

# Iowa Reading Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting, January 12, 2019

- I. The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Julie Schuller, via Zoom, at 10:05.
- II. Present were Michelle Swanson, Stephanie Laird, Julie Anderson, Clark Goltz, Renae Wilkening, Rebecca Pashek, Deb Mortensen, Kelsey Nilles, Mary Daughetee, Kathleen Konrardy, Diane Bean and Kelly Neumann.
- III. The September, 2018 minutes were approved at the October 20, 2018 Board meeting.
- IV. There were no additions or corrections to this meetings' agenda. Mary Daughetee moved and Rebecca Pashek seconded that this agenda be allowed. All were in favor.
- V. Mary Daughetee and Kelly Neumann volunteered to read the January 12, 2019 minutes. Secretary Deb Mortensen will send them electronically for their approval.
- VI. All local council reports were published in the Board book.
- VII. Regional Director Reports- This is a slow time of year for councils to meet. There were no questions.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Awards- The website has 2018 information. The year needs to be updated. Chair Deb Saylor will be informed.
  - b. Grow a Local Council Grant- Nancy Wright reported on councils receiving this grant.
  - c. Local Council Grants- It was suggested by Treasurer Michelle Swanson, that our voucher have a "memo" on it so we know what the check was made for. This would be helpful for all disbursements.
  - d. Technology/Literacy Grant- The recipients of this award are currently receiving their check through the council president, in hopes that a presentation can be made. The Kruger family technology grant line item has \$856.40 in it currently. The 2018-2019 recipients were Wendy Matson (Midlands), Kari Straube (NEIRC), Kathleen Konrardy (READ) and Mary Daughetee (READ). Chairperson Renee Thomas was

emailed asking her to write an article for the upcoming newsletter telling about the recipients and their project involving technology.

- e. Membership Chair, Diane Bean, sent a letter to state members and smaller council's members reminding them of our statewide class. An improved regional/state map is done. Clark Goltz will attach the map to be included with the minutes so all board members can review it before adding it to our website. Diane asked that all double check their membership lists for duplicate names or name changes.
- f. Creative Writing- Rebecca Pashek reported the state deadline for short stories and poems is February 14, 2019. Letters have been sent out stating this deadline and to whom the entries should be sent. Diane Bean asked if the rules were posted anywhere if you were NOT a member of the Iowa Reading Association. Someone in your building has to be a member for any writings to be submitted. Becky is looking for someone to take over as Short Story chair beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Marlene Reece will continue as Poetry chair.
- g. Nominations- Nancy White sent her report via phone. We are still looking for candidates for Vice President, Membership Director, International Project Chair and Short Story Chair. She asked that we promote these positions in our local councils, as well as on social media. Julie Schuller will ask Cori to put a tagline on our website regarding these positions.

IX. Officer Reports:

- a. President Report- Julie Schuller shared that 3 candidates are interested in being Executive Director. This person will be mentored by Clark Goltz and begin their term on July 1, 2019.
- b. Past President Report- Stephanie Laird researched what voting looks like when you have joint positions. Our current Bylaws, Policies and Procedures do not have wording for this. The secretary will ask before each meeting which of the joint leaders will be the voting member for that meeting. As an example, we have co-president elects; one of the two people will vote. Committee chairs do not have a vote. This revision regarding Article IX, Section 1 on Titles will have to be shared at Delegates Assembly. Nancy Wright also asked Stephanie to study stipends for International

- Conferences regarding joint leaders. We will also need to examine pronouns and the format of our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures document.
- c. President Elect/Conference Report- Kathleen Konrardy and Mary Daughetee reported that Tony Vincent, a technology blogger, will be at the 2019 conference. 7-8 keynotes have been confirmed. A power point about the “Reading Rockstars” conference is available and is being added to as various speakers are confirmed. We are beginning to get concurrent speakers. The Iowa Association of School Librarians (Contact/ Sheryl Dale) are assisting Iowa Reading. They know their financial obligation. Stephanie Laird encouraged us to have diversity in our speakers. Meals will be a flat fee of \$21.50 each. No conference refunds will be given after May 21, 2019. Credit options are Viterbo \$110.00 and Heartland AEA \$35.00.
  - d. Vice President Report- Kelsey Nilles reported that she and Erick Schroyer are compiling a list of speakers for the 2020 conference. Their theme is “Reading: The Sport of All Seasons”. Their logo has been revealed and their email is [2020IowaReading@SouthHardin.org](mailto:2020IowaReading@SouthHardin.org) Julie Schuller wondered if we should continue looking at different venues for conference. Discussion was held regarding staying at the Scheman Center at Iowa State.
  - e. State Coordinator- Nancy Wright referred to her written report. Artifacts have been submitted for the “Award of Excellence.” She thanked all who contributed.
  - f. Treasurer- Michelle Swanson reported we have \$18, 506.64 in our current budget. T D & T have increased their fees. She reminded us that vouchers are always submitted to them on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Try to mail vouchers to Michelle’s home address (found at the bottom) so we have a record. Only in an emergency should these be emailed to her. Stephanie Laird wondered if we should increase the line item 207.01 for the webmaster. This will be discussed in April. As always, be cognizant of spending.
  - g. Secretary’s Report- Deb Mortensen thanked everyone for their acts of sympathy. Winter newsletter articles are due to her on February 14. The list of writers was sent to all via email.
  - h. Executive Director’s Report- 23 are taking the “Patterns of Power” book study. Some people are doing their reporting via Google Docs. Clark Goltz

suggested the 2020 conference chairs begin looking for next year's book study.

X. Old Business

1. Conference Rates- Increase from \$200 to \$225 for returning vendors and from \$200 to \$250 for new vendors. Vendors giving a concurrent session would not pay registration fees but they would pay for their booth. Concurrent speakers will not pay registration on their day they present. If they attend the second day, they pay for ½ the day. Review September, 2017 Executive Board minutes regarding speakers/fees .

XI. New Business

- A. Bylaws Discussion- Stephanie Laird resumed conversation about co-officers voting. If there are two people in a position, only one vote is counted. It was moved by Michelle Swanson and seconded by Mary Daughetee. All were in favor. This will be voted on at Delegates Assembly in June, 2019.

- XII. Adjourn- President Julie Schuller thanked all for the Zoom meeting. She also reminded us to submit a "word" for 2019. These words will be used in an upcoming newsletter article. Diane Bean made the motion and Julie Anderson seconded the motion that we adjourn at 11:30. Our next meeting is Saturday. April 6, 2019 at the Pizza Ranch in Ames.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Mortensen, Secretary