

IDEC Minutes -- DRAFT
January 12, 2007
Champaign, IL

Present: Deb Bruns, Amy Santos, Micki Ostrosky, Pam Reising-Rechner, Mary Wonderlick, LaShorage Shaffer, Mary-alayne Hughes, Julie Evans, Donna Nylander, Lynette Chandler, Bernie Laumann

I. Board Reports

A. President (Debbie)

1. Debbie welcomed Bernie as new IDEC secretary.

2. We need to locate the most recent IDEC Constitution and Bylaws. There is also an IDEC President's box that contains information about the Jeanette McCollum award and other, more recent IDEC actions. – Jeffri Brookfield has the materials.

3. Liability insurance for hosting SAV conference: There is someone who may be able to get us non-profit insurance (commercial package to insure the IDEC Board). Bethany Morris provided information for an individual in the offices of Armfield, Harrison and Thomas (Jane Greenburg) who works in the area of non-profit insurance. See Treasurer Report for additional information.

4. Future Meetings: Discussed having an IDEC membership meeting in conjunction with upcoming ECSE Coordinators meetings in March. A representative from the IDEC Board will discuss:

a) What is IDEC?

b) Member benefits

c.) Give away some free materials (e.g., IDEC Recommended Practices book)

ISBE ECSE Coordinator meetings: location, date and IDEC Executive Board member(s)
Belleville on March 6 (contact Kathy Hollowich):

Springfiled on March 7 (contact Joan Leff): Micki Ostrosky & Mary-alayne Hughes

Nrthwest. Chicago suburbs on March 13 (contact Lisa Fisher): TBA

Oak Forest on March 14 (contact Marlene Crist): Donna Nylander

CPS on March 29 (contact??): Mary Wonderlick & LynetteChandler

Julie Evans, Pam Reising-Rechner, and Sallee Beneke will be at each coordinator's meeting. StarNet staff in each region are coordinating these meetings.

Membership materials can either be sent to StarNet coordinators prior to these meetings or to Pam and Julie at ISBE and they can take materials to each site. Need to consider what is easier for Bethany to process and distribute.

Spring IDEC board meeting will be held in conjunction with the May SAV meeting (May 18th). SAV will meet from 10-1:00 and IDEC Board will meet from 1-3:00.

We usually have the fall meeting at the SAV conference in October.

5. We brainstormed names of practitioners who might want to get involved in IDEC: Felicia Gooler, Deb Coleman, Connie Brown, Sharifa Townsend, Sue Sullivan. Have them join a committee first to get involved in the organization then recruit for future Board members.

6. Deb circulated the DEC Subdivision update newsletter.

7. Mary, Julie, and Pam indicated they did not get information sent over the IDEC listservs. Update: Added to IDEC listserv on January 23rd.

B. President Elect (Mary-alayne).

Mary-alayne circulated SAV conference and presenter evaluation forms. Pam will show these to her sister-in-law who works in teacher certification.

C. Vice President (Julie). No Report

D. Treasurer (Micki).

Discussed moving the account to a bank in Springfield, however, we decided to leave it at Main St. Bank in Champaign.

Current Funds & Expenses

IDEC Account: \$4, 400

Accountant Fee: \$1,000 (to do taxes)

SAV account: \$38, 000

CD (JAM award): \$5,000

Interest on CD: \$125.00

IDEC Newsletter is now on the web. It costs \$400.00 /yr. to maintain the web site.

Still trying to get 5013C status (non-profit). Bernie suggested Micki talk to Kathy McCormick (U of I Department of SPED) about completing the paperwork. Kathy is working on this for CEC chapter at U of I.

SAV will cost \$135.00 to attend in 2007. It was suggested IDEC give a \$10.00 coupon/gift certificate to members to spend in the Exhibitors Hall as an incentive to join DEC/as a benefit to continuing members. Also, we discussed adding the IDEC membership to the SAV registration form.

E. Past-President (Jennifer).

Jennifer needs to put together an election slate for the May IDEC newsletter. We need to elect a V.P. and a Treasurer.

II. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership (Donna)

Ideas for increasing membership were discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. Sharing A Vision Conference (Madelyn). No report

C. Newsletter/Publications (Hasan & LaShorage).

We brainstormed ideas for the newsletter: JAM Award information, Membership application, Preschool for All, New CSEFEL grant information, EI info (need to contact Ted Burke), Upcoming conferences (SAV, DEC, NAEYC). May newsletter will need to have any changes to By-laws.

D. JAM award. (Jennifer). No report.

Information to the membership about nominating someone for JAM award needs to go on the IDEC web site. – Need to update information on the IDEC website for nominations for the JAM Award (Jennifer’s contact information in place of Bernie’s.)

E. Children’s Action Network (Debbie)

Debbie forwards messages to people on the listserv. DEC is using free phone conferences to disseminate information and answer questions about IDEA 2004 changes to rules and regulations.

F. Government Relations (Pam).

- Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) is working on updates. One is to provide an additional 180 days for placement decisions. New rules will be posted on the ISBE website.
- Pam mentioned the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) with data related to early childhood programs in Illinois. There is a link from the Early Childhood Block Grants page on the ISBE website (http://www.isbe.state.il.us/earlychi/html/block_grant.htm) or directly at <http://iecam.crc.uiuc.edu/> Data can be viewed at <http://iecam.crc.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/search.cgi>
- Pam also mentioned the RFPs for the Social-emotional training and Pre-K personnel preparation. Lynette had a question about the Social-emotional training RFP regarding expertise in mental health versus social-emotional strategies.

G. Family Participation (Maureen). No report.

H. Liaison to IL CEC (Julie). No report.

I. Liaison to Chicago Metro Association for Education of Young Children/Interest Forum (Mary)

Mary asked about IDEC having a booth at the national NAEYC in Chicago in November. We could have the DEC Recommended Practices book and the Tool Kits for sale. Mary also discussed an idea of having an “Ask the Expert” service at the booth. Experts would

be at the booth for 90 minute blocks to answer questions about “hot topics”. If IDEC is interested in assisting with the “Ask the Expert” service, we need to compile a list of experts, contact them, compile topics and schedule.

J. Report from Student Representative – LaShorage Shaffer

LaShorage reported that she now has the IDEC Student Representative notebook.

Old business

Discussed Constitution and by-laws

SAV conference issues

New business

ECSE certification

Discussion about stand alone 04 for ECSE – certification beyond Type 04 for ECE

- ECSE Type 04 would not match requirements for IL Pre-K teacher positions
- Practicum and student teaching issues – sites, coverage (e.g., one ECSE faculty member), etc.
- Discussed “four course wonder” for ECSE approval – not all universities have same requirements. For example, approved families course at SIU is offered in C&I not SPED; the former focuses on parent training rather than family assessment, family-centered practices, etc.
- Suggestion to mirror ECSE approval requirements with those of the four areas for EI credential (Typical and atypical development, Families, Assessment and Intervention)
- No recommendation from IDEC Board at this time