

International Association for Learning Alternatives
Board of Directors/Annual Meeting
June 2, 2009
Minutes - DRAFT

Present: Wayne Jennings, Ray Morley, Dan Daly

1. Chairman Jennings called the annual meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
2. The minutes from the June 22, 2007 Annual Meeting were approved.
3. No Annual meeting was held in 2008 as the proposed Summit at the Wingspread Conference Center was rejected.
4. Treasurer's report: Dan Daly.
 - 2008 income: \$6017, expenses:\$9716, assets: \$36,820.
 - Current assets: \$36,342. 2009 Budget: \$27,750.
 - Federal Tax Form 990-N was filed May 13, 2009, MN tax return extended to August.
 - IALA remains in a financial maintenance mode.
5. Position paper
 - Versions of the 2008 Position Paper, approved by the Boards of the MN Association of Alternative Programs and the Iowa Association of Alternative Educators were discussed. The Paper was amended and finalized into a single version
6. Membership
 - Discussion to liquidate IALA, decision to continue.
 - Discussed organizational memberships and benefits. The Website, National Center proposal and a collective voice for policy/legislation favorable to alternatives were identified as main benefits. Decision to proceed with membership drive focusing on state organizations.
7. Operations
 - The need for a part time staff person was identified. Suggestions included an intern or a retired educator to serve as coordinator. Tasks would be mainly clerical: communications, database management, website management, etc. Daly will inquire with Education Evolving and the Humphrey Institute.
 - Wayne will continue to work with new volunteer webmaster, Peter Wieczorek, to improve the blog.
8. Goals
 - Morley suggested a bill for a National Center for Educational Options be introduced at the Federal level. Jennings suggested language supporting educational options, similar to the Position Paper, be introduced as federal legislation. Both will draft concepts.
 - A 2009 Summit for alternative education leaders was discussed. Approximately 20 state association presidents and leaders of similar organizations would be targeted and a stipend of \$300 - \$500 offered. The purpose would be to establish a coordinated voice for statutory changes that support options and the Position Paper. Suggested agenda items: Position Statement as discussion topics, how to sustain and be an effective organization and action items. A tentative date of September 24-25 in Bloomington, MN was established. Daly will verify state organization contacts and create a system to contact.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Daly.