



RIASCD Board of Directors Meeting  
January 15, 2008

President-Betty Calise called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Betty Brito, Lucille Andolfo, Karen Seitler, Bill Fasano, Jayne Berghorn, Lawrence Katz, Mark Davis, Peter McLaren, Bernie DiLullo, Ken DiPietro, Ann Marie Dubuque, Thomas Kenworthy, Roy Seitsinger, Ed Mara, Mike Barns and Linda Lavoie.

**1. President's Report: Betty Calise**

- Introduction and welcome to Dr. Thomas Kenworthy, Principal of North Cumberland Middle School. Dr. Kenworthy will be the RIMLE liaison to ASCD Board of Directors.
- Dawn August nominated for a Member- at –Large ASCD Board position. Ed Mara moved the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Fasano. Unanimous
- Approval of the Board Minutes from November 27, 2007-Lucille amended to add her name as a member who attended the ELL Study group with Ken DePietro. (Also, please note the typing error for the date of minutes –should be November 27, 2007 not 2997)

Lucille moved the motion to approve minutes with corrections-2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed. Unanimous

- ELL study update- Betty Landry has been asked to forward ELL data so that the committee can meet to discuss this information. As soon as information is received a meeting will be scheduled.

**2. Executive Director's Report: Betty Brito**

- Feedback from Executive Directors' meeting in Washington, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>- ASCD focus Whole Child. Web link information will be distributed at the Rojas conference.
- Betty learned more about the professional opportunities using a Webinar process.
- Report out of the Northeast ASCD Affiliate Conference 2007: RIASCD had total control of the bookstore. Net profit \$3,000 there is concern about how the money is handled that needs to be discussed with other affiliates.
- Mass. and Maine affiliates would like a larger share of the conference monies, as they are responsible for the majority of work. The monies are substantial-Mr. Brandt, Maine Executive Director, would like a handling fee of \$30,000. Discussion ensued-Consensus Mr. Brandt's request is not an option for the RI Affiliate.

- RI has done its fair share to contribute to the “good of the order”. i.e., establishing the vendor fair. Betty will continue discussions with other affiliates.
  - Conference changes being recommended: *See Handout Northeast ASCD Affiliate Conference Polices – Draft for Discussion.*
  - #1-Refunds 100% before 11/1, 90% 11/2-11/15 and 50% if registrant cancels 1 week prior to the conference.
  - #2- Eliminate Purchase Order registrations.
- Commissioners High School Reform Forum – Thursday 1/17/08
- 160 People have signed for this presentation
  - Commissioners Forum Agenda will include the following discussion points.
    - Recalculating graduation rates
    - High School NECAP
    - 2012 deadline for sanctions to districts that have not developed graduation requirements in accordance with RI Regulations. – Failure to comply by this date could prevent a district from awarding diplomas.
    - Districts must have structures in place to sustain reform – Is the “community” working towards high school reform regulations.
  - Betty Calise wonders-
    - How will State funding affect sustainability?
    - What does proficiency mean? RIDOE must define that term for districts.

### **3. Treasurer’s Report – Peter McLaren *See Profit and Loss Budget Vs. Actual 1/15/08***

- Proposal for CD will have to be put on hold for a while.
- NEAC owes us conference money for books approx. \$8,500.
  - We functioned as the bank but Maine collected money and New York owned the credit card machine-they took all receipts.
  - Peter will continue working on inventory.
- Ken made the motion to approve treasurer’s report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy.  
Motion Approved

### **4. Communication Report: Jayne Berghorn and Mark Davis**

- **Website update**
- Calendar is dynamic can be updated and imported.
  - Newsletters have been up-loaded.
  - Mark is looking into Webinars for professional development.
  - Mark and Judy are working on a Webinar for U.B.D.
  - Jayne has completed newsletter.
- **Journal Update**
- Ken- presented The Leading Edge journal updates- Theme- Designing Instruction around the Learner - If you send articles they should not be more than five years old. Plans to distribute journal by March 1, 2008.
  - Ken has a template for creating journals – let him know if you would like him to send that to you.

Betty would like to see newsletters put on computer to cut down on paper. – We should work to “be green”.

**5. Program Committee Report – Betty Brito**

- Great Job Peter! – 30 people attended his 1/15/08 presentation-15 on the waiting list for the encore presentation. *Assessing Inquiry Skills and Knowledge Through Performance-Based Tasks: What You Need to Know To Prepare Your Students for Success on the NECAP Exam.*
- To date 87 people have registered for the Virginia Rojas presentation.
- Help is needed for the upcoming Pre-service Conference. March 1, 2008 RIC Campus.
- Lucy will go to Recycling Center for ‘bag’ material. Linda, Anne Marie and Karen will help her fill the bags.
- Reminder to push Gayle Gregory Teaming Conference April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please post posters that were sent via Email.
- Sylvia Blanda, Assistant Superintendent Westerly Public Schools, will host the General membership meeting that will be held April 22, 2008 in Westerly. Topic information will be forwarded via email from Betty B.
- Author Forum 2008 -John Erwin author of, *Classroom of Choice*, has been confirmed for the Book Gala – 1/29/08.
- Karen Kurzman, has been confirmed for “*Writing for Understanding*”, November 13-14<sup>th</sup> 2008 .

**6. Influence Committee – Bill Fasano**

- Bernie handed out LFA/RI booklet, *Here’s the Rest of the Story*, which was presented to the Board of Regents. LFA/RI will hold a conference March 11 at CCRI – Theme is *What Works Improving Our Schools*. A fee of \$15.00 per person will be charged. Invitations will be forwarded to all school districts.
- Bill presented the RIASCD Position Paper that he and Judy worked on. It is ready for final editing. Committee will meet one more time for this purpose.

**7. Other**

- Target Gregory Conference
- Science Encore will be scheduled – information to follow.

Notes Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Lavoie