

Iowa Reading Association
Board Meeting Minutes

2nd Floor Scheman Building, Iowa State University, June 21, 2023

- I. The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Tony Pieper at 4:58 PM. The Board thanked Clark, IASL, IA Reading Board Members.
- II. Present were Tony Pieper, Dani Wagaman, Wendy Matson, Heidi Stangl, Julie Anderson, Jill Swanson, Jen Houlette, Diane Bean, Nancy White, Megan Benson, Clark Goltz, Nancy Wright, Dawn Schectman
- III. Dawn Schectman moved and Diane Bean seconded the agenda for this meeting as printed.
- IV. Diane Bean and Nancy White volunteered to read the June 21, 2023 minutes. Secretary Soh Meacham will send them electronically for their approval.
- V. Old Business
 - A. 2023 Leadership Workshop sharing and wrap-up: Dani Wagaman
 1. Dani talked about going to the Ames Public Library for future Leadership, rooms are rent free, Gateway will still allow us to have a block of board rooms and call-in rooms.
 2. 3 Zoom meetings for state wide, local councils (October, January, February/March)
 3. Think about ways to get important information sent out to members
 - B. 2023 Conference sharing and wrap-up: Clark Goltz, Tony Pieper, Nancy Wright, Jen Houlette
 1. Nancy Wright has done wonderful behind of the scenes
 2. Clark was a fabulous mentor for Nancy and stepping in to take over as conference chair mid-year
 3. Good balance of when presentations are and people weren't competing, people want to come back because they feel welcome, ISU staff very helpful
 4. Good number of people in each session, Benton was too big for concurrent sessions
 - C. 2023 Creative Writing Celebration sharing and wrap-up: Kari Straube and Dawn Schectman
 1. Things went well, have a few things to change for next year, Swag bags were awesome!
 2. Limit the decor and have something easy to decorate
 3. Go back to one author that is engaging and being altogether
 4. More push back on not inviting 2nd and 3rd place winners

D. Miscellaneous -

1. Awards presentation after Tuesday's keynote was something new, reception went well, concern was that it could have felt a little less special and people were there that didn't want to be there. Need to work on finding nominees. Possibly keep it as it was this year for a few years
2. More details sent as a winner...send letters to winners by mail rather than email

E. Potential candidates for 2025 Conference Chair were discussed. Strong possibility for conference chair 2026 from Hardy.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Director computer printer

1. Purchasing a printer for use at conference since there lots of last minute printing
2. Will discuss at the budget meeting

B. Newsletter - Soh Meacham

1. June 2023 Newsletter (submissions due June 30)...see your email from Soh

C. 2023-2024 Conference

1. Megan shared a brief update about 2024 conference

D. Miscellaneous

1. Thank you Tony for being a leader!
2. All meetings for next year are listed below

VII. Adjournment: Julie Anderson made a motion that we adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Heidi Stangl seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Announcements & Future Meeting Dates

Iowa Reading Association 2023-2024
Meeting Schedule
(All meetings via Zoom except as noted)

- August 5, 2023: 10:00 a.m.- Exec Board Only (Budget Meeting)
- September 30, 2023: 10:00 a.m.- Full Board
- November 11, 2023: 10:00 a.m.- Exec Board only
- January 13, 2024: 10:00 a.m.- Full Board
- April 6, 2024: 10:00 a.m.- Exec Board only
- May 4 2024: 10:00 a.m.- Full Board
- June 23, 2024: Board Retreat - Location TBD
- June 24, 2024: 9:00 a.m. Exec Board Only and Leadership Workshop- Location TBD
- June 25-26, 2024: “*One World, Many Stories*” Joint State Literacy Conference with Iowa Association of School Librarians -- Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa
- June 26, 2024: Full Board immediately after close of conference