

Report #3

Item Minutes of Board Meeting #1, June 7, 2008

Secretary Bethanie L. Whittaker

**Illinois Council for Exceptional Children
Board Meeting #1
Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, Illinois
Saturday, June 7, 2008**

Members Present: Michael J. Daly, Elizabeth Mackie, Lyle Goldensoph, Bobby Kearney, Ken Hoving, Cathy R. Anderson, Samantha Thomas, Karen Tipp, Sharonjoy A. Jackson, Bev Johns, Robin Miller Young, Missy Jones, Joyce Meyer, Robert E. Abbott, Emily Weaver, Betsy Murphy, Nancy Riggan, Heather Tratt, Iris Kerbis Puccini, Bethanie Whittaker

1. Call to Order

Betsy Murphy

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Murphy at 10:16 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda/Procedures

Nancy Riggan

Nancy reminded the Board of parliamentary procedures. A motion was made by Sharonjoy Jackson "to amend the agenda as presented to the transition board by Betsy Murphy, President. Seconded by Bev Johns. Motion passed unanimously. Standing Committee 44 was struck. It is no longer a committee. Item 29: it is 2 separate committees. Newsletter was struck.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bethanie Whittaker

Minutes will be distributed at the September 20, 2008 meeting.

4. President's Report

Betsy Murphy

Written report. Betsy thanked Heather Tratt for her guidance. Goals for the year are stated in her report. She will continue Heather's work.

We are to be advocates for students. Two areas will be addressed: peer reviewed methodology and research based interventions. Missy Jones will chair. A third ad hoc committee will be established. It is the 50th Anniversary of Exceptional Children's Week. Bob Abbott and Bill Vickers will chair this committee. We need a resolution for CEC.

Betsy met with regional directors this morning to continue to work with Regional Directors to increase membership and to discuss the current number and size of regions.

To ensure that speakers for ICEC conferences are aware of the ICEC Mission Statement and position regarding people first language, forms for speakers will be distributed so that there is no recurrence of the issue that occurred at Spring Conference.

5. President-Elect's Report**Sharonjoy Jackson**

Oral report. Sharonjoy is honored to be president-elect and is looking forward to working with the board. Prior board experience includes co-chair of the fall convention and substituting in Executive Board meeting for various people. She welcomes suggestions.

6. Past-President's Report**Heather Tratt**

Written report. Heather will be getting up-to-date information on past-presidents. PPAC will meet in the fall.

7. Treasurer's Report**Michael Daly**

See written report for meeting #6, June 7, 2008. Michael thanked the board for electing him treasurer again. Signatures on the checking accounts are done. He is currently out of checks. They should be in on Monday or Tuesday, and he will finish writing checks then.

8. CEC Representative Report**Iris Kerbis Puccini and Bob Abbott**

Written report. Iris is trying to fine-tune goals before June 30. Please forward comments to her or Bob Abbott so that they can get them in before the deadline. They are trying to make the e-community more accessible – Bob should be getting emails.

Bev Johns noted that the new system is difficult to get into and navigate, but CCBD and CEC will not make any changes.

Sharonjoy Jackson brought up safety issues. Can the goals be enlarged? Iris said that there are no set goals, or strategic planning goals. Sharonjoy feels that school safety is an issue that needs to be addressed.

9. ISCEC President's Report**Emily Weaver**

Written report. Emily has had a very productive couple of months. She is looking forward to the Fall Convention.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS**10. Region I****Elizabeth Mackie**

Oral report. There is a new student chapter. Katie Hoving will contact them.

11. Region II**Lyle Goldensoph**

Written report. Lyle will continue to work with Katie Hoving on student contacts.

12. Region III**Karen Garman**

Absent. No report.

14. Region V**Kathryn Neu**

Absent. No report.

15. Region VI**Bobbi Kearney**

Written report. Bobbi is working on recruiting new members.

16. Region VII

Martha Vache

Written report. Chapter 99 is meeting this week to plan their program for the year. Quincy Chapter 62 has been dissolved according to Bob Abbott. Bev Johns is working on reactivating the chapter.

17. Region VIII

Beth Bobel

Written report.

SUBDIVISIONS

18. Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE)

Lynette Williams

Absent. No report.

19. Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (ILCCBD)

TBN

No report.

20. Illinois Division of Career Development and Transition (IDCDT)

Donna Ree

Absent. No report.

21. Illinois Division for Developmental Disabilities (IDDD)

Iris Kerbis Puccini

Oral report. IDDD will host a session at Fall Convention. They will publicize the session and meeting. They are hoping to revitalize the subdivision.

22. Illinois Davison on Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (IDDEL)

Rita Brusca Vega

Absent. No report.

23. Illinois Division for Early Childhood (IDEC)

Robin Miller Young

Written report. IDEC recently held elections; Robin is not sure of those results yet. She will let the board know the results at a later date. IDEC would like to have a Saturday event showcasing the skills and knowledge of, and for, the variety of their members – practitioners and products for recommended products. Iris Kerbis Puccini thanks Robin for expressing her views and the input given in the “Goals” section of her written report.

24. Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities (IDLD)

Joyce Meyer

25. Illinois Subdivision Pioneers Division (ISPD)

Bev Johns

Written report filed, but missing from packet. The list of officers is ready for the directory. Sharonjoy Jackson is the current president of ISPD. Bob Abbott will present at Fall Convention. They will hold a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund once again.

Betsy Murphy added that directory information will be emailed to everyone.

26. Illinois Teacher Education Division (ITED)

Melissa Jones

Written report. ITED is in the process of electing officers.

STANDING COMMITTEES

27. Awards

Corrine Woehler

Absent. No report. Betsy Murphy will give the packet to Corrine Woehler, who is new to this position.

28. By-Law and Policy

Nancy Riggin

Written report. Reminded Regional Directors and Subdivision Liaisons to discuss the proposed Bylaw changes with local chapter and subdivision officers. The proposed changes will be voted on at the 2008 Fall Convention Delegate Assembly.

Nancy disseminated two additional handouts: ICEC Government Structure and Officer/Chair Terms. She needs information for positions. Please get corrections to her.

Bylaw policy addendum: It is recommended speakers and presenters receive language and the Mission Statement concerning “people-first” language. She will have that in September.

29. Communication (Newsletter)

Samantha Thomas

Written report. Samantha has spoken with Joyce Meyer concerning putting Fall Convention information in the newsletter. Robin Miller Young asked if members can submit articles. Betsy Murphy stated that the July newsletter would be dedicated to the Fall Convention. The next deadline for article submission is September. Betsy Murphy and Samantha will get a deadline timeline and put it on the website.

Samantha will continue to expand the website and will develop a student website with Emily Weaver.

30. Convention Site

Sharonjoy Jackson

Oral report. Plans are set for the 2008 Fall Convention.

31. Credentials and Elections

Cathy R. Anderson

Written report. Cathy Anderson has records that need to be in the archives. She will get those to Bob Abbott.

32. Exceptional Children’s Week/“Yes I Can” Awards

Anita Fisher and Emily Weaver

No report.

33. Fall Convention 2008

Melissa Jones and Joyce Meyer

Written report. Watch for “save the date” postcards. When you make hotel reservations, please book under the ICEC block.

If anyone is willing to distribute flyers, please see Missy. Iris Kerbis Puccini asked for 100 flyers.

34. Finance**Lyle Goldensoph**

Written report. New Finance Committee for 2008-09. Members of the committee are: Lyle Goldensoph, Chairperson; Betsy Murphy, ICEC president; Heather Tratt, ICEC past-president; Sharonjoy Jackson, ICEC president-elect; Mike Daly, ICEC treasurer; Emily Weaver, ISCEC president/student representative.

35. Governmental Relations**TBN**

Written report stating that the goal is to find a chairperson. Proposed rule-making changes were noted. Bev Johns asked that ICEC please address a statement addressing RtI and the impact on special education teachers. We should consider a position statement. Oral report by Betsy Murphy was that Sue Greene will be chairing this year.

36. History**Bob Abbott**

Written report. Bob has spent two days updating the written history so that scanning can begin later in June. He has reread documents for redundancy and historical interest. He is focusing on written history: names and events. Currently, the format is inconsistent and messy. There have been recent requests for information.

There will be a focus on oral history at the fall convention. Ken Hoving will transpose VHS to DVD. Bob will select four histories to highlight. One will be Clarissa Hug, since it is the 50th anniversary of Exceptional Children's Week in Illinois.

37. Membership**Beth Bobel**

Written report.

38. Nominations**Mary Camp and Joan Rog**

Written report.

39. Past-President's Advisory Committee**Heather Tratt**

Written report. There will be a meeting in November at the Fall Convention.

40. Ray Graham Memorial Fund**Sharonjoy Jackson**

Oral report. Forms will be online.

41. Scholarship**Corrine Woehler**

Absent. No report.

42. Spring Conference 200**Jeanne Fisher and Corrine Woehler**

Written report.

43. Student Activities**Natalie Komo/Ken Hoving**

Written report.

44. Communication Advisory Committee**Nancy Rigglin**

Struck from the agenda.

AD HOC COMMITTEES – none at this time.

45. New Business

Betsy Murphy

The next Executive Board Meeting will be September 20, 2008 at 9 AM. A tentative date for the January meeting is the last weekend. There will be a meeting at Fall Convention and at Spring Conference.

46. Old Business

None.

47. Adjournment

Motion “to adjourn (06/07/08) transition meeting” made by Sharonjoy Jackson. Seconded by Elizabeth Mackie. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, September 20, 2008,
Bethanie J. Whittaker