

Indiana Council for Exceptional Children

Purpose of Meeting: monthly meeting

Place: New Palestine Southern Hancock County School Board Room

Date: Wednesday, January 06, 2010

Time: convened to order at 10:30 a. m. E. S. T.

Officers present: Marcia Piercy; George Van Horn; and Jerry McKim

Members present: Janice Grskovic; Shelia Trzcinka

Secretary's Note: There was no quorum of the executive committee. Therefore no business was conducted requiring motions and voting. There were several topics discussed by the members present.

1. Approval of the minutes  
There was no vote on the approval of the minutes from the December 09, 2009 meeting.
  
2. Treasurer's report  
Marcia reviewed the itemized report submitted to her from Patti. Patti electronically submitted the report to Marcia on Tuesday, January 05, 2010. Marcia noted INCEC should receive from CEC a March disbursement. This will amount to \$5.00 per member.  
George queried who hosted our website?  
Marcia indicated it was the University of Indianapolis and was managed by an individual by the name of Razin Bousar. He had been nominated by John Somers.  
George wanted to know the expense for maintenance of the site. Marcia did not know the amount of the expenditure, but would check with Razin and Patti.
  
3. Membership report  
Marcia received a membership report from Kathie on Tuesday, January 05, 2010.  
Marcia expressed the need for continued efforts to secure from our membership their needs.  
Janice expressed concerns with the INCEC numbers. She believed them to be "weak".  
George asked if anyone knew how many of the existing members are long time members?

Janice stated she believed it would be a desirable option for teachers to join INCEC or CEC than other possible professional organizations.

George too expressed concern that we need to know who our membership is and what their needs are.

Janice asked if we have membership information relative to where our membership is clustered?

Sheila asked where our student chapters are located?

Marcia responded there are student chapters at IUNW, U of S Indiana, I U Bloomington, Ball State, and Purdue.

George affirmed the disaggregation of membership numbers must be done.

Marcia asked if it is necessary to ask Kathie to disaggregate members by region?

George asserted it is also important for INCEC to know who the members are by position and job.

Sheila queried if future clarifications could be made by Kathie in her reports?

George said clarification through disaggregation is necessary in future reports.

George summed up by saying INCEC needs to know where its members are by region, position, and job. Furthermore, INCEC needs to know student membership counts by school.

4. CAN report

There was no report submitted from Addie.

Marcia stated there is a need for student chapters to establish by-laws. Marcia said Susan Simmons with CEC needs this information.

Sheila said she would work on this with IUNW.

Marcia indicated a record of this discussion at this meeting would be shared with Susan Simmons.

5. National CEC Convention update

Marcia indicated she and Lynn Mellinger would be attending the convention in April.

Sheila and Janice indicated also they would be attending the National CEC Convention and expressed a desire to assist Marcia should she need it.

Marcia did ask Sheila Marie and Janice if they would be interested in serving on INCEC's executive committee? They both expressed a willingness to do so. Janice and Sheila Marie indicated they would attend the Membership Meeting in Kathie's absence.

6. State Conference

George stated he was extremely pleased with membership responses to the need to survey our membership regarding ideas for the state conference.

Janice expressed concern that there is a need to encourage students to present at the state conference.

George said Janice's request could be included as a survey item. Marcia indicated there has been discussion in past years over the need to survey our membership for needs and interests regarding the content of the state convention. She also stated there were no calls for proposal prior to the last state convention being held. George stated the call for proposals would be determined by the survey results. Marcia said there is a need to utilize other sites for the convention at greatly reduced cost. She said by locating a site for little or no cost would allow INCEC to use its funds for other expenses.

7. Review terms of officers to plan for July 1, 2010.  
Membership Chair, Treasurer, and Representative Assembly will require nomination and vote by July 1, 2010
8. Feedback from members on monthly meeting schedule  
Marcia expressed a strong preference for staying with the approved schedule at the Wednesday, December 09, 2009 meeting. This schedule establishes meetings through June 2010 on the first Wednesday of each month at this location. The time for the meeting would be 10:00 a. m. E. S. T. Sheila indicated the emails Marcia sent her on the membership responses seemed to express the desire to return to Saturday meetings. Marcia explained the history of her experience with Saturday meeting was not good. Marcia expressed the attendance or participation by membership was not noticeably advantageous to the conducting of business. Marcia stated John Somers and she chose to accommodate their schedules.
9. University of WI email  
Marcia indicated the request by the University of Wisconsin was not related to the by-laws of INCEC and there she rescinded the inclusion of this agenda item.
10. Good of the Order  
Sheila expressed her interest in developing a student chapter at IUNW is challenged by the fact the university enrollment consist of commuters. Janice asked that the flier for the diversity conference on March 6, 2010 be included in email contacts with our INCEC membership.
11. Adjournment  
The discussion ended at 11:17 p. m. E. S. T.