

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Agenda

Pizza Ranch

Ames, IA

April 18, 2015 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by President Deb Mortensen at 1:04 PM. Nancy Wright and Heidi Stangl will read and approve the minutes.
- II. Old Business
 - a. Restructuring our Board of Directors or rezoning our state needs to be constantly discussed. Numerous local councils are struggling.
 - b. There will be a council poster session at International Convention. Nancy Wright discussed possible items to add to a poster.
 - c. Future state-wide book studies were discussed. The 2016 Conference Chairs think members might like two of Doug Fisher's books and/or a Donalyn Miller book.
 - d. The purchase of new computer for Clark Goltz, Executive Director, was approved at the last meeting and the cost should be taken from Line item 105.04.
- III. New Business
 - a. President Elect/Conference Chair Nancy White asked to discuss author Eric Litwin's Contract as an example to seek clarification of contract payment demands. Even though certain speakers give specific requests for advance payment of their fees our method of auditing dictates that we pay a certain way: speaker fees are paid at conferences and expenses paid after submission.
 - b. Co-Vice President Debra Wake asked if it was possible to give a Scholarship to attend state convention for paraprofessionals in memory of a former paraprofessional who died but liked to attend IA Reading conference. After discussion it was suggested that this scholarship could be added as a Misc. line item for next year's conference.
 - c. Awards Banquet script should be the President's role.
 - d. Achievement Awards—Nancy Wright suggested that we apply for the International Literacy Association's Council Achievement Award. The award is given for exceptional achievement in the areas of Teacher Empowerment, Community Engagement, and Public Awareness by engaging in activities and efforts that aid in the fight to eliminate illiteracy in our world. Nancy submitted our intent to participate to ILA. We need to submit a 3-5 minute video by April 30, 2015 to Councils@reading.org to demonstrate how we empower teachers in our state in order to be considered for the award. We can participate in the Poster Session for Councils at the St. Louis ILA convention even if we do not get a video submitted. Nancy asked for volunteers to put together a video.
 - e. Change name of organization? Table until later.
- IV. Discussion Items
 - a. No additional discussion items. It was decided that the Executive Board will not need to meet on May 2, 2015.
- X. Announcements
 - a. Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, May 2, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Pizza Ranch, Ames (CANCELLED)
 - b. Board of Directors Retreat, Sunday, June 21, 2015, 3:00 p.m., Pizza Ranch, Ames

- c. Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday, June 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m., Pizza Ranch, Ames
- d. Leadership, Monday, June 22, 2015, 10:00 a.m., The Hotel at Gateway, Ames
- e. Iowa Reading Association Conference, June 23-24, 2015, ISU, Scheman Conference Center, Ames, IA
- f. International Reading Association Convention, July 17 -20, 2015, St. Louis, MO.

X. Wendy Matson made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 PM; Michelle Swanson seconded; and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Iowa Reading Association Secretary