

**Illinois Education Roundtable (ILERT)**  
**May 12, 2008**      **10:00 – 2:00**  
**Normal, IL**

Members Present

Larry Daghe	IARSS
Mark Jontry	IARSS
Chris Koch	ISBE
Susie Morrison	ISBE
Cal Jackson	ISBE
Ed Geppert	IFT
Jo Anderson	IEA
Perry Sodwell	CEC
Dan Joyce	VOICE
Peg Agnos	LEND & SCOPE
Jeff Endres	IASBO
Robert Walter	IPA
Cynthia Woods	IASB
Erika Lindley	Ed-Red
Judy Hackett	IAASE
Mike Jacoby	IASBO
Diane Rutledge	LUDA
Diane Hendren – on phone	IASA

1. No new member requests
2. Request: If there is a change of officer for your organization please notify Mike and Diane for distribution.
3. Minutes approved by Larry Daghe and seconded by Judy Hackett
4. Treasurer's Report approved by Ed Geppert and seconded by Cynthia Woods. It is anticipated following a website bill that there will be an approximate balance of \$16,000.
5. 08-09 Dues were suggested by Mike Jacoby to be reduced in half with the option to levy the remaining amount if needed for the 2008-09 year. Second by Peg Agnos
6. Officer Elections for the 08-09 year  
Chair: Mike Jacoby (IASBO)      Treasurer: Mark Jontry (IARSS)  
Vice Chair: Jo Anderson (IEA)      Secretary: Diane Rutledge (JUDA)
7. Legislative Update  
The Roundtable discussed SB2288 (funding), HB 4522 (23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> payments), SB 2689 (Non-certified benefits), SB 1864( Special Ed Hold Harmless Extraordinary), SB 172 (Drivers Ed), & ELL Resolution

Consensus of ILERT members is that new budget dollars should go to:  
Foundation, Categoricals, Special Education, Construction,  
PreK, RtI, Assessment, and additional positions for ISBE

8. Accountability

The Dialogue Group & ILERT representative members reviewed each line from the Burnham Plan, Metropolitan Mayors' Plan, and Rygg Plan. There is agreement on the majority of the plan, with the exception of teacher evaluation and dismissal. A subgroup is working on this issue and Mike will share their current recommendation at our next meeting. The Roundtable will not take a position until the final draft is presented.

9. County Sales Tax

The county sales tax is being considered by a number of counties around the state. Good resources mentioned were Chapman & Cutler, Sifel Nicholas, and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

10. Illinois State Board of Education

- Differentiated Assessment Plan is of next important focus of work.
- IMAGE Scores are being supported by communication regarding potential lower scores due to federal guidelines for testing.
- ILERT continues its interest in working with ISBE on redefining the Growth Model.
- ISBE has contracted with ACHIEVE to review our standards and to give recommendations for next steps. The Diploma Project is being considered.
- Illinois still in need of longitudinal data system. Our Data Quality Indicators have moved from 2 to 6. More state and federal resources are needed. Pilots are in place in DuPage County and in southern Illinois.

11. What Role Can ILERT Play?

- Help define the Growth Model
- Help support the work of the High School Coalition
- Communicate with our organizations to help align the issues in state
- Hold forum for legislators to inform about the issues.

12. New Business

- Cynthia Woods has scheduled ILERT session at Triple I on Friday at 1:30 and suggests members be available in the Kamisky Room
- Cynthia recently attended a conference and recommends the book *Common Wealth*, by Jeffery Sax.
- The membership confirmed that Mondays are good for ILERT meetings and that Normal is good location.
- A reminder was made of the commitment to have the Executive Director attend each meeting. Additional elected leaders in attendance would still have one vote. Three absences could result in dismissal from the organization according to our by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Diane Rutledge  
Secretary