

International Association for Learning Alternatives
Board of Directors
Minutes
April 7, 2005

Present: Wally Campbell, Dan Daly, Cheri Exner, Ray Morley, Wayne Jennings, Bill Scalise, Jackie Smith, Also present: Terry Lydell, Lile Holland, Jim Sparks
Absent: Nate Hosley, Elizabeth Quigley, Dave Lehman, Irv Zisselman.

1. The meeting was called to order by chair, Jennings at 6:25pm. Board roster was reviewed: Vincent has resigned, Hosely, Lehman, Quigley and Zisselman sent regrets and pledged continued participation.
2. The minutes of April 29, 2004 were approved as printed.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Financial statements and tax forms were presented and discussed. Account balances as of 3/28/05 were \$30,895.58. Much of the 2004 budget was not expended and will be carried over to 2005. Income from conference proceeds was questioned from Federal Form 990 and will be clarified with the accounting firm of Lethert, Skwira, Schultz and Co. Smith moved to accept financial statements, Exner second, motion carries. (Jennings clarified accuracy of 990 on 4/11/05. Accountant correctly included gross receipts from conference expenses from 2003, 2002. Feds like to see % of balance from gross receipts.)
 - b. State organization dues:
 - MN \$9000 in 2002, \$8000 in 2003, \$6800 in 2004
 - WA \$6200 in 2002, \$1510 in 2003, \$1380 in 2004 (held for '06 Conference budget)
 - MI \$5000 in 2002, 3240 in 2003
 - IA \$2500 in 2002,
 - PA \$3600 in 2003,
 - CT \$500 in 2004Conference expenses from 2004 need to be reconciled with MI and IA has committed to dues for 2003. IALA will assist IA with potential losses due to over projections for the '05 conference
 - c. Budget 2005: Budget proposal, attached, was presented with no change in dues for 2005. Campbell moves approval, Scalise second, motion carries.
5. Future Activities.
 - STARS: Campbell will continue to provide assistance to states wishing to start or improve STARS student organizations. Current plans are to visit WA in May, FL charter conference in Feb., CT, PA and possibly IA at times to be determined.
 - State Organization Links: Lydell, MN President-elect, reported that organization leaders contacted are very interested in participating in the IALA coalition, but find it difficult to attend events during the school year. Over 30 state public alternative organizations have been identified, but many others (charter, home school, virtual, other non-profits) exist. Future efforts to organize must include a broader base of progressive organizations.
 - Web site and web blog: Jennings continues to update monthly with excellent links. Others are encouraged to submit items and publicize free subscription. An archive feature will be added.
 - Research: Morley will continue activities and submit results of an Urban Institute study.
 - Study groups: Exner will develop activity for 2006 conference.
7. Partnerships: Smith reported that a summer meeting with the National Alternative Education Association was not fruitful and the organization appears to be defunct. The National At-Risk Education Network was represented and would be a good partner, as well as the National Dropout Prevention Center and re-establishing connections with Jerry Mintz and AERO.
8. Conferences:

- 2005 Conference: Preliminary counts indicated approximately 250 attendees with only 25-30 from outside Iowa. The experiment with co-hosting conferences during the school year has not worked.
 - 2006 Conference: Holland, Sparks and Exner discussed plans for the 6/29 – 7/1 event in Ocean Shores, WA. Alphonse Kohn and the Secretary of the US Dept. of Education were suggested as keynoters. WA planners will have decision-making authority and need updated lists of recent IALA conference attendees, state organizations and board. All board members are requested to solicit innovative programs to present and assist with an aggressive marketing campaign to begin via email as soon as possible. A brochure will be mailed in January. Registration was set at \$200 (\$225 late) with a separate meal plan, rooms are reserved and the go/no go deadline is 2/24/06.
 - 2007/Future Conferences. Future conferences will be held in late June/early July, and no definite plans exist beyond 2006. PA has indicated interest, Jennings will follow-up. Morley will inquire about Idaho and Arkansas. Texas, Hawaii and New York were mentioned as possibilities.
9. Board/Officers: All current members will remain, and a replacement for Vincent from MI will be sought. Officers candidates were Chair - Jennings, Associate Chair – Morley and Secretary/Treasurer – Daly. Smith moved approval, Exner second, officers elected.
10. The annual meeting agenda for April 8, 2005 was approved.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Daly