

Report Number 3

Item Minutes of Board Meeting #5: June 7, 2008

Secretary Jeri Wenberg (minutes filed by Bethanie Whittaker, Substitute for Jeri Wenberg)

**Illinois Council for Exceptional Children
Board Meeting #5
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 Riffin, Heather Tratt, Bethanie Whittaker

1. Call to Order **Heather Tratt**

The meeting was called to order by President Heather Tratt at 9:13 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda/Procedures **Joyce Meyer, Substitute Parliamentarian**

Michael Daly made a motion "that the agenda presented be adopted for the 3/8/08 meeting." Iris Kerbis Puccini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Joyce reminded us that we conform to Robert's Rules of Order. Direct comments to the President to be recognized. Fill out orange sheets when making a motion.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting **Bethanie Whittaker, Substitute Secretary**

Written report submitted by Jeri Wenberg, ICEC Secretary. Minutes were read by ICEC Executive Board members. Michael J. Daly made a motion "that the minutes for Friday, April 11, 2008 be approved with the corrections noted." Second by Elizabeth Mackie. Motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report **Heather Tratt**

Written report. Thanked everyone for their hours spent helping the students in Illinois with exceptionalities. Heather has a thumb drive for Betsy Murphy, incoming president, along with documents and timelines.

5. President-Elect's Report **Betsy Murphy**

Written report. Betsy is looking forward to continued collaboration with Heather.

6. Past-President's Report **Margaret Ortinau Simons (deceased)**

No report.

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

Written report. ISPD were to donate \$100 to the Ray Graham Fund in memory of Margaret Ortinau-Simons. It was asked that Mike check to make sure it was received.

The Fund is doing well. There was a \$30 donation and a \$100 check from the Williamson County Chapter. These will be deposited in June.

8. CEC Representative Report

Bob Abbott and Iris Kerbis Puccini

Written report. Summer is a downtime. Leadership training and an Executive Board meeting will be held in July. Nominations for CEC are currently in process. Iris is a potential nominee. The CEC Expo and Convention will be held April 1-4, 2009 in Seattle, WA.

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. In lieu of a basket, Chapter 557 will donate money at the ICEC Spring Conference. It will be given to Mike Daly for student scholarships.

11. Region II

Lyle Goldensoph

Written report. Contacts were made at universities with Ken and Katie Hoving. Things are going well.

12. Region III

Karen Garman

Written report.

13. Region IV

No Region IV. Has been absorbed. See #45.

14. Region V

Kathryn Neu

No report.

15. Region VI

Bobbi Kearney

Written report.

16. Region VII

Martha Vache

Written report. Oral report given by Bev Johns. Chapters are doing fine. Chapter 99 is planning a meeting to finalize their plans for the year.

17. Region VIII

Beth Bobel

Written report. The Chapter 336 "Yes, I Can" Awards Brunch was sold out. It was filmed by the Lions of Illinois and will be shown on public access television. They will be finalizing the program plans for next year this week. All thirteen people were at the board meeting.

SUBDIVISIONS

18. Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education

Lynette Williams

(IAASE)
No report.

19. Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (ILCCBD) **Bethanie Whittaker**
No report.

20. Illinois Division of Career Development and Transition (IDCDT) **Donna Ree**
No report.

21. Illinois Division for Developmental Disabilities (IDDD) **Iris Kerbis Puccini**
No report.

22. Illinois Division on Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (IDDEL) **Rita Brusca Vega**
No report.

23. Illinois Division for Early Childhood (IDEC) **Robin Miller Young**
Written report. Robin Miller Young will continue as IDEC liaison to the ICEC Executive Board next year.

24. Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities (IDLD) **Robin Griswold**
Oral report by Karen Tipp. They are planning and getting ready for the fall convention. There will be a big event Saturday morning.

25. Illinois Subdivision Pioneers Division (ISPD) **Bev Johns**
Written report. ISPD had a successful year due to the president Sharon-Joy Jackson. Bill Vickers published the latest edition of the Illinois Pioneers newsletter. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded at the Pioneers Annual Business meeting on Friday afternoon of the ICEC convention. The Pioneers are continuing with the oral history. Current officers are listed in the written report. Please note the new email address for Alice Gutenkauf.

26. Illinois Teacher Education Division (ITED) **Melissa Jones**
Written report. There will be no higher education institute in June. They are revitalizing it for next year, and they are supporting National TED's goals for next year. There were 5-6 nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

STANDING COMMITTEES

27. Awards **Mary Camp**
Written report.

28. By-Law and Policy **Nancy Riggan**

Written Report. Information regarding the proposed ICEC Bylaw changes will be disseminated in September.

29. Communication (Newsletter)

Samantha Thomas

Written report. Samantha reported that it had been a great year. Three newsletters per year were recommended. The time frame for this was questioned by Betsy Murphy. It was suggested that we have seasonal newsletters: July, which is a special issue preconvention flyer, winter, spring and summer. It was noted that the website was a good way to communicate. Robin Miller Young asked about a counter on the website. Samantha said that she will put one on, and will have stats on that in the next report. Samantha also reported that we may need a software upgrade.

30. Convention Site

Betsy Murphy

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

31. Credentials and Elections

Cathy Anderson

Oral 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 Dr. Joan Rog

Written report. Miles Williamson will be awarded the "Yes I Can" award at Spring Conference. His work will also be displayed onsite at the conference.

Betsy Murphy remarked that the Regional Directors had asked about Exceptional Children's Week activities. There will be information at Spring Conference to help rebuild this activity. Bob Abbott informed us that there is a huge file and handbook for Exceptional Children's Week in the History.

33. Fall Convention 2008

Melissa Jones and Joyce Meyer

Written report. There is a full program for Friday. Matt Burns will be staying over from Thursday to be the keynote speaker. The title of his keynote address is "Making ALL Education Special and Special Education Unique." Save the date cards will be sent. Arrangements with hotel are finalized. There will be flyers available for distribution in August; let Missy know how many you would like.

34. Finance

Lyle Goldensoph

Written report. All Regional Director line items are back to the original amounts.

Lyle asked to make line item 601 \$1500 instead of \$1000 to buy rooms for students as a way to bring more students to fall convention. Ken Hoving stated that having more resources available would be useful in getting more students to convention. Joyce Meyer asked if there was money to cover expenses for recruiting. Mike Daly assured the board that the money was there.

Lyle Goldensoph made a motion "to make item 601 \$2800 budgeted instead of \$1000, and the 2008-2009 proposed budget and line items remain as stated and printed." Seconded by Elizabeth Mackie. Motion passed unanimously.

35. Governmental Relations

Corrine Woehler

Written report. The committee met March 8, 2008. They discussed special education class size, and will be contacting the IFT and IEA regarding this issue. ISBE has a site for Response to Intervention implementation and will listen to teachers' concerns regarding RtI. Corrine Woehler has been scanning legislative sites and is looking for a system in order to get information retrieved and to the Board in a timely fashion. If you have legislative information, please pass it on to Corrine. Bob Abbot suggested contacting Matt Cohen's website, where there is an analysis of current information.

Betsy Murphy asked about special education extraordinary funding. Are we showing support for the Hold Harmless bill to restore special education funding to districts? Corrine answered that, yes, that is happening.

Iris Kerbis Puccini credited Corinne Woehler for building relationships with other organizations and noted that Corinne will be an excellent liaison.

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.

Two members are deceased. Guy Mahan passed away April 4, 2008. He had been Director of Special Education at Leyden Township, Franklin Park. Tom Nelson of Elgin also passed away.

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. Membership lists disseminated by CEC continue to be problematic. Bob Abbot is continuing to receive notes from people who addresses have been changed. There is a problem with CEC updating the list. Iris Kerbis Puccini and Bob Abbot are addressing the problem. Bev Johns stated that there is an issue with deceased members still being on the list, and current members not on the list. Iris reported that there are problems with the new computer systems: information gets lost, for example. Anyone can get a hard copy of the membership list. It was asked that in the next newsletter, information regarding getting a hard copy of the list by calling the CEC 800 number, be added. Bev noted that some people do not get a response. Iris recommended calling Bruce Ramirez.

38. Nominations

Dr. Francis Carroll and Dr. Vinni Hall

Written report. The deadline for nominations had been extended. Mike Daly, Treasurer, was left off the nominations list. Iris Kerbis Puccini made a motion "to approve the slate of candidates read by the president." Betsy Murphy seconded the

motion. Motion passed unanimously. Other nominations accepted were RA-Nancy Riggin, Reg. II-Lyle. Goldensoph, Reg. VI-Bobbie Kearney, Reg. VIII- Beth Bobel.

39. Past-President's Advisory Committee Margaret Ortinau-Simons (deceased)

No report. Past-presidents will meet at Spring Conference. Margaret Ortinau-Simons had asked someone to moderate the last two meeting. PPAC will self-run their next meeting.

40. Ray Graham Memorial Fund Betsy Murphy

Written report. Betsy Murphy talked with Sharonjoy Jackson, ICEC President-elect in preparation for Sharonjoy assuming this responsibility. Applications for the award will be updated. Sue Greene and Cathy Anderson will report on how they used the award funds from 2007 in November at the ICEC Fall Convention. New awards will be given in November at the Convention.

41. Scholarship Corrine Woehler

Written report. Corinne Woehler and her committee are using a grading rubric and flow tree to make the scholarship decision more efficient and equitable. It was noted that there is another scholarship form enroute to Corinne through the mail. Report 41 which is included in the packet it the incorrect report; please the correct report on the loose sheet.

42. Spring Conference 2008 Jeanne Fisher and Betsy Murphy

Written report. The issue concerning offensive comments that were made at the Spring Conference has been resolved. The offended person has been notified.

43. Student Activities Katie Hoving

Written report. There has been a decent response from the students. A list serve is being set up. They are looking at starting a student board again.

44. Website/Webmaster Samantha Thomas

Written report. The website has been updated. Spring Conference registration is on the website. Fall Convention handouts have been posted for the presenters who agreed to posting.

It was noted that Samantha Thomas saved ICEC several thousand dollars by typesetting the Fall Convention program herself. She was commended for this work.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

45. Communication Advisory Committee Nancy Riggin

Newsletter was proofread by Heather Tratt and Betsy Murphy prior to publication.

46. New Business

None.

47. Old Business

None.

48. Adjournment

Robin Miller Young made a motion “to adjourn the meeting (Heather’s last time as president)”. Missy Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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