

Iowa Reading Association  
Board Meeting Minutes

Scheman Center/Conference Rm. 080 , Iowa State University, June 26, 2019

- I. The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Co-President Kathleen Konrardy at 4:40.
- II. Present were Michelle Swanson, Laurie Weekly, Julie Anderson, Clark Goltz, Renae Wilkening, Rebecca Pashek, Deb Mortensen, Kelsey Nilles, Mary Daughetee, Kathleen Konrardy, Diane Bean, Julie Neal, Nancy Wright, Tony Pieper, Marlene Reece, Erick Schroyer, Julie Schuller and Kelly Neumann.
- III. Deb Mortensen moved and Julie Schuller seconded the agenda for this meeting as printed.
- IV. Erick Schroyer and Renae Wilkening volunteered to read the June 26, 2019 minutes. Secretary Deb Mortensen will send them electronically for their approval.
- V. Tony Pieper was introduced as Co-director for the Central Iowa region. Laurie Weekly and Dani Woodman were introduced as newly elected Co-Vice Presidents.
- VI. Old Business:
  - a. Conference chairs Kathleen Konrardy and Mary Daughetee thanked everyone for their assistance with the 2019 state reading conference. We discussed possible changes for next year. Could we move the author's signing table? Could concurrent sessions be moved away from the kitchen area? The language coming from the kitchen was not always appropriate.
  - b. Iowa Association of School Librarians- Their award winners will be at our Awards Banquet next year. There were more sessions offered for them this year. 33% of their members were at the conference and their participation in this joint conference has improved. It was moved and seconded (Kelly Neumann/Erick Schroyer) that we continue hosting a joint conference with IASL. All were in favor.
- VII. New Business:
  - a. Scholastic will be returning to the Iowa Reading Conference in 2020. Co-Presidents Mary Daughetee and Kathleen Konrardy shared new state

- committee chairs. Renae Wilkening will submit an article for the fall newsletter about Merit Council. Barnes and Noble were happy with their vendor location this year.
- b. Nancy Wright directed us to look at the board book for an updated Leadership/State Coordinator report. She will also send out the “Iowa Reading Cheer” she shared at a concurrent session about being a member of the Iowa Reading Association.
  - c. Budget- All checks were submitted for payment. We need to schedule a Zoom meeting to discuss next year’s budget.
  - d. Newsletter- Articles are due to Deb Mortensen by Labor Day for fall edition. She will ask Cori how the archived newsletters can be available for “members only.”
  - e. Past President will remain on the Executive Board. We will need to change the Bylaws if we continue this practice after this coming year. This person will be ex-officio. Will they have a vote?
  - f. Michelle Swanson moved and Julie Anderson seconded that we employ Julie Neal as Executive Director, replacing Clark Goltz, who has served the last ten years. All were in favor.
  - g. Reassignment of Duties- Because the Executive Director has so many things to get organized for state conference, the state secretary will do all printing for Leadership workshop. Deb Mortensen will need all hard copies for printing by June 1, 2020.
  - h. Conference “Committees”- We used to have these so the conference chair(s) could delegate duties. We will discuss this at a future meeting. Kathleen Konrardy is willing to set up Sched for next year’s conference.
  - i. Miscellaneous- Tony Pieper asked if he could vote as Central Iowa Regional Director. Because he is a co-director, he and Rebecca Pashek will count as one vote.
- VIII. Adjourn: Erick Schroyer made a motion that we adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Kelly Neumann seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Mortensen, Secretary

Announcements:

August 10, 2019- 10:00 a.m. Zoom meeting- (Executive Board) 2019-2020 Budget

September 28, 2019-10:00 a.m. (Executive Board) Pizza Ranch, Ames

October 19, 2019- 10:00 a.m. (Full Board) Pizza Ranch, Ames

January 11, 2020- 10:00 a.m. (Executive Board) Pizza Ranch, Ames

April 18, 2020- 10:00 a.m. (Full Board), Pizza Ranch, Ames

May 16, 2020- 10:00 a.m. (Executive Board) Pizza Ranch, Ames

June 21, 2020- TBD, (Full Board) Pizza Ranch, Ames

June 22, 2020- TBD (Full Board Retreat)