

International Association for Learning Alternatives
Minutes of Board of Directors June 26 & 29, 2003
Radisson Conference Center, Philadelphia, PA

Present: Don Glines (ex-officio), Chair Wayne Jennings, Associate Chair Dave Lehman, Ray Morley, Elizabeth Quigley, Secretary/Treasurer Linn Vincent, Irv Zisselman. Absent: Robert Barr, Cathie Hartnett (both ex-officio).

Note: pending action items in bold with your name.

1. Jennings called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes for April 17, 2003 were approved as distributed.
4. Financial reports were reviewed and received. It was approved to contract with Carol Busonick at \$25 an hour for bookkeeping and for Lynette Estenson of Lethert, Skwira, Schultz & Co. for completing tax reports. Tax form 990 has been filed as well as required Minnesota nonprofit forms. A budget for the year will be submitted when finances for the conference are known. The change of financial year to the calendar year was approved. State dues have been paid by Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Washington.
5. **A committee to review an equitable sharing of conference profits was established with Morley, Lehman and Quigley.**
6. Glines reported on publications. 100 copies of *Educational Alternatives for Everyone* (a college in Iowa is using the book for a teacher course) have been run and a video available of the Wilson Campus School. Jerry Mintz has agreed to provide a booklet of international learning alternatives. Glines is distributing copies of an interview of him for an article in *Paths of Learning*. Jennings said the web site blog will suffice for the newsletter for now. People who subscribe will get it automatically about once a month. It can contain news which he can enter directly on the web.
7. Zisselman reported on the definition of alternative education. He has collected many versions and will, in a session at the conference, entertain discussion in order to arrive at consensus.
8. Jennings reported on the new web site. Wigley and Associates were approved as our webmasters at \$45 an hour. The web can be used as one of our primary outreach and information services. Links and other resources will be added. Send items to Jennings for inclusion. [Also sign on to automatically receive web log items about once a week. See right hand side of web site](#) (www.learningalternatives.net) to [subscribe](#).
9. A letter from Cathie Hartnett, executive director was read reporting on past activities and indicating a willingness to stay on in a volunteer capacity. Fund raising has not been successful in this difficult economic period. Morley reported that at a meeting of the Urban Institute, the Mott Foundation appeared interested in educational alternatives. **Jennings will send out for comments a sample foundation proposal that has been used in the past.**
10. The office and phone are now at Jennings' home: 449 Desnoyer Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104, 651-644-2805, fax 651-644-2805, wayne@institute4learning.org. Jennings will devote time to IALA business.
11. Jennings reported that about 500 are registered for the conference (but fewer than 100 outside PA) and that after expenses are paid we hope to have money in the bank.

12. Hartnett sent a report showing contacts in all states. The list needs further work with the major job being to having a first name basis contact. Jennings distributed a list of state alternatives organizations which also needs work with details.
13. Jennings proposed four bylaw changes for the annual meeting. The waiver provision in Article VII will be used for the recommended changes to the bylaws:
 - a. Article IV, Section: Change the number of board members from 11 to 21. **Not recommended.**
 - b. Article IV, Section 4: Change “elect” to “select” **Recommended**
 - c. 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.” **Recommended**
 - d. Article IV, Section 5.3: Change the Fiscal Year and Annual Report to January 1 to December 31 from April 1 to March 31. **Recommended**
14. Board vacancies and expansion was discussed with the end of added members to the Board. The annual meeting will be used to solicit interest. Current officers were reelected.
15. Future conference sites: 2004 will be Michigan at Crystal Mountain to be held April 28-May 1 in conjunction with their state meeting. Details to follow. Other possible future sites include WA and others to be solicited at the annual meeting.
16. Thanks were extended around for the good work by all. The meeting was recessed at 10:30 p.m.
17. The STARS youth organization now is in CT, IA, MI, MN. Other states are encouraged to use this dynamic way of involving youth in leadership training, friendly team and individual competitions and legislative issues.
18. The Board reconvened at 9:00a.m. June 29 to consider additions to the Board. The following members were nominated and elected to the Board: Dan Daly MN, Cherie Exner WA, Nathaniel Hosley PA, Bill Scalise CT, and Jackie Smith OH. **Jennings will distribute a list of the full board with addresses, etc.**
19. Zisselman reported that the discussion session on the definition of learning alternatives went well and led to consensus. **Zisselman will send the draft for distribution to board members for reactions.**
20. The board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes by Vincent and Jennings