

**International Association for Learning Alternatives**  
Minutes of Board of Directors conference call, November 1, 2002

Present : Wayne Jennings, Lynn Vincent, Irv Zisselman, Don Glines

The meeting was called to order by Jennings at 10:00 CST.

The minutes of June 28, 2,002, in Duluth were approved as distributed.

The 2003 conference was discussed. It will be in King of Prussia, near Philadelphia, June 26-28, 2003. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is providing \$40,000 to defray costs particularly for their members in Pennsylvania but this will benefit IALA costs of the conference for mailings, speakers, etc. It is important that the conference provide strands for programs beyond at-risk learners. There might be sessions for beginners and advanced people to discuss the definitions and implications of educational alternatives. There should be programs for elementary schools, too. We should have a state leaders meeting to reach agreement about definitions and to offer suggestions for what can be done in each state to promote development of educational alternatives.

Zisselman reported that he is working on the definitions issue and asked if soliciting ideas via AERO would be OK. This was approved.

The membership report submitted by Wiley was approved which called for state membership dues based on the greater of \$10 per member or \$500. Members would receive discounts of \$50 at our conference and a 25% discount on publications. Jennings will work on an application and information sheet that can be used at other conferences and for mailings. A comprehensive mailing list is needed and will be worked on as resources permit.

Jennings reviewed the fundraising activities list provided by Hartnett. Other foundations such as Kellogg, Mott and Nabisco were suggested for support.

Glines reported for the publications committee. The *Educational Alternatives for Everyone* book has undergone final editing. He is sending master pages and a diskette so that additional copies can be printed. Two or three orders come in each week. The video tape on the famous Wilson Campus School has been updated and will soon be available through IALA. We should be on the lookout for other materials such as articles and videos from other alternative schools. Jerry Mintz has agreed to do a booklet on international alternatives. Ron Miller is providing a free ½ page in *Paths of Learning* magazine for the Glines book and has offered to publish an ad for IALA in exchange for promoting his materials. To the extent possible, we should try to have flyers on all our materials and information on the web site. Jennings is working on *Changing Schools* which will be available electronically and in print form. The Publications Committee consists of Glines and Jennings and is open to additional members.

A revision of the budget was approved as resources have not been available for the original budget.

Hartnett's updated work plan was approved. Jennings reported on conversations with Dennis White who heads the National Alternative Education Association, a small group that cosponsors of a conference for at-risk youth in Orlando, January 16-18, 2,003. Conversations will continue with this group for areas of mutual interest.

**Board Members are encouraged to send Hartnett their home and work addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses so that a list can be distributed to each of us.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 CST.

Minutes by Jennings.