



MEMBER MEETING
Monday, March 19, 2007
10:00 a.m.

LEND Office
22W600 Butterfield Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

MINUTES

I) MEMBERS PRESENT:

IEA, IASBO, IFT, LEND, SCOPE, ED-RED, MPC, IARSS, IASA, LUDA, HSDO, INSPRA, IASPA, IAASE

II) NEW MEMBER REQUESTS

III) OFFICER REPORTS

a) MEETING MINUTES

i) February 28, 2007

Meeting notes from February 28, 2007 were reviewed.

b) ILERT ADDRESS UPDATE

Jacoby reported that NIU must remain in the ILERT address if associated with his office at IASBO.

c) ILERT PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

An press release introducing the ILERT and a document entitled "About ILERT" were released on March 16. Copies were made available to those present at the meeting. The release was developed collaboratively through e-mail following the February 28, 2007 meeting.

d) TREASURER'S REPORT

i) DUES REMINDER

ILERT members were reminded that dues for the remainder of 2006-07 and the 2007-08 fiscal year should be mailed to:

Lawrence Daghe, Treasurer
Regional Office of Education #17
905 North Main Suite #1
Normal, IL 61761

IV) ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

a) FUNDING/EDUCATION REFORM FOR ILLINOIS

IEA requested consideration of Roundtable involvement in supporting funding initiatives. IFT suggested the organization of personal meetings with legislators. LUDA suggested that it would be appropriate to visit as a team and also to initiate awareness of ILERT. A suggestion was made to review the A+ platform and that it might be a good beginning place for Roundtable positions.

Previous (fall 2006) Priorities of eventual ILERT members were reviewed and the following common priorities were identified for inclusion in an ILERT position statement:

- Special Education Funding (support both Gov and 750)
- Foundation Level to EFAB (support for Gov and 750 and reminder that 66% of students making AYP is a short-coming of full EFAB implementation)
- Full Funding of Categorical mandates at current reimbursement levels. No new mandates until current ones are funded (supported by both Gov and 750)
- School construction: (support both Gov and 750) Current requests funded first, ongoing and sustainable funding needed.

It was suggested to include a statement that clarifies that the targeting and support identified in this document does not limit the Roundtable's support of other legislative initiatives.

Other "guiding principles" were discussed by those present. They included:

- Do No Harm
- Maintain current school revenues (level up)
- Do not increase the cost to schools
- Inform school districts of the impact prior to passage (net revenues)
- Continuing Appropriations with ECI
- Articulate Real Impact on Personal and Business Taxpayers prior to passage

How do we accomplish this?

Distribute a draft statement no later than March 29th to be finished after feedback by April 5th.

Distribute press release to legislators. Governor's Office. ISBE members. Roundtable members will hand deliver to legislators, the Gov Office, State Board members. Add Jim Broadway to press list.

i) GOVERNOR'S PLAN

Included in discussion above

ii) SB750

Included in discussion above

iii) METROPOLITAN MAYOR'S CAUCUS

iv) CHICAGO REFORM GROUP

b) "HOT" BILLS TO WATCH

No discussion

V) FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

a) REAUTHORIZATION OF NCLB

i) COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

VI) ISBE UPDATES

a) STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

b) (RE)CERTIFICATION (TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATIVE)

VII) NEW BUSINESS

a) IELRT 2006 POSITIONS (SEE ATTACHMENTS)

VIII) MEETING DATES

a) NEXT MEETING?

b) SET 2007-2008 QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS

It was recommended that the quarterly meetings of ILERT take place on the 2nd Monday of the 2nd Month of each quarter as follows:

1. August 13, 2007
2. November 5, 2007 (New Date)
3. February 11, 2008
4. May 12, 2008