

IJEA Board Meeting Minutes

9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 14, 2008
(Springfield Hilton, Springfield, IL)

In attendance: Sarah Doerner, James Tidwell, Susan Hathaway-Tantillo, Sally Turner, Lynn Holley, Joni Paige, Heather Tanner, Jennifer Reiser, Mike Doyle, Randy Swikle, Kim Filson.

Absent: Dan Kerns, John Gonczy, Stan Zoller, Kelly McBride, Barb Thill, Deb Malcolm, Cathy Wall, Linda Jones

I. Sarah called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. She appointed Heather Tanner to be Acting Secretary for the meeting. Sarah recognized James Tidwell's award for the SJD Journalism Educator of the Year, which will be awarded Aug. 7, 2008 in Chicago. She also recognized Sally Turner, who according to Dr. Tidwell has earned tenure and is now an associate professor at EIU.

II. Approval of March 1, 2008 Minutes: Lynn Holley made a motion to approve the minutes; Joni Paige seconded. Approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report/Membership Update (Susan Tantillo). Susan presented a written treasurer's report, which was reviewed and accepted.

IV. Old/Ongoing Business:

A. Sally reported on the IJEA 2008 Regional Directors Election. Board members Joni Paige, Mike Doyle, Stan Zoller, Dan Kerns, Heather Tanner and Cathy Wall were re-elected for a three-year term until 2011.

B. Update on IJEA Awards:

1. JOY: Randy Swikle reported on the students who were selected to receive JOY awards from IJEA for 2008. Receiving awards are Jared Goltz, 2008 Illinois Journalist of the Year, Lena Shapiro, First Runner-up, Trupti Rami, Second Runner-up, David McAlpine and Rachel Levin, Honorable Mentions. Those present at the Awards Luncheon will receive their awards there.

2. IJEA Administrator of the Year: Sally presented this award at a school board meeting to Dr. Fred Schouten, Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Technology at Reavis High School in Burbank, IL. Dr. Schouten will be present to receive recognition for the award at the Awards Luncheon today.

3. All State Journalism Team: Sally said it was a difficult decision, as all the students were amazing. The group is made up of a broad spectrum of students from different media. Those present will be receiving their awards at the Awards Luncheon today.

4. IJEA Friend of Journalism Award: Sarah reported that John Gonczy has received several nominations. Most of the published materials had May 1 as a deadline, but the application form said July 1. Therefore, applications will be taken until July 1, and the board will discuss the nominations by email. John is interested in the possibility of awarding two awards, one for an individual and one for an organization for situations where both are nominated because it can be difficult to compare the two. A decision was not made. This award will be given at the ISHSPA adviser luncheon instead of during the

keynote address according to a request from Lynn Holley, because of the time constraints in the ISHSPA program.

5. IJEA Intergenerational Awards: Sarah reported that the winner for the School Newspaper category is Nathan Chester of Harrisburg High School for his “WWII Veterans” story. His adviser is Cathy Wall. Since they were unable to attend the Awards Luncheon, Jane Angelis will be contacted to see if she can present Nathan’s award at SIU. Katie Richards of Rochester High School won the Yearbook category for her “A Hoop of History.” Her adviser is Ann Rowley. Katie and her parents and Ms. Rowley will be present at the luncheon.

C. Illinois Press Foundation High School Media Directory:

The directory was passed out, and Kim Filson reported that there are about 400 entries, with the most lacking in the Chicago area. A directory will be sent to every high school that participated in the survey, eventually expanding to more. Newspaper publishers are listed in the back, and IJEA has an ad. Kim discussed sending out binders to schools with a chapter each semester or year with a different publication topic. Board members were asked to e-mail Kim with any suggested changes, ideas, or concerns.

D. ISHSPA:

Lynn Holley discussed the upcoming conference at U. of I. Note that the date is Friday, **September 26**. The keynote will be a panel. There will be a session on covering the election; in addition to a journalist and professor. Lynn would like to find an adviser who has covered an election who is interested in helping to present this session. If board members have any ideas for sessions, contact Lynn.

E. IHSA Competition:

Sally reported all was great at the final competition at Eastern. Several advisers are new to the IHSA Journalism Committee: Linda Kane, Stephen Steele, and Herman Albers.

F. Reports or Updates:

1. Executive Director’s Report:

a. Mentoring Program: Sally said the challenge this summer is to identify and secure two mentors. It is a two-year commitment. IJEA is looking primarily in the north for advisers for the present with fewer than five years experience and if they are not retired the principals have to commit to the program.

b. Newsletter: The next newsletter will be in August.

c. AEJMC Teach-in: This is a free day in Chicago on August 5, available on a first come, first serve basis.

d. Sally shared information about the “Journalism Kids Do Better” study by Jack Dvorak, which can be downloaded at www.naafoundation.org.

G. IJEA 20th Anniversary Celebration:

1. The Celebration Banquet will be held in Charleston; note that the date is Saturday, **September 20**. Sally showed a sample of the invitation and reported that a block of rooms has been reserved at the Days

Inn of Charleston, dinner is set, and souvenirs have been ordered. Sarah reported from John that he has written his senator requesting that September 20 be named "IJEA Day." The board decided to set the price of the banquet at \$20 per person.

2. JEA Fall Conference in St. Louis will be Nov. 13-16, 2008. The reception for the 20-year celebration for Illinois advisers and interested parties will be on Saturday morning (Nov. 15) from 7:30 to 9 AM. Sarah and Sally are in charge of the food. Cards will be put in welcome bags for Illinois advisers. Sally will contact JEA about an ad in the conference program.

V. New Business:

A. Clarification of IJEAs Role in State Umbrella Structure for Regional Groups: Sarah will talk to Kim Filson about meetings.

B. Appointment of IJEAs At-Large Directors for 2008-2009: Sarah reappointed Randy Swikle, Lynn Holley, Linda Jones and Susan Tantillo as IJEAs at-large directors and Randy as JEA state director. Terms will expire in 2009. James Tidwell moved to approve the appointments; Mike Doyle seconded. Approved unanimously.

C. Review Status of Current IJEAs Directors: Deb Malcolm has resigned from the board, and IJEAs needs a replacement. Joni suggested Monique Davis, and she will talk to her to see if she has an interest in serving on the board.

D. Election of IJEAs Officers for 2008-2009: James Tidwell moved to retain officers, and Susan Tantillo seconded. Approved unanimously. Officers will be President Sarah Doerner, Vice President John Goczy, Treasurer Susan Tantillo and Secretary Dan Kerns.

E. The board briefly discussed IJEAs yearly and life membership dues and decided to revisit the issue at the September board meeting.

F. Calendar of Upcoming Events:

The next IJEAs Board Meeting will be **Friday, Sept. 26, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at IHSPA Conference - Illini Union (Room TBA) – University of Illinois (Lunch 11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.)**.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M. with unanimous consent.

(Submitted by Acting Secretary Heather Tanner)