

ISTA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Members Present: B. J. Lawrence, Ed Jodlowski, Ken Carter, Elighie Wilson Tina Winings, Bob Neulieb, Eric Ewan, Adam Jenkins, Jeff Przybylo, Lauren Morgan, Marty Warren, Doug Jennings, Carrie Schreiber, Craig Cutbirth, Jan Heiteen, Ed Schwarz

Absent with excuse: Christine Tallungan

I. Call to Order 7:00 pm

II. Approval of Minutes – minutes were approved as circulated

III. Officer Reports

A. President – B.J. Lawrence

B. J. corrected an issue of confusion resulting from the August Board meeting long range planning session regarding the election of commission members. In the midst of the energy to retain Ken and Christine on the board for another year, the statement was made that Commission members are recommended for replacement on the ISTA board. In actuality, the Commissioners are elected by SCOTIE and SDTC and ISTA acknowledges their selection. A motion to retain Ken Carter and Christine Tallungan as representatives to the ISTA board from SCOTIE and STDC was made and passed. B. J. also stated she had sent a letter to Moraine Valley thanking them for changing the date of their forensic tournament to not conflict with the ISTA convention. SDTC and SCOTIE membership forms will be added to future convention registration documents.

B. President-Elect - Ed Jodlowski

Ed asked that we check the convention program for errors

Ed announced the details of the bidding process for the Silent Auction. The bids will close on Saturday, at 11:20 a.m.

Eric Ewan and Carrie Schreiber were thanked for their work in assembling the baskets for the Silent Auction.

C. First Vice President -Eric Ewan – no report

D. Second Vice President - Jeff Przybylo

Discussed problems with hotel contracts for the 2009 convention. He is working to waive breakout room fees.

E. Executive Vice President - Jan Heiteen

Jan indicated that all award recipients have been notified.
Jan was thanked for her years of service on the ISTA board and for her recent service as the Executive Vice-President.
Jan is still working to fill the open board positions for 2008.

F. Treasurer - Adam Jenkins

Adam gave the treasurer's report indicating a balance for October 2007 of \$31,123.59. Income accounts total \$19,444.00. Adam indicated he is still using the computer system to manage the organization's finances. He stated there is \$400 available in the media account for a Webmaster. Four hundred dollars was made for the Coaches' Workshop held in September.

G. Secretary – Carrie Schreiber – no report

H. Executive Secretary - Bob Neuleib

Bob is still looking for back issues of journals and board reports and asked that those be sent to him at ISU.

I. Higher Education Chair - Elighie Wilson

Elighie will leave the board as Higher Education Chair and he was thanked for his service to the board in that position. He strongly encouraged the board to continue with the Graduate Paper Competition.

J. Journal Editor - Craig Cutbirth

Craig stated that the ISTA Journal is published and will be distributed at the convention to delegates and mailed to those members not attending. He is rewriting the editorial policy for the Journal. Copies will be sent to EBSCO.

K. Membership/PR Chair - Tina Winnings

Tina reported on a great response from the New Coaches' Workshop in September. She has sent notices to current ISTA members who are not attending the convention. She will also send data on ISTA to other state organization. She will distribute a membership survey during the Friday luncheon.

L. Newsletter Editor - Lauren Morgan

The newsletter was sent out third class mail to save costs. The next newsletter will be in January 2008.

M. SCOTIE - Ken Carter (Marty Warren)

Ken introduced Marty Warren, the Senior Chair for SCOTIE. Marty will also attend ISTA board meetings with Ken during 2007-2008. The SCOTIE tournament will be at COD in February. Phyllis Warr is arranging for room rates for the tournament.

N. Media Education - Doug Jennings

Doug reported on convention registration and the process for registration during the convention. He has a team of students from ISU to assist with the process, to serve as timers and runners and as photographers.

O. STDC – Christine Tallungan

Christina's report was presented in her absence. Dates for the JV/Novice State Championship tournament is March 7-8, 2008, at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. New features will include Summer Camp Awards for Novice Policy Top Speaker and Novice Policy Champions sponsored by Northwestern University and the University of Michigan. \$500 college scholarship for one senior will be awarded. The 2009 JV/Novice State Championships will be March 6-7 at Glenbrook North High School.

V. Old Business

B. J. Lawrence reviewed the individual Executive Board goals sent to her for 2008 and distributed the list to attendees.

Scholarship distribution for SCOTIE winners was postponed (not tabled) for discussion at a later board meeting.

VI. New Business

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.