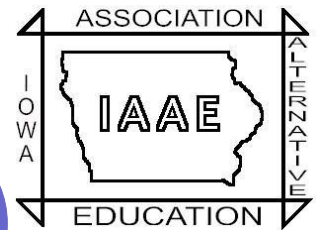


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The 2010 IAAE Spring Conference has come and gone. Just as the school year, the conference had its ups and downs. The conference is always a chance for us to collaborate with our peers and discover things we can use in our classrooms. These relationships that we build allow us to have contact with people with the same experiences.



IAAE President Brian Galusha

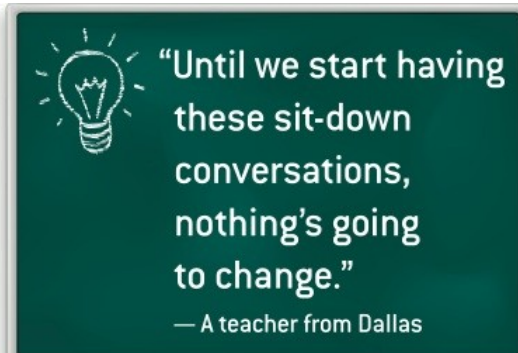
As the end of the school year comes upon us, remember and celebrate the differences each of you make in the lives of students. Take the time to refresh your teaching soul and refocus on the needs of our students into the future.

Have a great summer!

New Dropout Prevention Report

At the 2010 IAAE State Conference, newly elected SW Representative Gina Marie Scheffler made a presentation about a new dropout prevention report entitled: "Raising Their Voices: Engaging, students, teachers, and parents to help end the high school dropout epidemic." Gina says, "Every 26 seconds another student drops out of high school in America! That's over 1 million per year. Nearly 1/3 of all high school students will not graduate." She urges us to read this March 2010 report, available at <http://civicenterprises.net/pdfs/raisingtheirvoices.pdf>.

[raisingtheirvoices.pdf](http://civicenterprises.net/pdfs/raisingtheirvoices.pdf).



Three previous studies by the same authors focused on perspectives of students, teachers, and parents regarding the dropout crisis. In the initial studies, researchers discovered that each group has differing opinions about the causes of the dropout crisis. They believe that the disconnect they discovered among these groups "will continue to set back efforts to keep more young people in school." The mission of this fourth study: to encourage dialogue between students, teachers and parents.

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Conference Highlights

Ruth Wells 2010 Keynote Speaker

Ruth Wells was the keynote speaker at this year's IAAE Conference. Her theme was: Maximum-Strength Motivation-Makers: How to Motivate Motionless Students.

Her keynote address and break-out session were packed with creative, one-of-a-kind interventions. Her ideas and hands-on materials were designed with one major objective: to motivate and interest "unmotivated" learners.

Wells challenged conference attendees to "Imagine what your job would be like if you were working with prepared, motivated, better behaved students. Let us make that thought become reality."

With that in mind, Wells led attendees through multiple scenarios in which her "tools" could convince reluctant learners to see the importance of education. She provided a website for accessing her posters .



Ruth Wells, keynote speaker at the 2010 IAAE Conference

Judy Jeffrey Encouraged Alternative Educators to Continue Good Work



Judy Jeffrey, Education Director for the Iowa Department of Education, spoke at Thursday's luncheon at the conference.

Judy Jeffrey, Iowa Department of Education Director, spoke during the luncheon on Thursday at the IAAE conference. Although she has formally announced her retirement from the department, she encouraged the attendees to continue to push for education measures that support at-risk programming.

Jeffrey shared stories of her travels around the state visiting with students and hearing back from them that they wanted challenging, engaging courses that they feel are relevant to what they will be doing in the future. Her talk really focused on academics and providing students with the skills they would need to be successful in the 21st century. She encouraged alternative educators to continue their good work with students. Her message was that

schools need to challenge students academically and keep them engaged so that they will complete a high school education.

Jeffrey also emphasized that alternative educators play a key role in maximizing the success of all students. Public education is evolving and is being guided by federal mandates. People from all walks of life in communities across Iowa are being asked to be involved in the evolution of education and to guide new federal guidelines for education. Alternative educators can play a key role by speaking up and being part of the evolution. The ideas of alternative educators are needed for building a new future. Speak up, be involved, and do not hesitate to do so.

Patrick Kerr of the U.S. Department of Education Spoke AND Listened



Patrick Kerr of the U.S. Department of Education shared a light moment with the crowd Friday morning of the conference.

If patience is a virtue, then Patrick Kerr of the U.S. Department of Education may be a saint in disguise. (After all, he did don a UNI Panthers t-shirt in upholding his end of a bet with a friend.) He addressed the IAAE conference attendees Friday morning, highlighting the need for change in re-authorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. With new education directors at the federal level, Kerr says to expect new directions for education. He used up only about half of his allotted time addressing the crowd, however, before opening up the floor for questions and discussion. He emphasized repeatedly that he and the representatives from the department are willing to listen and want to address concerns.

As one might expect, several alternative educators expressed frustration at such issues as the methods of calculating dropouts at the federal level, the de-emphasis on vocational education, cuts in education spending, and reliance on test scores to assess a school's effectiveness. Mr. Kerr listened patiently, even as some attendees hammered away at the issues that frustrate those of us in alternative

education. Although he made no promises as to what would be done to address these issues, he insisted that he would bring those ideas back to his department, and he offered to come back to Iowa to visit multiple alternative schools to see why alternative education works in Iowa. He is scheduled to visit Clinton's ASSIST program on May 25th and will visit Metro in Cedar Rapids May 26th. Preston VanLoon, IAAE Board Member, took detailed notes from the conference session with Mr. Kerr and gave them to Kerr so that he could take the ideas back to his department.

Thanks to the vendors who helped sponsor the 2010 IAAE Conference

Education 2020

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Education Options

The Dibble Institute

Special thanks to ...

Education 2020 for sponsoring the dance and hospitality room.

PLATO Learning for sponsoring daytime refreshments.



2010 Awards and Grant Winner Announced

2010 Educator of the Year Award

Barbara Walker, Science Teacher Extraordinaire is the 2010 Educator of the Year award recipient. She taught for over 20 years before crossing over into the alternative education arena. She had been told by others that they did not think she could relate to at-risk students. How wrong they were and how lucky for the students she serves. She has a passion for science and a wealth of experience teaching science at any level. She is ahead of the curve in sprucing up the curriculum, engaging and challenging students with projects involving hot air balloons, boat races, magic shows, recycling, and dissecting hearts and lungs from the local meat packing plant. Over the years she has been involved in mentoring, staff development, service learning and presenting at many alternative conferences. She has participated in numerous selective teaching institutes and was one of ten individuals selected to be a National Polymer Ambassador in 1999 and continues in that position. Barbara has been published twice, most recently in the April 2010 Journal of Chemical Education. Her love of teaching is endless. At the end of the school day, with an excited look in her eyes, she will say, "Come here for just a minute, why don't ya. I've got something interesting to show you." She continues to get excited when she passes a little of her love of chemistry on to a student. Her colleagues also love when she tells uninterested boys that she may not be as pretty as the girls in the back of the room but she is smarter and if they sit in the front of the room, they might just learn something. Barbara teaches at the Ottumwa Alternative School.



Barbara Walker, 2010 Educator of the Year

Dedication and Encouragement Embody Jim Fenton Lifetime Achievement Award Winner



Greg McCullough, 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Over the past twenty years or more, Greg McCullough's career has been about promoting and improving alternative education, while encouraging others to do the same. As was stated by a friend, "His passion carries through life and work. He believes in people and supports them, no matter what, and helps individuals to see the good in themselves and what they can accomplish." He has helped to improve alternative education by organizing and hosting our annual Risky Business Conference. Under his leadership it has grown to be one of the largest one-day educational conferences in the state. He has

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been a main organizer of our state two-day conference held every spring.

Greg has served as IAAE President and has encouraged many of us to run for a position on the board. He has established and coordinated an annual legislative day allowing lawmakers to learn about alternative schools and success stories. Greg has organized and conducted meetings for administrators to network. He works, often out of the spotlight, to help individuals, alternative programs, and schools as they try to understand how best to meet the many new rules and regulations imposed on them by state and federal governments. He skillfully uses his tried and true coaching skills to get as many of us to fulfill our team goals as alternative educators to focus our efforts on how to best serve at-risk students. His most significant contribution has been to help thousands of students, first as the Supervisor of the Youth At-Risk Consortium at Heartland AEA 11 and now with DMAACC. As a colleague so aptly put it, "Greg's work has truly supported the growth and development of many at-risk students in their pursuit to become productive Iowa citizens."

SCAVO Grant Program Supports Struggling Adolescent Readers



Every year, the IAAE provides seed money to alternative schools and programs to jump start efforts to improve through the Vincent C Scavo Grant Program. At last year's spring conference, we provided several schools with exercise equipment. This year, the association provided Northeast Alternative High School with \$500 to purchase high interest books to add to their "library."

Awards and Grants Information: Check It Out!!!

Be sure to check out the awards and grants opportunities on the IAAE website. The awards are based on nominations submitted by co-workers and/or members of the community.

Any alternative school or program may apply for a SCAVO grant. Follow [this link](#) and click on **Grants and Awards** to read more about the IAAE awards and grants.

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New Dropout Prevention Report continued

Authors John M. Bridgeland, Robert Balfanz, Laura A. Moore and Rebecca Friant traveled to four different metropolitan communities and led discussions with groups that included students, parents and teachers. Their discussions were so insightful that they urge us all to reproduce them in our communities. This report offers a strategic plan for getting parents, teachers and students in your community together to discuss solutions. Discussion questions used by the researchers are included in the study. The report offers ideas about how to foster communication and teamwork in preventing dropouts. For further information, please contact Gina Marie Scheffler at gscheffler@audobon.k12.us Gina encourages us all to read the report, because in the time it took you to read this article...another student just dropped out.

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Organizational News

Risky Business XXIII

The annual fall Risky Business Conference is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 27, 2010. The conference is again slated to take place at the Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. Sponsors for this year's conference will be Walnut Creek Campus of the West Des Moines CSD, the Harbor from the Southeast Polk CSD, Scavo Campus from Des Moines Public Schools, the DMACC Youth Consortium and the Iowa Association of Alternative Education. Dr. Kim Davis, principal at Walnut Creek, will coordinate conference activities and chair the planning committee. Other committee members include Rich Blonigan, Scavo Campus principal; Joel Schutte, principal at the Harbor; and Greg McCullough, with the DMACC Youth Consortium. Alfie Kohn, nationally renowned educator, author and speaker, is scheduled to deliver the opening conference keynote. For complete details about the conference, [go to page 8](#). More conference information and registration material will be available early in August and on the IAAE website at www.iaae.net.

Meet the new IAAE Board Members

Gina Marie Scheffler, Southwest Representative

Gina Marie Scheffler started the Success Center in Audubon last fall, a new school-within-a-school program. Previously, she was a teacher at the Cass County Independent Learning Center in Atlantic for 3 years and before that worked at the Atlantic Community School District's Educational Opportunity Center. Those two programs merged this past year but all the positions were filled. Gina lost her husband to cancer and her job of ten years at Iowa Western Community College in Atlantic, where the CCILC was housed. However, Audubon selected her to start their new program.



Ms. Scheffler has a bachelor's degree in Social Science and Secondary Education with an Iowa teaching license in American History and World History and 5-12 art. She teaches 8th grade exploratory art in addition to her Success Center duties.

Her hobbies include crocheting baby blankets for newborns, traveling to the Southwest and other points of interest, and studying various subjects such as art history and archaeology. Future plans include more travel and possibly a master's degree later on.

Pam Courtney, At-large Representative

Pam has been teaching for 18 years. She received her BA from UNI and MS from Drake. She taught for four years in Davenport, moving to Des Moines in 1993. In Des Moines, Pam worked for the Iowa Homeless Youth Center as Education Liaison, taught in Shelter Care through Heartland AEA and taught 6 years at Walnut Creek Campus in West Des Moines. After a year at Clinton High School, she is currently the At-Risk Coordinator at Central-Clinton High School in De Witt, where she lives with her two children.

Josh Dean, Northwest Representative

Josh Dean is a teacher at Carrie Lane High School in Charles City. Prior to that position, he taught for five years at Charles City High School. He is certified in English and is currently working on his masters degree in School Counseling. He will complete this work May 22nd of this year.

When asked why he wanted to become a board member and what he would like to accomplish during his term, Josh said, "I feel as an educator of at-risk students, that we need to be an advocate for them. Running for a board position gave me this opportunity to branch out, gain further resources, and help students across the state by helping provide educators the opportunity to come to the state conference."

In his down time, Josh enjoys fishing, camping, hanging out with his wife, Tara, and their two year old son, Blake.



News From the Schools

Faces & Facades at Waterloo's Expo High School

Faces & Facades, a May term class at Expo High School in Waterloo, has 13 students enrolled in a photography class. They are photographing historical buildings in the area as they learn about local history. Teachers John Stull and Dennis Clark are enjoying working with enthusiastic students who have found the art of capturing life through a lens as they conduct their own research into the history of their area.

The *Waterloo Courier* carried a full-length story, complete with video footage, about this activity. It can be viewed at http://wfcourier.com/features/lifestyles/article_e67c9b17-9e37-5824-a4c0-12e33d6e3c9e.html?mode=story

To see who is retiring from Waterloo's Expo High School, click here to [go to page 16](#).



Save the Dates

September 26, 2010 IAAE Board meeting at Airport Holiday Inn

September 27, 2010 Risky Business Conference

October 29, 2010 IAAE Board meeting

December 3, 2010 IAAE Board meeting

January 28, 2011 IAAE Board meeting

April 7-8, 2011 IAAE Spring Conference at Airport Holiday Inn

Risky Business Conference

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Iowa's largest one day student at risk conference.....

The Original

Risky Business XXIII

Keynote by

Alfie Kohn

“Nationally Renowned Educator, Author and Speaker”

Alfie writes and presents widely on education, motivation, human behavior, parenting and assessment. He is recognized as an icon in the education establishment.

Join the nearly 400 educators who annually attend Iowa's largest one-day student at risk conference!

Monday, September 27, 2010

Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center

6111 Fleur Drive

**A conference for K-12 educators, administrators, curriculum directors, counselors, social workers, and other professionals who work with at risk youth and diverse learners in both traditional and alternative schools.

**Over forty breakout sessions to address the many issues facing at risk youth and diverse learners.

Sponsored by:

Walnut Creek Campus, West Des Moines CSD

The Harbor Alternative Program, Southeast Polk CSD

Scavo Campus, Des Moines Public Schools

DMACC Youth Consortium

Iowa Association of Alternative Education

For further information contact:

Dr. Kim Davis, Principal Walnut Creek Campus 515-633-6400

Greg McCullough, DMACC Youth Consortium 515-965-7003

REGISTRATION MATERIALS WILL BE SENT OUT IN AUGUST

or

Available online at www.iaae.net in August

2010 IAAE Conference Review



by Ray Morley

The 2010 IAAE conference was very productive in providing ideas for use in local programs as evidenced by reports from participants. The message from the director of education, Judy Jeffrey, encouraged innovation at the local level and challenged everyone to focus on the maximization of student achievement.

Her frustration with federal management of education regarding incentives to serve students beyond four years was evident and she asked for everyone to be sure to push for incentives to serve students as long as it takes to achieve success (graduation from high school and beyond). Her message was clear in that she identified alternative educators as necessary for the future improvement of public education.

The US Dept. of Education representative received excellent input from many participants in how to improve education for highly challenged students. The participants at the conference did not hesitate to ask questions and provide advice as was asked for by the US Dept. representative. This general session served as an open forum for discussion allowing everyone to speak up for alternative education. We did!

In short, the conference achieved the objectives of sharing information to improve services for students, clarifying the challenges and providing pathways to address the challenges, and establishing a positive outlook for future work and the need to continue establishing pathways for students to maximize achievement. A bright future is before us. May the challenge spark your inner energy. Everyone should pat themselves on the back for work being accomplished, success of students, and knowing that being an alternative educator is nothing short of excellence.



IAAE Newsletter Wants to Highlight Your Program!

Many IAAE members have expressed a desire to learn more about alternative schools and programs around the state. If you would like to have your alternative school or program highlighted in a future IAAE newsletter, send any pictures you have with an article to Pat Johansen at pjohansen@jefferson-scranton.k12.ia.us.



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Letter to the Editor

Submitted by Pam Courtney

I need to apologize for your receiving incorrect information for your article in the March IAAE newsletter. The article reads as if Central Community School District is making decisions that are negative for our alternative students.

While budget constraints are impacting some of our decisions, the decisions that have been made are not as dire as the article suggests. Having worked in alternative programs and schools for nearly 20 years, I know the research on best practice and understand that we have a unique situation in our district. In the five years I have been at-risk coordinator here, there has never been 30 students in the alternative high school. There may have been prior to my being here, but lower enrollment is not due to budget cuts or moving to the traditional school. We don't have a waiting list nor do we turn students away so the 10-11 students represent our current population as well as being able to serve some students from surrounding districts. We have several (if not most) alternative students who choose to take classes at the traditional school so the decision to move from a building in need of repair to a brand new classroom within the traditional school opened those choices and made them more accessible to students. The decision to have students eat in the cafeteria was a response to the teacher needing a duty-free lunch and needing a safe place for students to eat. Budget restrictions did change the times the teacher is available in the classroom but with our schedule, students actually are only losing 45 minutes. As previously stated, students take classes (elective and PE primarily) at the traditional school. We will schedule students to take those classes in the morning so that the afternoons are free to concentrate on their alternative curriculum.

At the traditional school, we are collectively working to reach all at-risk students through Differentiated Instruction, SWS support classes, the IRIS project and the work of the at-risk and leadership teams working with traditional teachers to help each and every student be successful. As an alternative teacher and being passionate about at-risk students, I am proud of the strides this district has made to maintain students in the traditional school by looking at individual needs. The leadership of this district decided to keep the alternative program in the face of major budgetary cuts and difficult decisions. This demonstrates the commitment we have in meeting the needs of our students and assisting them in reaching their graduation goals.

I join the IAAE in lamenting the cuts that are happening in alternative education throughout the state but given the current state of our economy and the extraordinarily difficult decisions that need to be made, I am confident that this district is doing what we can to support our students and would appreciate this message being passed on to the readers of the IAAE Newsletter.

Thank you,

Pam Courtney, At-Risk Coordinator

Central-Clinton High School

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting December 4, 2009Call to Order

Brian G., Kelly M., Lisa D., Lisa H., Brett E., Jen D., Pat J., Linda R., Lori K., Preston, Steve P.
10:30 – Rachelle, 11:00 – Dawn Y. and Todd G. entered, 11:05 – Greg M., ????? – Steve I.

Accept Agenda

Motion by Lisa D. to accept agenda, second by Brett, motion carried unanimously

State Conference

Food and Entertainment – report by Kelly and Lisa D.

Breakfast - \$16.95/ticket for those not staying at Embassy Suites will have pastry/coffee available for those not staying

Rooms – 160 rooms blocked off – we have to guarantee 90% (70 Wed/90 Thurs)

\$129/night – need to confirm (Greg will take care of this – 50 Wed/90 Th)

Kelly will look into negotiating free wireless access for guests

Breakout Sessions – have 10 rooms - will cut back to 8 rooms

Lunch is \$19.99 – sandwiches/2 salads/chips – no desserts

Snack – brownies and cookies (desserts from lunch will be held over for snack)

Drinks will be replenished throughout the day (\$2.50/soda)

Friday breakfast for those who do not stay at Embassy Suites will be charged \$5.00

Continental Breakfast on Thursday for those not staying at Embassy Suites

No manager's reception or hospitality room for those not staying at Embassy Suites

Band in Bar – 9:00 – 11:30

Sessions – Lori proposes cutting back from 52 to 35-40 sessions (less repeat sessions)

Pat J. – suggesting Amanda the Panda organization

Printing of booklet/program professionally – Lori and Rachelle working on this

Will seek out sponsors/donations to cover costs of printing

Vendor tables - \$250/ 6' table or \$400/12' table - Pat working on this. Will ask for sponsorships for food/entertainment/program. For additional \$25 – will have ¼ page ad in program (\$100 for full page ad)

Door Prizes – up to \$300 for prizes; Awards – up to \$300 for awards; Grants – up to \$1500 for Scavo Mini-grants; Registrations – received or postmarked by March 17 will be at \$150. Registrations after March 17 will be \$175; Call for Presenters – each member will try to get 2 people to present for breakout sessions

Conference Structure

Continental Breakfast – for those not staying

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting December 4, 2009 continued

The Board discussed the times for breakout sessions, lunch, Manager's special, the dance, and Friday morning's schedule.

Risky Business Discussion

\$12,000 – 13,000 carry-over for next year

Greg proposes a one-year reprieve for Risky Business to reorganize delivery of conference OR have a group of schools take over the conference. (Walnut Creek, Scavo, The Harbor, ????)

Jen D. has link to secretarial work – printing, stuffing envelopes, etc... for no charge

Treasurer's Report - Rachelle

\$15,559.57 balance - mileage paid out, Tim Morley (quarterly payments for website), Ruth Wells deposit

Greg requesting check for balance (3,786.42) owed to Airport Holiday Inn to cover cost for Risky Business...money will be paid back to IAAE in 1 to 1 ½ months

Rachelle motioned to approve "loan" to pay off Airport Holiday Inn, Pat seconded, motion carried unanimously

Motioned by Lisa D. to approve treasurer's report, Jen D. second...motion carried unanimously

Legislative Day

March 8th

Administrative Networking

Last meeting well attended (41 people) – 2 people expressed interest in starting alternative programs in their districts

Thursday, January 21 is next meeting date – Susan confirmed to attend

Adjourn

Motion by Brett to adjourn, Lisa H. second, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at about 2:15.

NEXT IAAE MEETING – January 29, 2010 – 10:00-2:00 at Learning Resource Center

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting January 29, 2010CALL TO ORDER

Brian, Lisa H., Lisa D., Brett, Jen, Pat, Linda, Lori, Preston, Steve P., Rachelle, Greg, Dawn, Todd, Greg, Doug, Robyn, Steve I.

ACCEPT AGENDA

Motion by Brett. to accept agenda, second by Pat, motion carried unanimously

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting January 29, 2010 continued

Correspondence

Linda received STARS update from Don Betts. STARS is being held Friday, February 5. Three schools have registered so far. Don is not asking for funds at this time but if more schools register he is requesting some financial assistance. He made a request for \$200 on behalf of Dawn Shattuck for the printing of the Mandala.

Moved by Doug, second by Jen to approve \$200 for the printing of the Mandala and up to \$200 for STARS, motion carried unanimously

Brian received update from Susan Walkup. Modified allowable growth, Race to the Top, and compulsory attendance were issues brought to the table for discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Rachelle reported a balance of \$11,622 with the only activity being mileage reimbursements and website management. Steve P. will write and mail Rachelle a check for \$3786.42 to repay the advance to cover Risky Business bills. This will bring the account to \$15,408.42.

Moved by Lisa H, second by Doug to approve treasurer's report, motion carried unanimously.

State Conference Wrap-up

Discussion was held on showing appreciation to Mary McGuirk for all the work she has done with the conference flyer and registration process.

Moved by Brett, second by Rachelle to approve a \$100 gift card to be purchased by Doug to give to Mary. Doug will submit bill to Rachelle. Motion carried unanimously.

Breakouts/Keynotes

Lori reported 10 forms have been received from presenters. Numerous other presenters were mentioned.

Lisa H. reported on Ruth Wells keynote address and equipment needed. Hot topics the board would like to see addressed are relevancy, motivation, career planning.

Food/Entertainment

Lisa D. reported that everything is set for this area of the conference.

Vendors/Sponsors

Pat reported that E2020 is contributing \$400 for the band and will sponsor a hospitality room from 4:30-5:30, PLATO is contributing \$200 toward refreshments in addition to its vendor table, Wells Fargo is donating pens. Other vendors include The Dibble Institute and possibly OdysseyWare and Apex.

Presentation Equipment

All presenters are being encouraged to bring their own presentation equipment if at all possible. Steve Peters has agreed to be the Event Contact and help coordinate equipment. The board will check with AEA about checking out A/V equipment – screens and projectors in particular.

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting January 29, 2009 continued

Registration Table

Robyn and Rachelle will coordinate assembling of packets.

Pat, Lisa H., and Doug will man Early Registration on Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Brian will send out an e-mail to board members to sign up for manning the registration table throughout the conference with an emphasis on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Housing

The number of rooms blocked off was reduced as was discussed at the December meeting.

Lisa H. will book rooms for keynote presenters. Ruth Wells will need room for Wednesday and Patrick Kerr will need room for Thursday. Lisa will have Embassy Suites add these rooms to the IAAE bill.

Awards/Nominations/Grants

Brett will take on the nominations process. He'll work with former board member Kris Martin.

Greg's position on the board is an appointed position. He recommended Marlana Schnell as his replacement. Moved by Rachelle, second by Pat to approve Brett contacting Marlana about an appointment to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about plaques to recognize past presidents. Moved by Rachelle, second by Pat to approve giving Greg spending authority to purchase plaques for past presidents. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members were reminded to secure at least one door prize item.

Deadline for Awards nominations (Newcomer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Hall of Fame) is March 22. Deadline for Scavo Mini-Grant applications in April 2.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

Greg distributed memo that will be sent to alternative school/program administrators regarding Legislative Day at the State Capitol on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Costs involved will be for table/cloth rental and pizza. Drinks will come from the Capitol.

RISKY BUSINESS

Scavo, The Harbor, and Walnut Creek will organize and host the 2010 Risky Business Conference on Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Airport Holiday Inn. Alfie Kohn will be the keynote presenter.

SCHOOL FINANCE/ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Discussion was held throughout the meeting as items of concern presented themselves. Major concerns are the closing of existing programs and funding through modified allowable growth. **Brian will work on drafting a letter from the board to the Des Moines Register airing concerns over school closings and other issues in alternative education.**

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting January 29, 2009 continued**JANUARY NETWORKING**

No discussion.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:20

NEXT IAAE MEETING – Wednesday, April 8, 2010 at the Embassy Suites.

Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting April 8, 2010

In attendance: Josh Dean, Lisa Demuth, Jen Duncan, Brett Eubank, Brian Galusha, Todd Goodell, Doug Harrold, Pat Johansen, Lori Kay, Robyn Naberhaus, Steve Peters, Linda Rosulek, Gina Scheffler, Preston VanLoon, Dawn Young.

The conversation of the meeting centered on 2010 conference business, feedback and ideas for the 2011 state conference.

Conversations/suggestions:It was suggested that a welcome packet be put together for new Board members, including a copy of the bylaws. Linda Rosulek volunteered to help put a packet together.

Lisa Demuth offered to make name tents for Board meetings. It was brought up that if we want others to take the lead on coordinating the state conference that the Board should put together a “how to” notebook with important information and FAQs. Lisa Demuth offered to help with this project.

It may be helpful to have one point person for the 2011 conference, especially when dealing with the representatives from the conference center.

Decisions:

Printing bills for the 2010 state conference were approved.

There was a request from a vendor to get access to the conference participation list. The Board decided that participation lists would not be shared with anyone.

It was decided that anyone that would like a vendor/display table at the conference should make arrangements ahead of time.

Doug Harrold offered to ask if Northwest AEA will support us by helping with registration again next year if the Board hosts the conference.

Brett Eubank offered to summarize the feedback from the 2010 conference.

Topics for further discussion:It was suggested that a disclaimer be added to the IAAE website and to conference materials stating that IAAE does not necessarily endorse all of the views expressed by outside organizations that may have information or links on the website or by presenters at the conference. It was also suggested that IAAE sponsored events always get top billing on the website, followed by other groups/organizations. The Board will have to discuss further what we are willing to support/endorse and how.

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Minutes from IAAE Board Meeting April 8, 2010 continued

Should people sharing information about continuing education credit or colleges/universities have to buy a vendor table at the conference?

Lisa Demuth will bring information on HOUSS legislation for discussion at our next Board meeting.

Next IAAE Board meeting: Monday May 10th at the DMACC campus in Ankeny, Building 18, Room 1.

Expo High School Retirements Announced

Cludy Wilson
30 years

Larry Daniels
23 years

Cheryl Cederlund
31 years

Jan. McGraw
31 years

Dennis Clark
34 years

Sue McCunnitt
33 years

Beth McCrindle
33 years

Jackie Jenson
23 years

Carolyn Cowell
32 years

Congratulations!
to 9 Waterloo School staff who were instrumental to Expo High School and are retiring this year!
We'll miss you and wish you well!

Please come celebrate the retirement of the following staff, in conjunction with the 'Farewell to the Expo Building' party.
(Expo is relocating to McKinstry)

JUNE 3rd
3-7 pm at 927 Franklin St.
Please RSVP to Expo at 433-1930 by May 26th!

EXPO HIGH SCHOOL

Expo High School Since 1981 at current location

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Summer 2010 Conference Opportunities

7th Annual AERO Conference

7th Annual AERO (Alternative Education Resource Organization) Conference
June 24-27, 2010 Crowne Plaza Hotel Albany, NY

Great Networking opportunities, Free Child care, Exclusive Film Screenings, Entertainment and more. Conference will feature Herbert Cole, John Taylor Gatto, Shilpa Jain, Mathew Davis and many more great educators willing to share and network to find pathways to maximize student success.

For more information, follow this link: <http://www.educationrevolution.org/conference.html>.

The Wind River Mountains Institute

This two-day conference is offered June 24-25 in Dubois, WY (Registration deadline is May 25th) and August 2-3 in Dubois, WY (Registration deadline is June 30th).

Sponsored by the Pinnacles Group, the conference is structured to provide attendees with access to skilled professionals in the field of at-risk education.

This event offers educational renewal for alternative school faculty and staffs. For more information, or to register online, visit www.thepinnaclesgroup.com.