

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Scheman Center, Ames, IA

June 29, 2016

I. The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Heidi Stangl and Debra Wake at 4:30 p.m. Present: Nancy White, Deb Mortensen, Clark Goltz, Michelle Swanson, Nancy Wright, Wendy Matson, Heidi Stangl, Stephanie Laird, Renee Thomas, Lois Van Houwelingen, Diane Bean, Rebecca Pashek, Debra Wake, Tammy Hoppe, Julie Schuller and Mary Daughetee.

II. Approval and/or additions to the agenda- Under New Business added h. Book study 2017, i. Quint-County Reading Council, j. Scheman contracts. Renee Thomas moved and Lois Van Houwelingen seconded the agenda as amended. All were in favor. President Heidi Stangl officially welcomed Mary Daughetee as Zone C Director and Julie Schuller as Vice President.

III. Diane Bean and Wendy Matson volunteered to read the June 29, 2016 minutes. Deb Mortensen will send the minutes to them electronically for their approval before putting on the Iowa Reading Association website.

IV. Approval of the April 9, 2016 minutes. Diane Bean wanted to add (under 8e) that she sent a written report because she could not be in attendance. The motion was made by Wendy Matson and seconded by Lois Van Houwelingen that we approve these minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

V. State Coordinator Update: Nancy Wright shared that evaluations were favorable about Leadership, 2016. Those in attendance liked Regie Routman and Buck Wilder. Nancy was thanked for her organization of our outstanding Leadership Workshop again this year

VI. New Business

- a. Co-Presidents Heidi Stangl and Debra Wake reviewed the state committee chairs for the coming year. Creative Writing/Poetry- Creative Writing Chair, Becky Pashek would like to discuss the notes taken at this year's young author event. This will be an item at the October Board Meeting. Becky also expressed her appreciation to all board members who welcomed the students to the event on Tuesday.
- b. State Secretary's Term- Debra Wake moved and Becky Pashek seconded that Deb Mortensen continue as secretary for the 2016-2017 year. This will be the final year of the newly created 3 year term for secretary. All were in favor.
- c. State Treasurer's Term- The term for state treasurer is now three years. Michelle Swanson was appointed for a three year term 2016-2019. Nancy White moved and Mary Daughetee seconded. All were in favor.
- d. Budget Committee- Michelle Swanson would like vouchers returned by July 10, 2016 so that Alex at TD &T can pay conference/leadership/international conference expenses. The green voucher is for two months (July and August) and must be submitted by August 23, 2016. We will then be issued a new voucher for the 2016-2017 school/association year.
- e. Newsletter- Deb Mortensen told the board that articles are due Labor Day for the fall edition of the newsletter. A new column "Dive Into Award Winning Books" will feature

books Becky Pashek shared at Leadership. Michelle Swanson will write about making donations to the memorial awards. Deb will send out a reminder to all those who are writing articles for the newsletter.

- f. Set 2017 Conference registration fees- Prices will remain the same for conference 2017. Early registration cut off will be April 1, 2017.
- g. Meeting dates for the coming year are listed below. Executive Board meetings are attended by the Presidents, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, Director of Membership Development, State Coordinator and Past President. Regular Board meetings are attended by all the above mentioned and Zone Directors.
- h. Book Study- Clark Goltz mentioned that several people would be interested in a Steven Layne book study. Three Rivers Reading Council has developed a book study for In Defense of Read Aloud that we could use. Steven Layne may not be at the 2017 state conference. Stephanie Laird, conference chair, moved and Becky Pashek seconded that we host this second book study. All were in favor. Nancy White moved and Wendy Matson seconded that we will also add \$250.00 to line item 118 for Clark Goltz to monitor this additional book study. The motion passed.
- i. Quint County Reading Council- Deb Mortensen shared that Quint-County will disband as of September 1, 2017. A letter will be sent out to current members explaining where the treasury and archives will go. This letter will be discussed at our September board meeting so further discussion can occur regarding struggling and eventually disbanding councils. She also wondered if there was need for a Zone D Director and if not, would current Zone Director, Megan Benson, remain Nominations chair?
- j. Scheman Contracts- Our contract with Scheman will end with the 2017 conference. Pat Dennis has some dates for us. We must secure a contract with them to lock in rates and dates. Renee Thomas moved and Michelle Swanson seconded that we sign contracts for 2018-2020. All were in favor.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Conference chairs Heidi Stangl and Debra Wake thanked everyone for helping with the conference. 150 people used Sched. This scheduling app will cost \$100 more to use for the next conference. Debra Wake will look at the data we received from it and pass the information on to Stephanie Laird. Other suggestions included adding room numbers to Sched and possibly asking concurrent speakers if they are willing to present to a local council. If so, what fee would they charge? The vendors at conference seemed pleased. Renee Thomas told us to send any photos we took to her so they could be posted on our Facebook page. She also asked our feelings about Group Me.
- b. Nancy White and Stephanie Laird visited with Pat Dennis about next year's conference meals. Day 1 will be the cheeseburger buffet/brownies and day 2 grilled chicken buffet/brownies. The Awards Banquet will serve parmesan crusted chicken.

VIII. Announcements

- a. International Literacy Association Convention, July 9-11, 2016, Boston, MA
- b. Iowa Reading Association Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames

- c. Iowa Reading Association Board Meeting, Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames
- d. Iowa Reading Association Board Meeting, Saturday, January 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames (Snow Date January 21) Executive Board 1:00 p.m.
- e. Iowa Reading Association Board Meeting, Saturday April 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames, Executive Board 1:00 p.m.
- f. Iowa Reading Association Executive Board Meeting Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames
- g. Iowa Reading Association Board of Directors Retreat 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 25, 2017, Pizza Ranch, Ames
- h. Leadership Workshop ,Monday, June 26, 2017, Gateway Center, Ames
- i. Iowa Reading Association Conference "Dive Into Reading", Tuesday-Wednesday, June 27-28, 2017, Scheman Center, Iowa State University
- j. International Literacy Conference- Orlando, FL., July, 2017

IX. Renee Thomas moved and Nancy White seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:20. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Mortensen, Iowa Reading Association Secretary