

Michigan Educational Research Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday October 7, 2009 Genesee ISD

## MINUTES

President Treder called the meeting to order at 10:32 am

Attendees: Chris Schram, Ernie Bauer, Dave Treder, Bettie Menchik (via phone), Laurie Smith (via phone), Tovah Sheldon (via phone), Mark Weinberg, Paul Robinson, Harvey Czerwinski

Absent: Kathy Miller, Bill Brown

Minutes from Sept. 2nd board meeting were approved.

Website update – conference brochure is on the website

## Elections

There was much discussion about elections, whose terms were up, and how to conduct the vote. **Bettie will send email to the membership to see if anyone is interested in running for the board.** Chris will correspond with those who are interested, and collect biographical information from those willing to run. **Nominations and bios will be due to Chris by Oct. 21.** Ballots will be mailed shortly thereafter, with results due prior to the November meeting. Dave, Chris, Mark, and Ernie's slots are up for election this time. Because Tovah was appointed to replace Doug, she has to stand for election this time, to fulfill the remainder of us term, until December 2010.

## Conferences

Fall 2009

The Christmas tree will be up at the Bavarian Inn prior to the conference. Bettie will mail brochures to curriculum directors and charter schools. **Dave will call Kathy today to get final text for the conference information for Bettie.** We do have a few registrations in, and Ernie will acknowledge them when we have a final program (so he can include the program in his acknowledgement). There was discussion and clarification about the content for the second day of the program.

Dave checked with Bavarian Inn about food, and wireless Internet. Breakfast and snacks may be served outside of the room if we are crowded. The Drs. Gullen will do hospitality. The room is booked. **Ernie will check with Jim and Kristine Gullen for location, hours, and confirm whether they will open hospitality then night before the conference. Dave will call 5 the Bavarian Inn days prior with a guaranteed headcount for meals. Kathy will introduce Carol Commodore.** Tovah will help with check in and technology, and Bettie will help with check in. Mark has a student who will pay ½ price for conference attendance in return for

helping with clerical support at check in. **Laurie will do name tags and packets again. Ernie will get her names by the Thursday before the conference.** Mark has asked that speakers provide presentations in advance, so he can post them on the web ahead of the conference.

Spring 2010

Tovah suggested looking at actual research practice. We discussed having a call for papers, using something from the Galileo project, and finding research that is already done. **Mark volunteered to look into the University Club and Eagle Crest for spring as possible locations. Ernie is going to call Oakland U and the Galileo collaborative to see if any of them are willing to talk about their research. Tovah and Mark will construct a call for papers and will bring a draft to the next meeting.** Potential topics for the conference (and research) included turnaround schools, issues of diversity, etc. Potential dates are May 20/21 or May 27/28. **Dave will check with the PohlCat just in case.**

Next Board Meeting – Nov 4, 2009 – Genesee ISD – Conference calls work fine for those who use them. Our next meeting will be in Lansing. **Mark can book a room at his office downtown (124 Allegan).** We will have to pay for parking. We can walk to go out for lunch.

Other Old Business- Ernie sent our officer list to DLEG, sent them \$20. So they are treating us as a non-profit organization. We need to re-establish the audit committee. **Paul and Harvey will serve on the audit committee and will conduct the audit after the first of the year.**

New Business / Additions to the Agenda - none

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08.