

IOWA ACADEMY OF EDUCATION

April 27, 2007

9.30 – 2:00 p.m.

Belin-Blank Center, University of Iowa

Present: Brennan, Colangelo, Davis (minutes), Hlebowitsh, Lohman, Jepsen, Kolen, Pascarella, Phye, Schuh, Stefanich, Thompson (President), Whitt, Yager, members; Vaske, staff

Absent: Alper, Andre (secretary), Bills, Blount, Cornett, DeVries, Jackson, Sitlington, Thomas, members; Frerichs, staff

Ann Thompson, President, opened with a welcome and a presentation of an IAE silver plate to Jo Vaske engraved “Jo Vaske Iowa Academy of Education Founder and Leader 1996-2007” to thank her for all her contributions. Jo thanked IAE and said “This was the best thing you could have done for me.” Pictures were taken to commemorate the event and will be made available through the IAE web site.

Ann Thompson gave the sad news that Walt Gmelch has lost his wife in a tragic pedestrian accident and would appreciate hearing from IAE members.

The business meeting began and it is reported in the order of the agenda, although the order moved at times.

I. Minutes of October 13, 2006 meeting that were distributed electronically were approved with one amendment.

II. Jepson reported the FINE Board meeting the previous week, which focused on final activities before its closure in July. The final FINE foundation activities included: scholarships (up to 3 p.a.) to support the Action Research by upper elementary teachers through the UNI math masters program; one final FINE Newsletter; and funding for a monograph resulting from the last FINE conference.

Jepson announced that the remaining funds in the foundation, approximate \$100,000, would be given to IAE with the agreement that was tabled (green page) and the meeting thanked Jepson and Thompson for their work with the FINE Board. Vaske noted that the Board wanted to be sure that IAE retained its mission to support schools to use educational research.

The meeting discussed investment of the funding to make the best income from interest and noted that the goal was to keep costs near zero by obtaining tax exempt status and working closely with members. While it was noted that the University of Iowa

Foundation would cover such costs in its overhead, the IAE noted that item 5 in the tabled agreement proposed by the FINE Foundation explicitly forbade such management. Management supported by the University of Iowa was not excluded.

III.A. The IAE relationship with Iowa Association of School Boards was discussed, including their interest in dissemination of research to School Boards and K-12 schools. It was noted that IASB was one of a number of organizations with whom IAE could beneficially collaborate and that an appropriate relationship with IASB would be a good first step. It was agreed to form a working group with one representative from each Regents' University and for that working group to report back to the fall meeting of IAE. The group agreed was: Jerry Thomas, Dave Lohman and Greg Stefanich. In addition, it was agreed to invite Ron and Mary from IASB to the fall meeting, or the appropriate part of it.

- **Action: Working Group (Jerry Thomas, Dave Lohman and Greg Stefanich) on relationship with bodies such as IASB to work and report back to the fall meeting.**
- **Action: President to invite Ron and Mary from IASB to the fall meeting, or the appropriate part of it.**

III.B. The IAE noted that, following our commitment to the FINE Board and our email vote, there is a need to craft rewording of IAE Constitution Article II: Purpose to include a reference to the connection between research findings and PreK-16 policy and practice. A summary of the email IAE Proposal Responses was tabled.

- **Action: Peter Hlebowitsh undertook to receive IAE members suggestions and to craft changes to the IAE Constitution as a meeting agreed by the President. The changes would include both Article II: Purpose and Article IV: Officers (see item VII).**
- **Action: The President undertook to send a memo about the amendments to the constitution to all members of the Academy.**

IV. The members reported scholarly activities since the previous meeting.

- **Action: Jo Vaske requested that members email her about honors and awards for the final FINE Newsletter by the following Tuesday.**
- **Action: The President promised an article on the IAE's future to Vaske.**

V. Dean Sandra Damico joined the meeting to discuss UI sponsorship of the IAE. In discussion the Dean noted that she recognized that supporting IAE was a valuable contribution to the state of Iowa and she was pleased to offer a central location in UI. Through the Dean the University of Iowa offered IAE:

- Support from a secretary with a year round contract. Bob Brennan's secretary Jennifer Jones was named and it was noted that she was very conscientious and competent, including web site skills, and was being reclassified to a P&S classification. Jennifer Jones was later introduced to the academy.
- \$3,000 - \$4000 p.a.

- An office for the IAE Executive Director with storage space, desk, computer, Internet, and printer. The likely location was the refurbished second floor of the Linquist South building along with Emeritus Professors of UI.
- Space to host the IAE web site. The IAE web site would not have to follow UI design specifications. The IAE web site would be linked to all three Regent's universities' web sites and include all three university logos.

The Agreement amended and endorsed by the FINE Foundation Board and their attorney was tabled. Dean Sandra Damico briefly read the agreement and noted that she would need the approval of UI solicitors before it could become possible to sign it, because she would be “committing me and people who follow me.” The Dean also agreed to revision of the 10/10/06 memo to confirm the support listed above.

- **Action: Thompson and Brennan to follow-up the Agreement and Memo with Dean Sandra Damico and UI.**

It was noted that transfer of IAE materials would take place to UI before the closure of the FINE Foundation in July.

- **Action: Vaske volunteered to provide the current files from the IAE web site along with other resources belonging to IAE.**
- **Action: Jenson noted that he would be happy to relocate the five boxes that he was currently storing for IAE in his garage.**

VI. Jo Vaske explained that the FINE Foundation wished to leave a legacy to remember its good work over the years. A summary of the IAE accomplishments was tabled and it was noted that the IAE “was established by the FINE Foundation in 1996.” The Academy unanimously voted to amend the name of the IAE to “*The Iowa Academy of Education Created and Supported by the FINE Foundation*” (Proposed: Phye; Seconded Colangelo)

VII. Jepson noted that the IAE would have a tenuous future without an Executive Director, and referred to the memo of 10/109/06 that he and Colangelo had written to the University of Iowa about relocation of the IAE. A motion was made and passed: “To establish an Executive Director position with preference for a person who is a member or has emeritus status and that the responsibility of the post be recognized with a stipend to be paid by IAE. (Jepson proposed; Pascarella seconded; 13 in favor)

Jepson recommended that a position description be developed for this post, including financial management. Vaske briefly listed her duties, which has included: staff to officers, budgetary, roster of members, management of publications, arrangement of meetings, point person with IASB and other bodies.

- **Action: Thompson undertook to draft the position description for the IAE Executive Director, and requested input from the academy within a week.**

Following additional discussion the academy noted that:

- The IAE Executive Director’s stipend (or honorarium) would be agreed with the Executive Council and noted that it may be paid monthly in arrears, because it would take time for interest to accrue.

- The mode of appointment for an Executive Director was discussed and the following motion passed unanimously: The Executive Council to seek input from the academy and then the Executive to make the decision (Brennan proposed, Lohman seconded)
- The meeting discussed the constitution briefly and noted that the Executive Council would be increased to add the Executive Director.

VIII. Other items. It was agreed to resume committee business now that IAE has a clear future. Given that business had been on hold, it was agreed that the current membership would continue for an additional year:

- Membership Committee: Davis, DeVries, and Pascarella
- Urban Award Selection Committee: Lohman, Blount and Stefanich

The Urban Award was discussed briefly. Jo Vaske has contacted Thomas Urban and confirmed that his gift of \$2000 was still available. It was also confirmed that the FINE Foundation funds for dinner would no longer be available. The academy agreed that the Urban Award should continue and the presentation to the winner following the meeting in the fall. It was agreed that the nominations would be due June 1st, and that a decision be made by the committee by October 1st. Vaske agreed to send out an announcement to that effect and the membership agreed to support this dissemination of the announcement.

- **Action: Membership committee to seek and select new members to propose for IAE membership.**
- **Action: Vaske and membership disseminate news of Urban Award and its deadlines.**
- **Action: Urban Award Selection Committee to judge submissions and select a winner by October 1st.**
- **Action: Urban Award presentation following fall meeting of IAE. Friday October 26, after 2 pm.**

IX. The next meeting of the IAE was agreed to take place in ISU on Friday October 26, 9.30 – 2 pm. John Shuh and Liz Whitt agreed to make a presentation on their research of college students. The meeting will invite IASB and include a report from that working group.

- **Action: IAE Meeting on Friday October 26, 9.30 – 2 pm at ISU**
- **Action: John Shuh and Liz Whitt to make a presentation on their research of college students**
- **Action: Agenda to include IASB and working group report.**

Reported by Niki Davis, Temporary Secretary acting for Tom Andre