

IDEC Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2008
10:00 – 3:00

Attending: Julie Evans (via phone) Mary-alayne Hughes, Robin Miller-Young, Donna Nylander, Pam Reising-Rechner, LaShorage Shaffer, Jennifer (Loncola) Walberg, Mary Wonderlick. Special Guests: Tweety Felner, Nasiah Cirincione-Ulezi

As president of IDEC, MA Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Donna Nylander for hosting. MA Hughes then opened the meeting with discussion of storage of materials for both IDEC and SAV. Lynette Chandler has been graciously holding on to the many boxes of materials but IDEC needs to find a more permanent solution. RM Young will look into this and follow-up at next meeting,

MA Hughes spoke with ITDA about possible collaboration. Lisa Lampman is her contact and L Lampman stated that she would follow up with MA. Hughes after the next ITDA meeting in June.

M Wonderlick brought up the NAEYC special interest forum. NAEYC approached her to be a part of a panel that will work on an updated joint position paper between DEC and NAEYC on inclusion. Also on the panel are Camille Catlett and Virginia Bussy. The board congratulated M Wonderlick on this nomination.

M Wonderlick also requested input from the board relating to the NAEYC conference in Dallas, Texas November 6-8 2008. She is putting together a Hotline for Help and needs to reach out to DEC members in Texas who may be able to be experts on the hotline. MA Hughes suggested that Mary may want to talk to Bethany at DEC. M Wonderlick mentioned that participants would become a presenter if they participated in the Hotline for Help.

M Wonderlick also requested input from the board regarding a NAEYC Professional Development opportunity in June 2008. She has a 20 minute presentation and would like to use the time to both give information and recruit people for the special interest forum; She was considering using Cara's Kit and it was suggested she also consider Recognition and Response. Board members brainstormed ideas and recommended a slide at the end telling participants, if they liked what they just heard they should become more involved and that more information was available through the special interest forum.

MA Hughes mentioned that IDEC ballots had gone out electronically for 2008 openings as treasurer and vice-president. There was one candidate for treasurer, Wu-Ying Hsieh, and two candidates for vice-president, Nasiah Cirincione-Ulezi and Laurie Jeans. Ballots are due May 23 and D Bruns will report on the winners in early June.

JL Walberg brought up talking points about the relationship between SAV and IDEC in preparation for a meeting with Susan Ferry and Carol Weisheit on June 19. The board gave feedback on the document. Susan Ferry's contract for SAV 2009 was also discussed. JL Walberg indicated that Susan Ferry would submit two proposals, one with her as the full conference coordinator, including registration, but with no on-site responsibilities and one contract with her as conference coordinator excluding registration and on-site. The board discussed different options for dealing with registration if Susan Ferry does not handle this aspect. D Nylander had a suggestion for a person who works with ICASE who may be able to handle registration.

Also the issue of insurance for the SAV conference as well as not-for-profit status was raised. M Wonderlick will ask CHADD what they do, T Felner will check with DEC, RM Young will look at not-for profit again and check with Bob Abbot from ICEC. The issue of money and auditing of SAV funds was brought up as this may be relevant to not-for-profit status. As WY Hsieh is running unopposed, it is expected she will win the treasurer position. ☺ As auditing is in the by-laws, J. Evans as incoming IDEC President will work with her to get the ball rolling on an audit.

JL Walberg shared that the first planning meeting for SAV is expected to be held June 20 at the Westin in Lombard. Committee chairs will be invited to this preliminary meeting so they can see the space and have an idea of what it looks like when they plan.

D Nylander discussed membership next. IDEC membership has increased from 215 to 225! If anyone would like to take a look at the membership list, D Nylander has an updated copy. There is a special renewal rate that is going on right now and you get \$10 off membership until May 31, 2008. Renewing members also receive a coupon for 20% off any DEC product. D Nylander shared ideas for building membership and community from her membership conference call. These included having a dinner when the latest journal comes out so members can get together and discuss ideas.

The majority of time at this meeting was spent reviewing the by-laws. Board members meticulously combed through the document submitted by L Chandler and D Nylander. The updated by-laws will be shared in a separate document.

The board discussed possible next meeting dates of July 9, 10 or 17 2008. MA Hughes will send these dates out to other board members and finalize a next meeting via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer L Walberg
May 15, 2008