

10.20.18 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting Secretary Pro Tem – Clark Goltz

Julie Schuller, President, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Roll Call included: Julie Schuller, Mary Daughetee, Kathleen Konrardy, Michelle Swanson, Diane Bean, Clark Goltz and Julie's birds!

Motion by Diane Bean and seconded by Michelle Swanson to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2018 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Michelle Swanson and seconded by Diane Bean to approve the agenda as presented.

The Committee to approve the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of 10.20.18 are Diane Bean and Mary Daughetee.

Council Reports: Council Reports were received and accepted from EIRC, NEIRC, Hardy, Midlands, NWIRC, READ, and Three Rivers. An update was shared regarding the "reinvigorated" Dallas County Reading Council through the support of Regional Director Becky Pashek. There are eleven members with a focus for the 2018-2019 year on the short story and poetry writing contests.

Officer Reports: President Schuller indicated there was no additional information that had not previously shared with Board Members through emails.

President Elects, Mary Daughetee and Kathleen Konrardy, indicated the conference planning is progressing. They are waiting to hear a final response from the IASL in order to complete the registration and conference proposal forms. The "Two Sisters" have signed a contract for both a keynote and a breakaway session. Scholastic has been contacted about sponsoring a speaker and the company is interested in a vendor booth. McGraw Hill has been contacted as well. Clark will follow up with a Treasure Bay representative to see about securing sample books from the company for the registration packets.

Treasurer Michelle Swanson shared the checking account balance is \$20,699.63. Recent expenses from September totaled \$9,628.02. Deposits for memberships fees will be approximately \$6,766.00.

Past President Stephanie Laird shared in her written report a recommendation to change the format of the current bylaws as well as suggested grammatical changes i.e. "Vice-President" to "Vice President" and "He/She" to "They". It was suggested to add these proposed changes as an agenda item for the next meeting. A final version of the revised bylaws will be shared at Delegates Assembly in June 2019.

Executive Director Clark Goltz indicated that our ISU contact, Pat Dennis will be forwarding a contract for the 2019 conference as well as a potential three-year contract

which would “freeze costs” on certain aspects of future conferences. He will share the contract with the Board as soon as it is received. The “new” Iowa Reading Association’s Regional Map has been completed and will be shared by Membership Director Diane Bean with all Board Members.

Old Business:

The 2019 Conference Update was shared in the President Elects Report

New Business

Information regarding the involvement of the IASL in the 2019 Conference was shared. Representatives from the IASL members have been emailed regarding their involvement in the 2019 Conference. Their Board is meeting on Sunday, October 21, to discuss how to proceed. IASL has contacted Mackin and, according to the IASL Board Members, will sponsor a conference speaker. Julie will update the Board as soon as they hear a final response from IASL.

Clark will contact BookPagez.com and Perfection as potential vendors for 2019 Conference.

The 2019 Conference proposal form, final menu choices, and an updated equipment checklist need to be completed as soon as the IASL has made a final decision about their organization’s role in the 2019 Conference.

Clark will complete the U of I Credit Union partnership letter. He will see if U of I Credit Union will sponsor a speaker or support the 2019 Conference in some other way.

There were questions regarding current Merit Council requirements i.e. Do local council officers to be members of the International Literacy Association? The website does not have current information regarding the 2019 Merit Council Application process and requirements. We will ask Renae Wilkening, Iowa Merit Council Chairperson, to update information on Merit Council and send it to Clark. He will get it on the website.

There was no report on the Scheman Center as it was shared under the Executive Director’s Report.

Clark shared information from Nancy Wright’s Report as the State Coordinator regarding a potential change in the Leadership site location. Members of the Board toured Radisson Ames Conference Center as a potential option to The Gateway for Leadership. We have had a long-standing positive partnership with the Gateway They have been helpful to work with us and even reduced the cost of room rental fees last summer for Leadership Workshop when we had budget issues. Jamie Courtney, the event manager at The Gateway, has been contacted and will get back to Nancy regarding any potential rate changes. She will bring back a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion by Kathleen Konrardy and seconded by Diane Bean to adjourn the meeting.