

IASD Summer Board Meeting Minutes
July 8 and 12, 2008

IASD Summer Board Meeting—Day 1 (July 8, 2008)

In attendance:

Kate Adams	Olaf Gerlach-Hansen	Wendy Pannier
Sheila Asato	Robert Gongloff	Alan Siegel
Umberto Barcaro	Jody Grundy	Jeremy Seligson
Deirdre Barrett	Ernest Hartmann	Gunnar Sundstrom
Jean Campbell	Deborah Hickey	Katja Valli
Layne Dalfen	Curtiss Hoffman	Robert Waggoner
Rita Dwyer	Bob Hoss	Craig Webb
Marcia Emery	David Kahn	Bernard Welt
Anne Frey	Don Kuiken	Richard Wilkerson
Frank Galvin	Jacquie Lewis	

1. Acceptance of minutes of last board meeting

The minutes of the Spring Board meetings held on March 15 and 16, 2008, were accepted.

2. Newly elected board members

Olaf introduced the newly elected board members who will take office at the second board meeting on July 12: Nicolas Brink, Ernest Hartmann, Deborah Hickey, Jacquie Lewis, and Gunnar Sundstrom.

3. Bylaws changes

David Kahn provided a brief update on the changes to our bylaws. He said they were necessary to bring us into compliance with California law. He thanked Robert Waggoner for connecting us with an excellent lawyer, Jill England. Even with these changes, we will still maintain the goals of IASD. The most important change was the concept of board-appointed directors. The other major difference from the old bylaws is that officers must be board members. This is the reason we have board-appointed directors. We have also added two new committees, the Global Advisory Committee and the Past Presidents Advisory Committee.

4. Executive Committee Report

David Kahn reported on the current status of the Executive Committee. The current committee members include Jean Campbell, Curtiss Hoffman, Robert Waggoner, Robert Gongloff, Robert Hoss, Olaf Gerlach-Hansen, Wendy Pannier, Rita Dwyer, and himself. The committee meets once or twice before board meetings and meets almost daily by email. Some of the current issues under consideration by the committee include the following: the quality of conference submissions, the 2010 conference, issues surrounding the new bylaws (including board-appointed members, adoption, and the new advisory committees), the On-line Associates program, the Heritage Fund, the central office rent increase, and insuring receipt of the journal by our members.

5. Nominating Committee Report

Olaf Gerlach-Hansen reported that there are two main issues of interest to us. First, they propose that Wendy Pannier be appointed as the seventh board-appointed director. Second, the committee recommends that we postpone decisions on the composition and expectations of the Global Advisory Committee until the October board meeting. They want to be sure they have time to check with potential nominees and come up with roles and processes that do not conflict with the Membership Committee.

6. Treasurer's Report

Robert Waggoner reported that we received almost \$49,000 in dues last year. Of course, our conferences are the way we get most of our income, and we expect this to be a good year. Also, the efforts of Anne Frey and several successful regionals have shown great profit this year. We received an \$8500 rebate from APA for the journal *Dreaming*. Expenses are continuing to increase, including rent, Kintera, and website costs. Inflation is rising at about 4-5% annually, so we need more money each year. Of course, travel costs are going up, so we need to consider such ideas as local advertising, more on-line conferences, and more support for regionals. Jean reminded everyone that the fall board meeting is our budget meeting; we need suggestions from the committees in advance so we can look them all over at once. Robert noted that all the new proposals that come along add more expenses and may increase the time required by Richard Wilkerson.

7. Development Committee Report

- a. PsiberDreaming Conference. Jean Campbell reported that the theme of this year's conference will be *Dreaming the Future of Dreaming*, asking: What will dreaming be like in the next 25 years? This is a two-week long conference for under \$100. She said that Rita Dwyer is bringing in new people. Rita stated her desire that more board members sign in for the conference.
- b. Conference Scholarships. We offered 15 scholarships this year. We actually had more applicants than we had money to cover. But we put out a plea in E-News and received a

\$1000 donation the next day. So every person who applied was able to receive money. Jean is suggesting a track for students and young scholars for next year's conference.

- c. 25th Anniversary Celebration. Jean asked that the Board allocate \$2000 for a year's worth of advertising. This would allow us to advertise IASD over and above our normal conference advertising. She noted that we have missed opportunities to advertise in *Dreaming*; she has the deadline schedule for the next year. Alan Siegel reminded us that we still need to focus on local advertising for the conference.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include \$2000 in our budget for general advertising funds to be used for on-line and hard-copy venues in the coming year, in addition to what will be budgeted in the fall for our next annual conference. This motion was passed unanimously.

- d. Public relations. Wendy Pannier presented her point that we need to be pro-active about publicity, not just reactive when a reporter calls for an interview. She recommended hiring a firm that can distribute our releases. She presented several options, but felt the one firm that would best suit our needs would be Ascribe. She recommended that we just "get our feet wet" with their basic service of five releases for \$425. This expense, plus an annual fee of \$125 would cost \$550 per year. The company has no tracking service, so we would need a method of evaluating how it is working. Suggestions for doing this included asking conference attendees, conducting a survey, and using other sources that already exist.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include \$550 in our budget for IASD to become a member of Ascribe for one year at a membership fee of \$125, and purchase their basic package of five releases for \$425. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. Membership meeting

Jean reminded us of the importance of this meeting and urged everyone to attend.

9. Education Committee/CE Update

Alan Siegel reported that our CE program will have fewer participants this year because Canadians do not need the credits. He expects participation at the Chicago conference to be our biggest ever because we will be able to advertise it through the APA website. Now that we have five-year APA approval we cannot let up on our paperwork. Even though they don't check every detail as we go along, we will be subject to a random audit. He reminded everyone not to use the term CEU or CE units, say "CE credits." We do not offer CE credits and we are not an authorized provider of APA CE, not do we offer APA CE credits. We are an APA approved sponsor of CE but the credits are offered by IASD. He worked with the committee at the LA regional and was able to approve five hours of CE credits. The committee has updated all the conference evaluation forms. Mary Pat Lynch, Don Kuiken, Barbara Bishop, and Laurel McCabe

are helping with the analysis. We can use feedback from these forms to retrain people who had bad evaluations. All evaluations will be on Survey Monkey, so we can go to our website to complete them. Some items for consideration at the October board meetings included identifying methods of using the evaluations, deciding whether evaluations should be sent to presenters, and offering free tuition for data entry at the Chicago conference. Alan asked for \$250 to support the costs involved in CE data entry.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include \$250 in our budget to cover costs involved in CE credit data entry. This motion was approved unanimously.

Alan reported that one home study course is set to go. He recommends that we initially focus on books and web articles instead of PowerPoint presentations. He feels this is the simplest and quickest way to get going. His goal is to have three to five courses ready by the fall. The number of credits each course will offer depends on the number of hours required for people to take the course exam, which will be developed by the CE committee. We still have questions as to discounts for members and possible bulk discounts. Also, if the On-line Associates program is approved, we need to decide if associates will receive the same discounts as members, since the associates are not actual members of IASD. He feels that the people doing the ratings should get free CE credits. This program could be a recurring “cash cow.” The committee will need to develop courses for non-CE continuing education.

Action item: Alan Siegel will make a formal proposal by the October board meetings as to his needs for administrative and financial support for the Home Studies Distance Learning Program, to include discount options for members and associates.

10. Montreal Conference Update and Logistics

Layne Dalfen reported that 352 registered for the conference, not counting some who were just registering for the final day. She thanked the whole team. Bob Hoss also acknowledged the team, mentioning that their energy was extremely high. Jean Campbell’s “count-down” idea was especially helpful. The conference included 107 sessions in seven tracks. Bob said that we used this conference as a test case on a number of things, including evening key note speakers and chairs for the tracks. We had 191 English and 30 French presenters. The research track was huge, including 18 sessions and over 60 presenters. We had sixteen posters; one woman raised \$1000 on her own to support her poster presentation. Sylvia Green-Guenette was able to enter data through the Google program. Jean said the conference team was the best at public relations and media advertising than any other conference in her experience. Normally, PR events occur during the conference, but this time PR occurred beforehand. Layne emphasized the importance of the subject line in our emails; when we change the subject we need to create a new subject line to prevent confusion and the chance of overlooking important information.

Bob Hoss expressed his concern about future conferences. We need a sense of permanence among the conference planners. The conferences are getting so large and involved, we can’t afford to start from scratch each year. He has been doing extensive research on third-party

conference planners. But these planners only provide what we do in our first phase of planning, such as finding hotels, catering, and ordering audio-visual equipment. No other conferences have as many presenters as we do. Conference planners will not help with the program itself. And their fees are quite high, in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. One step we are taking is developing programs to capture and manipulate the required data for conferences. This includes creating data input screens and providing specific data in the formats needed for submission evaluation and program scheduling. He requested \$5000 for programming support to initiate this and \$2000 a year to update and maintain the programs for each conference. Robert Gongloff is currently performing this initial programming. Jean noted that although board members cannot be paid for conducting board-related duties, it is not a conflict of interest for them to be paid for a specific task.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include \$5000 in our budget for initial programming of conference database management, and \$2000 per year for update and maintenance. The motion passed; Bob Hoss abstained, Robert Gongloff recused himself.

11. Student Awards Update

Curt Hoffman reported that Ewa Murzyn, one of the award winners will be at the conference, but Ryan Hurd, the other winner, will not. These will be announced at the membership meeting, which is another reason for the Board to be there. He produced the awards, taking the burden off of Richard Wilkerson. There were 11 submissions, mostly graduate students.

12. Research Awards Update

Bob Hoss reported that the Research Grant Committee has awarded four grants, two in 2006 and two 2007. This week, Philippe Stenstrom and Tore Nielsen will offer a poster presentation about REM sleep (one of the grant proposals). Bob said he needs \$5000 to \$6000 for grants, but only received \$3000 this year. We may only be able to provide one award next year. It is difficult to get money for these awards since researchers don't have money, they are normally seeking it themselves. Jean reminded everyone that the purpose of boards of directors is fund-raising, so we need to seek out donors.

13. Sponsors and Vendors Update

Anne Frey encouraged everyone to support the dream expert auction. Since we went through an international book seller this year, some books were not available, so authors were contacted to bring books that could not be ordered. We have rented all but one vendor booth; vendors are paying commissions on sales rather than paying for use of the booth. Presentations will be available on CD, CD-ROM, and MP3.

14. Membership Committee Update

Jody Grundy reported that we have 634 members, up 2% from her report in June, and we have gone over the \$50,000 membership income mark. Several current concerns are the complaints that some members are not receiving publications, and that we need to be thinking now about complimentary memberships for 2009.

15. Heritage Fund Committee Report

Robert Waggoner reminded everyone that the former Endowment Committee has been renamed. He asked that IASD agree to establish a fund arrangement with the Marin Community Foundation, who can assist us with acceptance of complex gifts such as bequests, securities, real estate, art works, personal property, retirement plan assets, and life insurance.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include an amount, not to exceed \$1000, in our budget to allow Robert Waggoner to sign an agreement with a community foundation in the Bay Area and proceed to establish an expendable fund. This motion passed unanimously.

16. Online Committee Report

Curt Hoffman thanked the Executive Committee for clarifying what he needed to obtain approval for the Online Associates Program. He produced a cost-benefit analysis which has been incorporated into his report to the Board. He said that our organization is growing. If we are to maintain ourselves as an international organization, we can't do it on the basis of the conference and membership alone. We need to expand our outreach to a larger audience around the world who can benefit from our services and provide a cash flow and who could become members of IASD. There was concern that if we provide an associates program at a lower cost, some members might migrate. To answer this concern, the committee conducted an online survey. The results showed that most people are still interested in the print media and the conferences, indicating that the likelihood they might migrate is small. Any migration would be offset by new members we will get from the associates program. He asked for approval of the program now so that he can launch it in association with the PsiberDreaming conference and the Home Study courses in the fall. Once it is established, he will create a budget proposal.

Motion: That the Board approve the launching of the Online Associates Program to begin in the fall of 2008.

Board members discussed continuing concerns about the program. The primary concern was who was going to run the program, since we did not want to place any additional work on Richard Wilkerson. Curt said that the committee will publicize and run the program, and any administrative burden placed on Richard will be minimal. Others felt they needed more time to review the cost-benefit analysis, since it came in just before the conference.

David Kahn reminded the group that the Board approved a motion made by Ed Kellogg back in October 2006 that in effect created the Online Associates Program as a transition from the E-

Committee. Curt felt that this motion just created the concept and that he is working within the intent of that motion.

In response to Sheila's question about who our target group might be, Curt replied that we have a large international audience of people who are unable or incapable of attending our conferences. He feels he has demonstrated the point that there is a large community of people who would be interested in this program. Rita Dwyer noted that this is now being done within IONS. Jody Grundy said that, after review, she feels this is a good thing to do, as we will be able to reach people who would never come to conferences or become members.

Motion: That the Board table the motion for launching the Online Associates Program for further review by the current Executive Committee plus Jody Grundy and Curt Hoffman, for final vote by the Board by August 15. This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Nightmare Response Line

We still have no report or information from Jill Fischer on the status of the Nightmare Response Line. Alan Siegel noted that we could be liable if people who feel they have been harmed by this claim it was therapy. Jill has been asked to address liability issues, but has not yet provided a response. We have not been paying for this program for some time. We need to evaluate the future of this at the fall board meeting.

18. E-News Update

Jacquie Lewis reported that the E-News is on hiatus this month. She has been researching other newsletters and will probably be making some further improvements. She said the move to Kintera was very helpful.

19. *Dreaming* Update

Deirdre Barrett reported that there has been an increase in submissions since APA took over the Journal, and we have doubled the number of subscribers. She recommends an increase in the number of pages to make room for more articles – probably two to three articles per year. The Journal has 280 pages at present. She wants to do this conservatively by just adding the minimum of 20 pages. We could then consider adding more pages in the future. We can't do this until 2010, so this would not be in the budget until that year. Based on the 2009 figures, this would cost us about \$3400. This could conceivably provide a financial advantage to us in the long run.

Motion: That the Board advise the treasurer to include an amount, not to exceed \$4000, in our budget to increase the number of pages of the Journal by 20 as soon as possible. This motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.

There has been discussion about publishing the conference abstracts in the Journal. Deirdre is opposed to it but wanted to bring it up for discussion. Some options include: publishing them in Michael Shredl's online journal, placing them on our website in pdf format, creating a blog, or having APA put them as an appendix on their website. Alan felt a big argument against this is that abstracts are not accepted the same way as Journal articles.

20. *DreamTime* Update

Jean Campbell commented in Richard Russo's absence. She said there has been discussion between David Kahn, Rita Dwyer, Richard, and herself about adding an editorial assistant to the staff. Richard said he will write a job description. This person will perform first-round copy editing, some IASD news reporting, and handling unsolicited articles. This job will be advertised in the E-News and *DreamTime*.

21. Regional Events Committee Report

Marcia Emery acknowledged the great success of the LA regional in April and said that the hosts are planning for another event in March, 2009. She said that Jacquie Lewis is still considering a regional in Chicago in the spring. Curt Hoffman expressed his enthusiasm about a regional to be held at the College of Archaeology, Tourism, and Hotel Management in Petra, Jordan in the latter half of May 2009, with the theme, Dreaming in the Middle East, Past, Present, and Future. He has a support team assembled and is waiting to hear from the dean so he can finalize plans. Gunnar Sundstrom also expressed enthusiasm about a regional in Gothenburg, Sweden, with the theme, Dreams in a Changing Society, planned for March, 2009. Marcia discussed the efforts of the Interim Working Group for Member-Driven Events, that was created as a result of a motion at the spring board meeting.

22. 2009 Conference Update

Jacquie Lewis, the conference host, is planning special events, such as the Architectural boat tour. She has met with the hotel about catering and is evaluating costs based on this year's prices. Curt Hoffman will be the program chair and is looking for track chairs. Other key positions need to be filled as well, such as the volunteer coordinator.

23. 2010 Conference Update

Bob Hoss and Olaf Gerlach-Hansen reported on the status of this conference. Olaf said he has been in touch with Hermine Mensink about finding affordable locations in Amsterdam. He said that Hermine had provided a lot of new information the last three weeks. He also said that we still lack information in the format expected by the Board, which had also been sent to Hermine by Bob Hoss. Of crucial importance is that we do not have a final convincing budget to present by now. Olaf and Bob feel we need a definite plan with a realistic budget based on the conference formats/questionnaire normally used for conference planning. If this is not possible, we need realistic alternatives by the fall board meeting. Rita Dwyer expressed her concern

about the US dollar versus the Euro, questioning whether this is the right time to consider Amsterdam. Several on the Board felt we should be actively seeking alternatives.

24. Retiring Board Members

Jean Campbell thanked the retiring board members, Nick Brink, Marcia Emery, Laurel McCabe, Bernard Welt, and Gunnar Sundstrom.

25. Interim status of officers

Motion: That we to allow IASD 2008 officers to serve as formerly elected between the IASD Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 10, until new officers or successors are elected by the Board at the second board meeting on Saturday, July 12.

26. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment passed unanimously.

IASD Summer Board Meeting—Day 2 (July 12, 2008)

In attendance:

Kate Adams	Olaf Gerlach-Hansen	Don Kuiken
Sheila Asato	Robert Gongloff	Jacquie Lewis
Umberto Barcaro	Jody Grundy	Wendy Pannier
Deirdre Barrett	Ernest Hartmann	Gunnar Sundstrom
Jean Campbell	Deborah Hickey	Katja Valli
Layne Dalfen	Curtiss Hoffman	Robert Waggoner
Rita Dwyer	Bob Hoss	
Anne Frey	David Kahn	

27. Welcome new board members

Jean Campbell welcomed Ernest Hartmann, Deborah Hickey, Jacquie Lewis, and Gunnar Sundstrom, as well as Nick Brink in his absence. Ernest raised the issue of term limits for committee chairs. David Kahn reminded everyone that the chairs must be reelected each year. Jean said that the committees will be revised at the fall board meeting and that between now and then we should be thinking about committee members and chairs and sending suggestions

and ideas to her. It would be ideal if each committee had a person in training preparing to assume the chair position.

28. Introduction of proposed slate of officers; explanation of board-elected board members

David Kahn said that in determining a slate of officers we give preference to the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Under the new bylaws, we created a new category of directors, called board-elected members. The Nominating Committee recommended that we have seven of these board-elected members. We will continue to have 15 member-elected board members. These changes have to be approved at a board meeting.

Olaf, as chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the proposed slate of officers be the following: for President: Olaf Gerlach-Hansen, for Vice-president and President-elect: Robert Waggoner, for Treasurer: Bob Hoss, for Secretary: Robert Gongloff, and for Board chair: Jean Campbell. David Kahn and Wendy Pannier were added as board-appointed members.

Olaf went on to say that every three years we will have to nominate new board-elected members. Officers have one-year terms, so each year, five officers must be nominated and elected (or reelected). Even if none of the five are reelected, we cannot increase the size of the full board beyond that stipulated in the bylaws, and even then only by a board resolution. Officers must be elected from among the current board membership. All board members have three-year terms. Wendy noted that we need to cultivate people to be board members.

Curt Hoffman asked who the members of the Nominating Committee would be. David Kahn said that this is a standing advisory committee. The Executive Committee is the only one identified as a Committee of the Board. All others are advisory committees. The Nominating Committee consists of the President, the immediate Past President, and at least three other individuals who are members or directors. Quoting from the bylaws, "Of the individuals on the Nominating Committee other than the current President, one shall be identified and groomed as a future President of IASD by the Nominating Committee and that individual shall act as the Chair of the Nominating Committee." This would be the President-elect, which is now equivalent to the Vice President.

29. Setting the number of board-elected board members

Motion: That the Board accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and set the number of board-elected board members at seven for this year. This motion passed unanimously.

30. Election of board-elected board members

Motion: That the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and elect the following as board-elected board members: Olaf Gerlach-Hansen, Robert Waggoner, Bob

Hoss, Robert Gongloff, Jean Campbell, David Kahn, and Wendy Pannier. This motion passed unanimously.

31. Adoption of new slate of officers

Jean Campbell noted that the full board may elect a slate of officers from any of the 22 board members, with deference to the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Motion: That the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and adopt the following slate of officers for the year 2008-2009: for President: Olaf Gerlach-Hansen, for Vice-president and President-elect: Robert Waggoner, for Treasurer: Bob Hoss, for Secretary: Robert Gongloff, and for Board chair: Jean Campbell. This motion passed unanimously.

32. Explanation of the Past Presidents Advisory Committee

David Kahn reminded everyone that at the spring board meeting the Board approved David and the two past presidents, Rita Dwyer and Wendy Pannier, as co-facilitators of the committee to help ensure the strongest possible communication and relation with the Board and Exec. Wendy said that we want to tap the wisdom and experience of the past presidents. Five years ago we gave the option to all past presidents to vote at board meetings. However, this was not in accordance with California law, so we had to find another way for them to be involved. She has asked Richard Wilkerson for a past presidents e-list, so that we may get opinions from them from time to time. Rita said that she hoped Ernest Hartmann and David Kahn will help. She said we need to reach these people and get them more involved than just voting. We need them as advisors and generators of new ideas. Don Kuiken recommended that the committee submit a report for each board meeting. Ernest felt that those past presidents who want to be involved can find a way and will be involved. Robert Waggoner suggested that Rita and Wendy function as provisional co-chairs and make a suggestion for a permanent chair at the fall board meeting.

33. Explanation of Global Advisory Committee

Olaf Gerlach-Hansen reminded everyone that we formerly had regional vice presidents, but we had no legal basis for doing this. We feel we still need to maintain a global perspective and want advisors from different parts of the world. It is now up to the new Nominating Committee to propose members of the Global Advisory Committee to the Board at the fall board meeting. He feels we need to do this right and not rush into it. We also do not want to duplicate the work of existing committees. The Board recommended that we name Olaf as the chair of the Global Advisory Committee and that he lead the work in the Nominating Committee to provide a report on the Global Advisory Committee by the fall board meeting as to its operation and membership. All board members were asked to give this some thought and offer suggestions to Olaf between now and then.

Action item: Olaf Gerlach-Hansen will lead the Nominating Committee to provide a report and recommendations regarding the Global Advisory Committee prior to the fall board meeting.

34. 2008 Conference Report

Layne Dalfen reported that she has no final registration numbers since many people are registering by hand. She and Richard Wilkerson will provide a final tally in a few weeks. Generally, the best indication of success is from complaints, and she says she has had very few. She did experience some issues that were brought up from last year's conference, volunteers not showing up and rooms not arranged as desired. She recalled that a decision was made to have volunteers pay \$100 that they would get back when they successfully completed their work, and that they would be designated "staff." Bob Hoss said that by adding the lunches this year, the cost to volunteers would have been too much if they included the \$100 fee. Jean said that Lana Nassar, the volunteer coordinator, plans to provide a full report on individual volunteers and will write up recommendations. This needs to be resolved at the committee level. Bob Hoss was concerned that many presenters made changes to their rooms without changing them back when they left; this needs to be addressed for future conferences.

Anne Frey reported that the silent auction netted \$1400, which she felt was approximately half of her goal. Product sales tables were still open at the time of the meeting, but had taken in \$812 so far. She reminded everyone that the Sponsor Committee no longer exists and that the work of that committee will be passed on to the Conference Advisory Committee.

35. Membership Committee Report

Jody Grundy reported that we now have 634 members and exceeded our goal of \$50,000 for membership income. She applauded our efforts for international emphasis, but said we need to envision our commitment to increasing diversity in such areas as color, ethnicity, and socio-economic status. She felt that the Online Associates Program and CE will help us broaden our reach in these areas. However, people around the world may not have the money for CE courses; we need to be sensitive to their situations.

She reported on the Regional Representatives Networking Meeting held this week. There were 35 attendees. The meeting helped people to establish personal contact with each other. They are talking about collaborating and building community between the reps. Many seed ideas were discussed including connecting with psychology departments around the globe, support of different languages on our website, reaching out to lapsed members, and introducing IASD to other countries. Jody said she is considering having lunch tables at next year's conference.

36. Anniversary Year Celebration

Jean Campbell said she is planning a lot of PR to announce and promote the 25th Anniversary Year Celebration. She solicited ideas from the Board. Some included: reminding people about the Quiet Campaign within the ads, making Rita Dwyer's slide show available, taking IASD literature to other conferences, presenting at other conferences, and finding ways to use the existing ASD video.

37. Updates on the 2009 conference

Jacquie Lewis reported that she had a very successful planning meeting. Among the 20-25 people in attendance, she was able to fill 99% of the positions, including a volunteer chair. Mary Pat Lynch agreed to edit the program again. Jacquie's main concern was how many volunteers to have on site; she was advised to seek 60, so that she could be assured of having 30 on site. Jean noted that almost all who volunteered to work on next year's conference have done it before. We are hopefully building a staff for continuity. Sheila reported that many at the meeting who were from the neighboring mid-west states agreed to fill up cars and carpool to Chicago. Jean suggested that they might want to include Ontario and Toronto in their plans.

38. Fall board meeting

The Board set October 25 and 26, 2008, as the dates for the fall board meeting.

39. Old Business

Olaf Gerlach-Hansen said he will check with Hermine Mensink and hopefully have several options for an Amsterdam conference by the fall board meeting. Bob Hoss said he is working with the people in LA but has no solid commitment from anyone down there. Curt Hoffman said he will be willing to be program chair again in 2010 if the conference is held in LA.

40. New Business

Curt Hoffman suggested that the Board send a condolence card to Richard Russo, in respect to his mother's passing. Olaf agreed to sign as President on behalf of the Board.

41. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment passed unanimously.