

**IBSOM Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Ann Arbor, Michigan**  
**2-29-08**

**Members Present:**

Ric Perry, President  
Lynne Nagy, Vice President  
Nancy Pederson, DP Vice President  
Jason Rubel, MYP Vice President  
Jean Ramseyer, PYP Vice President  
Susan Wooden, Secretary  
Denise Bresson, Treasurer  
Suzy O'Hara, At-Large  
Sally Dunlop, At-Large

IBSOM President, Ric Perry called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Members shared highlights about IB programming in their districts, which spurred discussion about the positive reinforcement that the IBSOM organization provides to local districts.

**Financial Update:**

IBSOM Treasurer, Denise Bresson presented members with an update from the First Annual IBSOM Annual Meeting & Symposium held in Owosso. A total of \$15,720 was collected from the 107 participants who attended. Payments were received from all attendees. IBSOM expenses, to date including the IBSOM Web site, total to \$7,085. Bresson mentioned that the Baker College Welcome Center facility was well-received and that members enjoyed the food.

**Briefing on Regional Directors Meeting / Cooperation & License Agreement:**

President Perry attended a recent Regional Directors Meeting in Toronto. He explained that the IB North America organization is a separate legal entity from IB. In order for IBSOM to get licensed, we must comply with a five-page, *IB Cooperation and License Agreement*, copyright 2008. The license agreement maintains very specific rules about logo design on Page 1. Perry encouraged IB North America's Director General, Jeffery Beard, to consider other semantic scenarios, but the agreement is strict. IBSOM's title must be followed by the words, "an Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools." Perry called for a vote to change IBSOM's title from International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan to International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan, an Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools. Nancy Pederson moved to edit the title. Lynne Nagy supported the motion, which helps us move forward with the licensing process. The vote was unanimously accepted.

Perry further indicated that Director General Beard envisions a regional office for approximately every 300 schools. Beard outlined three themes for growth: 1) Quality 2) Access world-wide, and 3) Infrastructure to deliver excellent service world-wide. There has been a 16% growth, per year, since 1999. Beard stressed that this will enable more students to experience and benefit from an IB education regardless of personal circumstances (i.e. poverty, learning challenges, geography) and offer on-line courses like working with MIVU for Mandarin Chinese for \$2,200 per student. Lynne Nagy expressed concern about schools providing accommodations for students, specifically in the area of writing, and whether or not that violates MYP requirements. Jean Ramseyer also expressed concern as did other Executive Board members. The group's overall assumption is that MYP student writing accommodation guidelines are more flexible, but the DP is strict. Jason Rubel reinforced the importance of maintaining rigor, but also making the instructional program available to *all* students (i.e. special-needs students). The group agreed that this doesn't mean lowering standards in DP, just allowing access to high-needs students, which is not as much of an issue for PYP and MYP. Denise Bresson expressed concern about the 3,000+ hours of study needed for DP, when MIVU may not

allow for enough hours. Beard has more information. It was suggested that we place a related link on the IBSOM Web site.

President Perry distributed an IB of North America 2008, Level III, Topical Seminars packet. Visit [www.ibo.org/events](http://www.ibo.org/events) to register. The group expressed that a logical plan would be to place these trainings where more regional organizations exist (i.e. Florida's Level III trainings aren't filling). Statistics include:

- Level III Workshops: 2005 = 21, 2006 = 32, 2007 = 40
- 16,000 workshop participants in 2007
- Research projects; 2 studies about school performance; post-secondary school performance; and 3,4,5-year graduation results

Further information from the Regional Directors Meeting involved IB coordinator updates. Perry stressed that timeliness is important. Transcript requests for Form B2 are sometimes late, which is an implication for IB of North America. If a college is not on the list, add the name and IB will assign it a number (i.e. many community colleges are not on the list). Transcripts are free until September 15<sup>th</sup> for students. Once a student is 18, it is a violation of FERPA for a coordinator to release the transcript after September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is challenging for many schools.

#### **Briefing on Meeting with Michael A. Boulus:**

President Perry briefed members about a discussion he had with Michael Boulus, Executive Director Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. MSU advocate, Jim Cotter, is pleased to help us. Perry has organized a meeting with Boulus in Lansing on Friday, March 21, 2008, which includes himself, Lynne Nagy, Burt Okma, and Susan Wooden. Perry has scheduled a conference call with Bob Poole and Sandra Wade Pauley on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

Perry distributed an *IB Diploma Programme: A guide for universities and colleges* publication. Lynne Nagy met with Oakland University representatives who are willing to start a program. Perry is currently on a Masters Program with Oakland University along with Burt Okma, Suzy O'Hara, and Jean Ramseyer. Jason Rubel is currently an Oakland instructor. Perry also distributed the *IB Education for a Better World* booklet, which replaces the brown book.

Finally, Perry is pursuing the topic of DP student waivers from the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

#### **MASSP:**

The Michigan Association for Secondary School Principals (MASSP) has agreed to help us electronically register Second Annual IBSOM Symposium participants at a \$16.00 electronic registration fee per participant. Discussion ensued about process, name tags, etcetera, regarding June 2,3. MASSP will contact Jason Rubel directly about details for June 2,3.

#### **Second Annual IBSOM Meeting & Symposium:**

President Perry distributed a listing of Michigan schools interested and/or IB approved. Discussion centered on capacity for each event. Jason Rubel gave the group logistical details about June 2,3. Members discussed venue seating and available space. MYP is biggest draw right now. The Symposia must be advertised as an event for IB-approved schools, not those IB-interested schools. Over two-hundred people are expected to attend. The Gary Doyle Center for Professional Development at 7275 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 is the host site. Rooms 113,144,111, A,B,C,D have been reserved. Florence Atto, Instructional Services is the key contact at [fatto@bloomfield.org](mailto:fatto@bloomfield.org) or 1.248.341.6300.

PYP, MYP, DP needs expressed by schools were discussed along with appropriate presenters. Notes included:

- Offer 6 sessions; 3 introductory sessions for PYP, MYP, DP; 3 sessions for IB-approved PYP, MYP, DP.
- Pay presenters.
- All six will be full-day; will run simultaneously; 35 participants per room; tables preferred.

- Invitation must be clear about topics to ensure a definitive difference between two levels of professional development offered.
- Be clear on invitations that this experience does not count as *training*.
- Introduction to PYP: Suzie O'Hara & Jean Ramseyer
- Introduction to MYP: Jason Rubel & Sara Fairman
- Introduction to DP: Ric Perry, Lynne Nagy, & Nancy Pederson
- Regular PYP: Maxine Bone
- Regular MYP: Joanie Smith
- Regular DP: Ric Perry will procure a trained DP counselor, possibly from Florida, to facilitate this session designed specifically for counselors.
- Lynne Nagy stressed that extended essays and internal/external assessment are topics of high interest, along with information for counselors.
- Charge the same fee for everyone. Members felt that last year's fee of \$120 is sufficient to cover costs of facilitators, food, and instructional materials. \$120 is the tentative amount as planning continues and may be impacted by the Florida facilitator's cost. Try to get block of hotel rooms at a group rate.
- 8 AM breakfast/registration; 9 AM start time; 4 PM end time.
- Ric Perry's office will create an electronic flyer.
- Ensure that June 3<sup>rd</sup> doesn't interfere with National/State Counselor's Conference.

### **Committee Updates & Actions:**

At the First Annual IBSOM Meeting & Symposium on November 8, 2007 in Owosso, *Achieving Our Mission Work Groups* met and addressed members with their top three priorities within the following categories:

1. Improve university recognition
2. Spur legislative action in support of our work
3. Serve as a liaison of MDE
4. Offer symposia and training in PYP, MYP, DP

### **Other Business:**

Lynne Nagy mentioned that a new IB of North America Regional Director will be appointed this coming Monday. IA is restructuring IB and will restructure North America last. MYP has an official World Planner for teachers, according to Suzy O'Hara, but North America resisted it. North America has one-half of IB schools, but China has highly successful schools. Singapore had several perfect scores. Upcoming festivities regarding the Oakland University Teacher Award will include 15 teachers from various locations; second weekend session is next week; great feedback; next round on internationalism. Jason Rubel will teach this summer for Oakland University on curriculum/assessment. The Annual Conference is July 17-20, 2008 in San Francisco so book early.

President Perry adjourned the meeting at 4:16 PM with a motion and support from the IBSOM Executive Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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