

International Association for Learning Alternatives
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2004
Via Teleconference

Present: Wayne Jennings, Chair; Dave Lehman, Associate Chair; Lynn Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer; Dan Daly; Nathaniel Hosley; Ray Morley; Bill Scalise; Jackie Smith; Irv Zisselman; Don Glines

Absent: Cherie Exner; Elizabeth Quigley; Bob Barr

1. The meeting was called to order by Jennings at 11:00 CST. The agenda was approved with several additions.
2. The minutes of June 26-29, 2003 were approved.
3. A financial report was made showing a balance of \$19,227.67.
4. The committee report, Equitable sharing of conference profits by Morley, Lehman, Quigley calling for two options. Option one was adopted as follows:

IALA receives all membership dollars paid by participants for IALA membership before, during and after the conference (\$10 per person for conference attendees) . As well, IALA receives 10% of the profits for the conference after all bills have been paid. IALA receives a full accounting of dollars received, bills paid and all profits including private contributions for the conference. This proposal allows local and State associations to reap the majority of profits from any conference and IALA to have one source of income.

5. Vincent and Jennings presented an update on the 2004 Conference to be held in conjunction with a Michigan Alternative Education Association at Traverse City, Michigan at the Crystal Mountain Resort, April 28-May 1. A tentative outline of the conference is Attachment 2 below with suggested presenters. Conference planners welcome suggestions for presenters by IALA. A flyer for the conference will be sent in the next few weeks.
6. Daly led a discussion about a national STARS (youth group) legislative day. States planning legislative days are: Connecticut, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. There is interest in establishing a national legislative informational session for Congress and others. There will be a STARS presentations at the upcoming IALA conference in MI.
7. A definition of learning alternatives was presented and modified and approved as Attachment 1 below. It will be put on the web site and made into a flyer. In the process the mission was shortened to: To lead, promote and support learning alternatives in education.
8. The board decided to change an ex-official position on the Board by thanking Bob Barr for his service and asking Gene Howard from Colorado to serve pending his interest. See Attachment 3 for current list.
9. A possible name change was discussed such as changing the word "international" and using the word "options." It was decided to leave the name as is.

10. Jennings reported on the web site. We have 57 subscribers to our monthly blog e-mail. It was urged to bring this to the attention of as many others as possible since it represents our newsletter and our positions and is free. Names are confidential. People will receive a monthly email of recent news. Directions for subscribing:

-Go to IALA web site: www.learningalternatives.net

-On the right hand side of screen, enter your email address and hit subscribe.

11. IALA needs more publicity to accomplish its mission. We need contacts in each state and need to bring it to the attention of many other organizations that we represent an important mission for better education.

12. Attachment 4 has a list of known state organizations for people to update and add to. Glines will talk with Gene Howard about networking with other organizations.

13. Glines mentioned that we should be in contact with the International Schools Connection. Their web site is kristin.snyder@mh.se.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Attachment 1: Mission, Purposes, Beliefs

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Goals, Purposes, Beliefs

Mission

To lead, promote and support learning alternatives in education.

Definition

Learning alternatives are voluntary educational choices and options available to everyone.

Purpose

- Present a broad array of choices for learners and staff.
- Provide a continuum of schools from traditional to highly innovative public, home-based, and non-public.
- Exemplify democratic values through learner-centered participation.
- Reflect diverse cultures, interests and learning styles.
- Recognize that the learning process varies among individuals.
- Encourage innovative approaches and organizational models.

Rationale

People have a choice of political parties, religions, and automobiles. IALA believes they should also have choices of educational programs to maximize learner potential. Long-standing research in school reform proves there is no uniform model of education that can best serve **all** learners. Some may thrive in one program but do poorly in another. Multiple diverse choices offer opportunities for every learner. Genuine choices make it possible for learners to find the educational program that affirms and fulfills individual and societal goals.

Objective

IALA exists to assist communities in exploring and implementing a wide variety of educational options for each learner through the reallocation of resources and creative organizational designs.

Attachment 2: Annual Conference

IALA Michigan Conference April 28-May 1, 2004

Location: Crystal Mountain Resort, Traverse City, MI

Room reservations: 800-968-7686. Mention the Michigan Alternative Education Association conference for the special rate.

Tentative Schedule

Challenges, Changes, Choices

Wednesday Afternoon and Evening, April 28

4:00-7:00 Registration
7:30-9:00 Talent Show
9:00-12:30 Entertainment

Thursday, April 29

7:30 -12:00 Registration
7:30 -8:45 Breakfast
9:00 -10:00 Breakout sessions
10:15 -11:15 Breakout sessions
11:30 -1:15 Lunch, speaker John Mooy, Raffle
1:30 -2:30 Breakout sessions
2:45 -3:45 Breakout sessions
4:00 - 5:00 Breakout sessions
5:15 -6:00 Vendor displays and Networking
6:30 -9:00 Dinner, speaker, Election, Raffle
9:00 -12:30 Entertainment

Friday, April 30

7:30 -9:30 Registration
7:30 -8:45 Breakfast
9:00 -10:00 Breakout sessions
10:15 -11:15 Breakout sessions
11:20 -2:00 Lunch, Awards, Raffle
2:15 -3:15 Breakout sessions

3:30 -4:30 Breakout sessions
4:30 -6:00 Vendor displays and Networking
6:30 -9:00 Dinner, Speaker Bill Sanders, Election Results, Raffle
9:00 -12:30 Entertainment

Saturday, May 1

8:30 -9:45 Breakout sessions
10:00 -11:00 Breakout sessions
11:00 -12:30 Brunch, Speaker
12:30 Raffle, Wrapup

Brainstormed main presenters:

Annie White: Ray Morley has the number for this terrific speaker
Wayne Jennings: willing to do Schools for Tomorrow, Today
Gary Phillips: Reaching all students

Brainstormed Suggested breakout presenters:

Wayne Jennings: Startling Research
Bill Zimmewicz: Design for a charter school
Ron Newell: Project-based learning
Doug Thomas: Eduvisions and Gates grants
Dan Daly or othe MAAP: State organizations new directions
Ray Morley: School improvement planning,
Ray Morely: residential academies
Elizabeth Quigley: Middle Earth school
Dave Lehman: Ithaca Alternative Community School
Dave Lehman: new small schools project in OH, etc
Lynn Vincent: roundtable discussion on state activities: various people
Jerry Mintz: international alternative schools
David Bly: legislation for alternative school
IALA board member: This we believe: mission, purposes, goals, directions
Don Glines: future schools; year round schools
STARS session, several states—students if possible
Panel on testing: Ray Morley, Dave Lehman, Bill Zimmewicz
Nate Hosely: University programs for preparing alternative teachers
Someone: Jefferson County High School, Louisville
Someone: technology, Internet
Someone from the MI homeschooling association
Someone from a MI democratic school or Sudbury type school

Attachment 3: Roster of Board Members

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Attachment 4: Known State Organizations

State Associations 1-16-04

California - LeARN, The Learning Alternatives Resource Network
California Continuation Education Association www.cceanet.org/ President, Janet Knoeppel, 562-961-8613, JanetWK@aol.com

Colorado Options in Education

Connecticut Association of Alternative Schools & Programs CAASP www.caasp.org Contac, Bill Scalise, 860-779-6660 wscalise@killingly.k12.ct.us

Florida Association of Alternative School Educators

Georgia Association for Alternative Education

Hawaii Association for Alternative Education Services

Illinois Alternative Education Association

Indiana: State's Division of Alternative Education and Learning Options, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-0590 fax: 317-233-9293, Barbara Lucas blucas@doe.state.in.us and John Loflin did a study about Type I,II, III alternatives. There was a Hoosiers Association for Learning Alternatives, now defunct.

Iowa Association of Alternative Education - www.iaae.net President: Phyllis Harms, 712-253-4192 X175, Denison, IA.

Alternative Education Association of Maine

Michigan Alternative Education Organization MAEO www.maeo.org President: Terry Adams, 810-591-9928, tadams@mail.kearsley.k12.mi.us

Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs MAAP www.maapmn.org President: Deanna Chiodo, 763-241-3400, Elk River, MN

Missouri Association for Alternative Education MAAE maae.info/ Contact: Allan R. Schindler, (314) 892-2649

The Alternative Education Association of New Jersey

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Ohio Alternative Education Organization

Oregon Association for Alternatives In Education OAAE www.oaae.org President, Joan Higgins, joan_higgins@parkrose.k12.or.us

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