

**International Association for Learning Alternatives (IALA)
Annual Meeting**

Radisson Conference Center, King of Prussia, PA
June 28, 2003

1. Wayne Jennings called the meeting to order at 9:20a.m. and introduced board members: Chair Wayne Jennings, Associate Chair Dave Lehman, Secretary/Treasurer Linn Vincent, Ray Morley, Elizabeth Quigley, Irv Zisselman. Others in the audience introduced themselves.
2. A quorum was present.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting in Duluth, MN were approved.
5. Lynn Vincent gave the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$254 for the year.
6. Don Glines reported for the Publications Committee mentioning the book *Educational Alternatives for Everyone* and videotapes of the Wilson Campus School are available for purchase from the book table and from the IALA website: www.learningalternatives.net.
7. Irv Zisselman reported for the Definitions Committee that people have submitted various definitions for the term "learning alternatives" and that his session would review them to arrive at agreement.
8. Jennings reported that fund raising for IALA was unsuccessful but attempts were continuing. Our major means of supporting IALA would have to be state organizations paying dues (currently: MI, MN, PA, WA) and conference revenues. Members of several other states indicated willingness with dues to be supportive with the mission and purpose of IALA: "to lead, promote and support learning alternatives and choice options." Two people in the audience wrote donation checks on the spot.
9. Lynn Vincent invited everyone to the next year's conference at Crystal Mountain, Michigan in late April, 2004. This is a switch from summer conferences which the Board wishes to test for its viability.
10. Future conference will be explored for such states as WA and NY.
11. Dave Lehman led a discussion of bylaw changes which were approved as follows:
 - a. Article IV, Section 4: Change "elect" to "select"
 - b. Article IV, Section 4: Add sentence at end: "During the initial years and until regions are in operation, the Board may determine the means for Board membership that provides for broad representation."
 - c. Article IV, Section 5.3: Change the Fiscal Year and Annual Report to January 1 to December 31 from April 1 to March 31
12. The Board of Directors asked that if others wished to serve on the Board to let members know and the board intended to expand to its limit of eleven members from the current six now serving.¹
13. Dan Daly spoke to the importance of the youth organization, STARS which CT, IA, MI, MN have active and what powerful learning experiences emerge from participation. He said the Minnesota Association for Alternative Programs would provide hotel rooms and meals for people from states without a STARS organization to attend the Minnesota events in order to learn how STARS works first hand. He said no one would fail to be impressed.

¹ Subsequently, the Board met to review expressions of interest and added the following members: Dan Daly MN, Cherie Exner WA, Nathaniel Hosley PA, Bill Scalise CT, and Jackie Smith OH.

14. The meeting was adjourned 11:00 a.m.