetings. Discussion was also held on keeping our history. Bob needs to negotiate for more room for our file cabinets. We need to scan some of our important documents. Beth and Samantha might help with this. It was recommended that we increase the line item in the budget if more monies are needed for this. We should also decide on an honorarium for those helping to do the scanning. Iris made a motion that ICEC adjust its budget to add \$3000. Margaret 2nd this motion and the line item should now read \$3400. Motion passed.

40. Ray Graham Memorial Fund**Betsy Murphy**

Report on file. Two awards were made this year. One to Sue Green, Lake County and the other to Cathy Anderson, Mt Zion High School. Reports will be made at the Delegate Assembly from last years recipients.

41. Scholarship**Connie Woehler**

Report on file. She received 50 applications and she will be sending some of these to each member of her committee.

42. Spring Conference 2008**Jeanne Fisher & Betsy Murphy**

Report on file. Conference will be held this year in Peoria on April 11 & 12th. They are working on a theme.

43. Student Activities

Natalie Komo, Ken Hoving, Katie Hoving

Report on file. They are trying to get the universities to communicate with ICEC. Their meeting is Saturday morning and they invite all students and advisors to attend.

44. Web-site/webmaster

Samantha Thomas

Report on file. She continues to be busy. Thanks for a wonderful job.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

45. Explore Illinois CEC Chapters & Regions

Joan Rog

Report on file

46. Communications Advisory Committee

Nancy Riffin

Report on file. They have developed a flow chart for communications. They recommend that the Communication Committee be a standing committee. Margaret made a motion to that effect with Martha seconding it. Motion passed.

47. Mission Statement

Bev Johns

Report on file. "The mission of the Illinois council for Exceptional Children is to meet the needs of special education teachers in their work with children with exceptionalities and their families. In order to achieve this goal, we must assure that children with exceptionalities receive appropriate services by advocating for the parents and teachers who educate and care for them. ICEC believes that the parent and teacher are critical driving forces in the life of a child.

ICEC will advocate for the needs of special educators and improvement in their working conditions. ICEC will stand for the needs of the teachers so that can provide the highest quality of services to the children they serve in a safe learning environment. Through professional development, information sharing, networking and advocacy, ICEC will support teachers who work with children with exceptionalities." Bev made a motion to accept this statement. It was 2nd by Bethanie. Motion passed.

48. Special Thinkers

Vinni Hall

Report on file.

49. New Business

Everyone is invited to the reception following this meeting. The next meeting will be the last weekend in January.

50. Old Business

None

51. Adjournment

A motion was made by Elizabeth Mackie to adjourn. This was 2nd by Karen Garman. Motion passed the meeting was adjourned at 9:22.