

Specialized Literacy Professionals

Board Meeting

June 28, 2011
(7:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

Those attending were: Rita Bean, Jack Cassidy, Barbara Marinak, Jennifer Shettel and Wolfram Verlaan

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report/Membership

Wolfram reported 142 renewals. He also indicated that a Pay pal account has been set up as well as a membership email. All expired members have received an email reminder to renew. Wolfram will meet with Gary to finalize the transfer of funds. Evan will chat with Wolfram regarding non-profit status and re-application process. IRA is recommending holding off on applying for non-profit status. The new membership form will be put on the website.

III. Election

A 200 word description of professional life and contributions will be requested from the four Board candidates. Jack will edit as necessary. Deadline for submission will be July 21st. The Board election will be held in August. There are four candidates for two slots.

IV. Newsletter

Previous publisher, Continental Press indicates that they are unable to continue publishing the newsletter. We are in need of a new publisher. Publishing includes lay out, publication of 350 copies, and shipment to Jack for mailing. The benefit to the new publisher is free advertising. Barb will check with ZB. We should all think about a newsletter editor

V. Website

Wolfram will try to find a person to maintain the website. Jack suggested that the minutes should be available on the website. The IRA form being completed by Rita should result in the website being updated.

VI. Research

The quantitative section of the study was sent by Rita to Diane Kern for review. This chunk will be sent out to the entire group. The qualitative group is working on analysis. Nothing new on the position paper. IRA has submitted a proposal to USDOE for a grant to work on a literacy coach certification. Given this, Rita has suggested that we hold on the position paper until the status of the grant is known.

VII. Conferences

The IRA SIG proposal will be revised to include Rita's suggestions and the reduced time. Jen, Evan, and Barb will rewrite the proposal. Small group facilitators will be invited from the

research group. These individual must be SIG members in order to be included in the IRA session.

Jack suggested that the SIG consider doing our own conference. The group discussed ways this might happen. Jen suggested that we float the idea of a conference in the newsletter. We are co-sponsoring the TALE conference in Texas but not expecting significant profits.

VIII. Other

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at the end of August. Specific date TBD.

Minutes taken by Barbara Marinak, Board Secretary.