

ISTA Board Meeting  
January 14, 2007  
ISU

Present: Ed Jodlowski, Eric Ewan, Tina Winings, Ed Schwarz, Doug Jennings, BJ Lawrence, Bob Neuleib, Lauren Morgan-Przybylo, Jeff Przybylo, Carrie Schreiber, Ed Schwarz

**I. Call to order**

9:40 am

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved

Ed S. moves to approve all 3 sets of minutes as amended

Tina seconds

Motion carries

**III. Officer Reports**

A. Immediate Past President/Convention Chair - Ed Schwarz

**Summary of Report**

The convention budget is in his report

Long term planning committee chaired by Ed S.

Includes Ed J., Eric, Jeff, Christina, Susan

Charge is to look at future conferences and see what changes need to be made to improve membership and the convention for the current members

Discussion of Swap shop and handouts

B. President - BJ Lawrence

**Summary of Report**

Will wait on report to come with other issues at the meeting

C. President Elect - Ed Jodlowski

Past convention

Evaluations summary of October convention

Discussion of comments from the convention both from Ed J. and Tina

Creating tests, testing info, test taking strategies

Future Convention

**Summary of Report**

Program possibilities at the convention

Media in the classroom

Debate in the classroom

Reading

Lauren suggests looking at NCA book

Theatre - lighting???

Teacher burnout

Community college level - Non-native speakers

Program Structure

We need reports ahead of time so we can get the packets together ahead of time so the meeting is less stressful on Thursday night

- Change the opening of the convention a little bit
  - Recognize new members - host/hostess
  - General meeting at the beginning
  - Keynote at 9:00
  - Do we need to have the Town Hall Meeting?
  - Move the president's reception up a little bit
- Perhaps begin the reception at 5:00 - try to get people to come before they go to dinner - special invites?
- Drink tickets handed out at the door??

Convention reception hosted by the president - change the name???

Still honor the past presidents at the reception

Discussion of Saturday schedule

Concern about how to get people to come

Graduate paper sessions

Short course idea on Saturday??

9:00 to 11:00 am

Closing session 11:00 - 11:45

Questions to consider

Swap Shop? Expand?

Silent auction

Less items? Can we make it more related to ISTA?

Carrie will help do this type of thing - Schreiber's

Come with ideas for the baskets at April meeting

Presidential Display??

All on a CD - will be utilized at the convention

Door Prizes??

\$100.00 cash

Hotel donated one night stay

Gift certificate to restaurant

Joe's Crab Shack will donate Doug believes

Vendors??

D. First Vice President - Eric Ewan

Dates - October 16, 17, 18, 2008

Contract has been passed along to Doug

Theme will be "Communication Renaissance"

Open to any suggestions we can make to assist in the process

E. Second Vice President - Jeff Przybylo

Watching what Ed J. and Eric are doing

Will begin looking for a site for his convention

F. Executive Vice President - Jan Heiteen

Not present - no report

G. Treasurer - Adam Jenkins (2007 Budget needs vote - contingent upon final information of audit).

Not Present

Budget

Discussion of Ed J. convention budget

Concern about the lack of presentation of income as opposed to just seeing the Expenditures

Ed S. would like to call for a more detailed budget in the future - at the April meeting with inclusion of income and expenditures

Discussion of two proposed budgets

Ed S. moves to tentatively approve the budget labeled #2

Jeff seconds

Motion passes

We will ask Adam to work with Bob on how to set up the budget to reflect income and expenditures more clearly

Should we invest in software to help with the budget information

Quicken - would like Adam to investigate software

H. Secretary - Carrie Schreiber

No report

Approval of Minutes was completed at this time

I. Executive Secretary - Bob Neuleib

Central office has information for Ed J. for his convention

Lincoln-Douglas high school speaking celebration

Meeting on Tuesday to work on rules and format

CITE conference is interested in getting a GIFTS program - open to suggestions of people who would like to present - email Bob with suggestions  
It would be nice to have ISTA help with the GIFTS session

#### **IV. Committee and Commission Reports**

##### A. Higher Ed - Elighie Wilson

Not present - no report

##### B. Journal - Craig Cutbirth

Not present - no report

##### C. Media Education - Doug Jennings

No report

##### D. Membership/PR - Tina Winings

###### **Summary of Report**

Tina has a ton of plans to make connections with the membership included in her report

The board would like to see some sort of brochure created by the SDTC about how to create a debate team - similar to the SCOTIE information

##### E. Newsletter - Lauren Morgan & Jeff Przybylo

Deadline for Newsletter submissions is February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Call for programs

President's letter

Important dates

Dave Schiedecker's death

PR - milestones and recognitions

Fall new coaches workshop

Retiree's recognition

##### F. SCOTIE - Susan Daniels, Ken Carter

Not present - Tournament is the last weekend in February

##### G. SDTC/Debate - Christina Tallungan

Not present - sent a report

H. Theatre - Tom Dzuirson

Not present - no report

Aware he needs to have convention programs

## V. Old Business

A. Resolution of Sandford/Sanford Award spelling (tabled) Update Policy Manual

Lauren moves to remove from the table

Tina seconds

Motion carries

Bob & Doug found a copy of the 25<sup>th</sup> newsletter and the correct spelling is

SANDFORD

Reflect this in all manuals of operation and constitution - make corrections and changes

Issue has been resolved

B. Sandford/Sanford Lifetime convention fees (tabled) will need to update Manual & Constitution to avoid discrepancy of content

Tina moves to remove from table

Eric seconds

Motion carries

Do we want to continue to honor lifetime membership for SANDFORD award winners

The policy manual and the constitution need to reflect the same standard

They do not at this time

The policy manual says that lifetime fees and convention fees should be paid

The constitution indicates only waiving life membership fee.

Discussion ensues

Ed S. moves that we henceforth do not include convention fees with the Sandford award, anyone who we has already received the award would be grandfathered in and we would make it an option for them to pay convention fees

We need to change the policy and procedure manual to reflect this change

Ed J. seconds

Discussion - we will update the policy and procedure manual as a board action

Motion carries

- C. High School Coaches Workshop registration cost concerns (do fees need to be raised to cover all expenses?)

Discussion about raising the cost of the workshop to \$25 for first member of a school and \$20 for the second member to cover the cost of the workshop

- D. ISTA's financial/involvement role with the ISU National K-12 Conference (tabled) - Doug Jennings

Lauren moves to remove the item from the table

Tina seconds

Motion carries

Doug explains the purpose and charge of this conference

This would be during the summer of 2008

4 day conference possibility

Asking for name support from ISTA attached to this workshop

Ed S. moved that ISTA serve as a name support for the ComEducate conference in June 2008

Lauren seconds

Motion carries

- E. 2006 Review update (may affect 2007 Budget vote when completed)

BJ has the questions from Colleen and then the review can be completed

- F. CSCA Panels from ISTA

All three were accepted at CSCA

"Communicating in 'MySpace': Challenges of Computer Mediated Communication"

"Traditions, Evolutions, and Educational Applications in Reader's Theatre: A Review of the Institute for Reader's Theatre"

"Spreading the Word on the Importance of Communication"

All three will be presenting at the convention in late March/Early April

ISTA will be well represented at CSCA

BJ did send acknowledgement of service to Bill Kirksey and Tom Witting

## VI. New Business

- A. NCA State's Advisory Meeting - San Antonio, Texas

1. Report on the session

2. State's Spotlight Panel for 2007 NCA Convention - Chicago  
(February 15 deadline)

BJ discusses the possibility of being involved in this and submitting a program for spotlight

"Keeping the faith in the state organization"

Panel - include BJ, Lauren, Jeff, Ed S., Bob N., Jan?, Elighie?, Connie?, Doug  
November 15-18, 2007

BJ will write and submit the program by February 15

3. Nominations for NCA State's Advisory awards

Think about possibilities for these awards - deadline is May 15

We will discuss more at the April meeting

We need to involve Jan to help nominate our members

Discussion of Oberle award nomination

Doug moves to nominate Tina Winings for this award

Lauren seconds

Motion carries

Tina will be our nomination for the Oberle award

Discussion of the Young teacher nominee and BJ will take care of this

B. Report from Graduate Competitive Panel Proposal - Craig Cutbirth

Report in April

C. Report from Subcommittee for Convention Changes - Jeff Przybylo

Report in April

D. ISTA convention issue - high school with nonpayment for two years - Doug Jennings

The check has come and this issue has been taken care of by Doug and Bob

E. Other business

**VII. Meetings**

Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 9:30 am at Prairie State in Chicago Heights

**VIII. Adjournment**

Ed moves to adjourn

Eric seconds

Meeting adjourned 12:25pm