

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting,

Pizza Ranch

1404 Boston Avenue, Ames, IA

June 22, 2014 5:00 P.M.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Wendy Hammrich, President, at 5:15.
- II. Roll call/Attendance sign in: Clark Goltz, Wendy Hammrich, Carol Duehr, Deb Mortensen, Diane Bean, Julie Ortner, Megan Benson, Nancy White, Wendy Matson, Brenda Nugteren, Robin Brierly, Tony Pieper, Rebecca Pashek, Karla Bronzynski, and Renee Thomas. Guests included Lois Van Houwelingen, Debra Wake, and Heidi Stangl.
- III. No additions to the minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Deb Mortensen and seconded by Renee Thomas. Motion carried.
- IV. Nancy White and Diane Bean volunteered to approve June 22, 2014, minutes.
- V. Consent Agenda
  - a. Board of Directors meeting minutes- April 5, 2014
  - b. Zone Director reports submitted for Zone D and G.
  - c. Committee Reports
    1. Awards- Deb Saylor—nothing new.
    2. Bylaws – Nancy White reported that the bylaws changes would be addressed at Delegates Assembly during Leadership Workshop. Two bylaw proposed changes will be introduced and voted on. It was noted that policy changes made at the October, April, and May meetings were listed in the minutes from those Board meetings. Nancy White will update on website after delegates approval.
    3. Legislative – Tony Pieper prepared a power point report for Leadership Workshop. It was mentioned that Legislative section on the website needed to be updated or removed. It was suggested that Tony’s report replace the old Legislative information.
    4. State Coordinator – Nancy Wright was unable to attend. 51 participants representing Burlington, Dallas County, Eastern Iowa, Hardy, Jefferson-Van Buren, Midlands of Iowa, Northeast Iowa, Northwest Iowa, READ, and Three Rivers Councils have signed up for leadership. Mississippi-Bend stated that they are unable to get leaders and has not sent in a list of officers. Lee County did send a list of officers and email address, but no contact information. Nancy Wright reports that she is still waiting for an officer list from Jefferson-Van Buren. She submitted the State Council Officer report form and requested the Board to remind local councils that their officers’ report should be submitted by June 30 to remain a council in good standing.
    5. Nominating- Megan Benson reported that she had updated office terms in the nominations’ binder. The following positions will be up for election at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year: Secretary, Vice-President and Zones A and E. (There are no councils in Zone F.) State Coordinator is an appointed position.
    6. Creative Writing/Poetry – submitted
    7. Research and Scholarship – submitted. The Board Retreat generated some What if? scenarios for this award to be discussed further in the future.
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. President’s Report – Wendy Hammrich reported that the International Reading Conference was a great opportunity to connect with former Iowans and to glean ideas from other state councils. All Iowa Board attendees shared their appreciation for the opportunity. Wendy accepted the Award of Excellence for Iowa Reading.
  - b. President Elect/State Conference Chair’s Report – Deb Mortensen shared a presenter comment from “The Sisters” about how welcoming Iowa Reading Association was and that everything was well organized. She reminded everyone of the “Literacy is All Write” graffiti board and its location. Baskets from each local council representing their part of the state will be used as

- prizes. Presenter handouts were being placed on the the web by Iroc Web Design Services. The reception for President Wendy Hammrich will be held at 9:00 on Tuesday night and will be sponsored by Quint County Reading Council.
- c. Vice President Report – Nancy White submitted a report and will share about speakers/authors for next year’s conference at Leadership Workshop.
  - d. State Coordinator’s Report- Nancy Wright—see above.
  - e. Membership Director’s Report- Diane Bean submitted a report. She had questions about how long to keep archival data. She will contact International to find out what she needs to keep from disbanded councils.
  - f. Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Robin Brierly She shared that the new treasurer, Michelle Swanson will be working with Robin at Leadership Workshop to learn about her position. Robin reported that there was \$139,173 in checking (\$30,000 was from certificates of deposit that were recently cashed.) There is also \$44,830.72 in a money market account.
  - g. Secretary/Publications/Correspondence Report- Carol Duehr shared that she appreciated all of the information provided by committee chairs for awards, book study, etc. for inclusion in the newsletter. Articles for the fall newsletter are due by September 1, 2014.
  - h. Executive Director /Book Study Report- Clark Goltz recommended that the book study begins earlier this year. 2014-15 Book Study Credit Proposals: Robin Brierly will write the syllabus for AEA 11-- Jennifer Serravallo *Literacy Teachers Playbook K-2* and *Literacy Teachers Playbook 3-6*, as well as *Readacide* by Kelly Gallagher.

#### VII. Discussion Items

- a. Online membership & conference registration--Renee Thomas will share this possibility at Leadership workshop.
- b. Financial Plan for investments – Robin Brierly asked that this discussion be added to September agenda.
- c. Zone updating on website needs to be done.
- d. 2013-14 Election Results – Co-Presidents Heidi Stangl and Debra Wake were welcomed.
- e. 2015 Conference t-shirts – Nancy White has a vendor that will be selling Pete the Cat t-shirts at the 2014-15 conference. If board members are willing to wear a Pete the Cat shirt on the Tuesday of the conference, Nancy will buy those Board members a t-shirt from the conference budget.
- f. Approval of Treasurer applicant – Renee Thomas made a motion to appoint Michelle Swanson from Northwest Iowa Council as treasurer for the 2014-16 term starting July 1, 2014. Robin Brierly seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- g. Diane Bean made a motion to accept the proposal from Schroer & Assoc. as auditors and Brenda Nugteren seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- h. Review corresponding dates for next year’s meetings. Some dates were adjusted because of conflicts with an ISU home football game and with Easter. It was noted that the International Reading Association Conference will be held in St. Louis, not New Orleans as printed on the agenda.

#### VIII. Announcements

- a. Leadership, Monday, June 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m., The Hotel at Gateway, Ames
- b. Iowa Reading Association Conference, June 24-25, 2014, ISU, Scheman Conference Center, Ames, IA

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Duehr, Secretary  
Iowa Reading Association