

Minnesota Association for Alternative Programs (MAAP)  
IALA Task Force Meeting Summary  
August 22, 2000

Present: Dan Daly – Chair, Wally Campbell, Bill Jepson, Bill Zimmewicz, David Bly, Glory Kibbel, Gene Johnson, Lorin Ellertson, Dave Hagman, Mike Luger  
Absent: Patti Haasch, Wayne Jennings, Peggy Hunter, Julia Jilek, Steve Allen

### **Introduction/Background**

After many years of discussion, the states represented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual IAASP Conference in Minnesota voted to establish an “official” organization. MN was charged with submitting an initial organizational proposal by October 2000. The MAAP Board formed a Task Force, chaired by Dan Daly, to accomplish this. The goal of the Task Force is to produce an organizational structure and plan to be approved by a Provisional Board and presented for ratification at the 2001 Conference in Oregon. Elizabeth Quigley of PA will update Patterns.

### **History**

The “loose confederation” had its roots in Indiana in 1970, and has survived (miraculously) to the present. Roy Weaver of IN, Rita Thrasher of FL and Bob Fizzell of WA wrote historical pieces published in the ‘96-7 edition of Patterns, the same year Ray Morley of IA developed an operational structure for IAASP. **Lorin Ellertson** and **Patti Haasch** will research and produce a historical narrative for IALA.

### **Organizational Structure/Governance**

1. Assumptions
  - \* IALA should be a professional association open to anyone involved with alternative/choice/options education.
  - \*IALA development and management should be guided by state alternative associations and alternative program representatives of state education departments.
2. A Board of Directors operating according to by-laws should govern IALA. An Executive Director will administer IALA and report to the Board. A Provisional Board will be established to guide the work of the Task Force, that will act as the interim Exec. Dir. **David Bly** will produce a draft of working by-laws.
3. Proposed Mission Statement:  
**To lead, promote and support innovative learning experiences.**  
Proposed purposes:
  - **To provide an annual forum for professional growth, technical support and dissemination of best practices and resources.**
  - **To be a change agent for the traditional education system.**
  - **To represent common interests of alternative educators to the International community.**
  - **To provide ongoing dissemination of relevant information and resources.**
4. Operational Functions/Member Services
  - a. Annual Conference. –Establish selection criteria for site, set sites 2 years in advance and develop marketing strategies.
  - b. Establish and maintain website as primary communications system. Will include repository of best practices in multiple categories and system to disseminate. **Bill Jepson** interim webmaster, will propose website design. **Bill** and **Glory Kibbel** will develop repository.

- c. Publications/Newsletter. Should we endorse existing publications or establish our own? Do we need print materials? More questions than answers here. Proposal to endorse and support Changing Schools on an interim basis - need input from board.
- d. Youth Organization. **Wally Campbell** will develop a proposal to establish IALA STARS, modeled after the successful MAAP STARS organization. (Success, Teamwork, Achievement, Recognition, Self-esteem)
- e. Technical Support. Establish resources for programs and states to access assistance. Could be subsidized by IALA, fee based, brokered, etc. Open for ideas/suggestions.

### **Finance**

1. Pursue startup funding. **Dave Hagman, David Bly and Gene Johnson** will research possible federal grant and public sector sources, and **Bill Zimmewicz and Wayne Jennings** will research private sector sources. **Other suggestions and/or resources are welcome! Dan Daly, Bill Zimmewicz and David Bly** will propose a Task Force budget to the MAAP Board and draft a startup budget for IALA.
2. After startup (time frame TBD). IALA should strive to be self-sufficient through revenues from sources such as: Annual Conference, Dues, Grants, Publications, Public/Private subsidy, Foundation/ Endowment, etc. **Other Suggestions?**

### **Other**

It was suggested that conference organizers past, present and future (3year cycle) maintain regular contact for conference planning to insure continuous improvement and a successful conference. (Example for 2001: MN, OR and 2002 site TBD) **Bill Zimmewicz and Dave Hagman** will serve as contacts for Oregon planners.

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