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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Special thanks to President-elect Elliott Lenoff and the Program Committee for an outstanding Fall Conference! Over five hundred special education supervisors and administrators attended our conference and enjoyed a wide variety of top quality presentations. In today's rapidly changing environment, quality professional development is more important than ever and the Executive Board is grateful to Elliott for his leadership.

At the Executive Board meeting prior to the conference, the Executive Board addressed a number of issues:

- ✍ **IDEA Reauthorization.** Bonnie Reinhart and Christy Chambers, Co-Chairs of IAASE's Federal Committee, are chairing a committee developing recommendations related to the upcoming IDEA reauthorization. Gail Lieberman, ISBE Federal Liaison, will serve as a member of this committee. I strongly encourage you to contact Bonnie and Christy if you have specific issues you would like addressed as IAASE develops its position. In addition, a survey from Chris Koch is forthcoming. Please complete and return that survey to Bonnie or Christy when it arrives.
- ✍ **Time Out and Physical Restraint.** The Board held an extended discussion of the proposed ISBE regulations on time out physical restraint. The Board decided to write a general letter supporting the need for regulations. Individual Board members will express concerns about the proposed rules in writing and IAASE will forward them to ISBE.
- ✍ **Governor's School Code Committee.** Sue Ireland and Bob Fennema represent IAASE on the special education subcommittee of the Governor's School Code Committee. They reported on the progress of that committee and led the Board in an extended discussion of School Code language relative to dual enrollment and parentally placed students in private schools. After discussion, the Board adopted a motion that the School Code Committee develop language that would ensure that legal requirements for service to students in private/parochial schools not exceed federal law.
- ✍ The Executive Board held an extended discussion with ISBE Deputy Superintendent Chris Koch and ISBE Deputy Superintendent for Finance Gary Ey regarding planned district audits for Extraordinary Reimbursement. We were most impressed by Deputy Superintendent Ey's willingness to begin a series of meetings with IAASE representatives to address training issues.

IAASE has over fifteen different committees addressing issues pertinent to almost every aspect of our work. They include our Planning and Evaluation Committee, Personnel Certification and Licensure, Federal Relations, Special Projects, Legislation, Membership and Public Relations, Nominations and Awards, Legal Research, Newsletter Publication, and Ethics, among others. I ask that you assess your own professional interests and consider seeking membership on one of our committees. Broad participation is IAASE will strengthen our organization and, as always, the more individuals involved in analysis of an issue, the more likely we are to develop a strong and positive resolution. I urge you to contact me if you are interested in serving on an IAASE committee and I will ensure that you are connected to the committee's co-chairs.

Dave Peterson
President

**Two Days Out of the Office
And
A Weekend Yet To Go!**

*Elliott Lenoff
President-Elect*

The 3rd Annual IAASE Fall Conference theme was “Linking Strengths Together For IAASE”. The 55 presenters linked up experts with our membership and provided us with information so we could avoid being “The Weakest Link”.

Dr. Monte Selby provided a humorous musical keynote presentation. The lyrics to his songs provided us with motivating, practical, and thought provoking educational insights. Several of his songs, “Peer Pressure”, “My Dad is a Superintendent”, and “Snow Day”, gave us insight into his ability to be optimistic while having fun in the school environment.

Following his keynote presentation, Monte spent the day interacting with our IAASE membership and created three original songs based on conversations with our colleagues. Below are the lyrics to these original tunes. Put your own country rhythm to the lyrics below.

Two Days Out of the Office and A Weekend Yet To Go

Yes, I did sleep through one session, I think that I got caught,
But the lunch was a little too heavy, the room a little too hot.
I dreamed I lost my pager, dreamed of Planet of the Apes.
Speaking of sleep, you know my keys didn't work
Wednesday night when I arrived way too late.

No everything here ain't perfect – sometimes the room is too cold,
But I've had 2 days out of the office with a full weekend to go.

I got a call from the Supt. cause a 3rd grader came to school,
Kid brought to school a knife, and that's against the rules.
So, I'm still checking in with the Secretary, not completely free.
But hey you can't always get what you want,
You just usually get what you need.

So the best part is the fellowship, this facility and free beer,
There's actually enough restrooms, so the women have no lines to fear.

The district pays for my dinner, I'm networking with my friends,
The sessions are great, I'm staying up late, enjoying more food,
again.

Song lyrics based on conversations with Randy Jones & Gail Botthof

Pray Without Words

Bach gave us God's word
 maybe that's what he was after.
Mozart brought us God's sense of humor
 and a little laughter.
Beethoven sends us God's fire,
 like we've never heard.
God gave us music that we might
 pray without words.

Not That I'm ED

Resolving disputes, litigation,
due process, mediation.
This ESL kid-Bilingual or LD,
And is he ED,
Or lack responsibility?

The Illinois Alliance of ASE,
Keep me on the front edge
Of just what I need.
And that ain't easy,
Not that I'm ED,
Or lacking responsibility.

I'm really feeling homesick, with my IEP's.
So I've just written out one,
for the ISBE – all for free.
Not that I'm ED,
Just a little ornery.

Our next conference will be:

January 24-25, 2002
Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
1001 Killarney Street
Urbana, Illinois
Keynote Speaker: Mr. Jamie Vollmer
Guest Room Rate: \$70.50 double
Phone (217) 328-7900

Dr. Jamie Vollmer is a four-star presenter with a reputation for helping school districts and cooperatives increase support for their programs and schools. He energizes educators through his uplifting, entertaining and intellectual presentations. His keynote is entitled "You Cannot Do This Alone". He is a powerful ally in the struggle to create schools that give all students the opportunity to unfold their full potential.

Register now! See the registration form in this newsletter.

Plan ahead and come to this years' spring conference:

May 9-10, 2002
Holiday Inn Collinsville
1000 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, Illinois
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Steve Van Bockern
Guest Room Rate: \$95.95 single/double
Phone: (618) 345-2800

Hear Dr. Van Bockern from "Reclaiming Youth International" a colleague of last years' keynote presenter Dr. Martin Brokenleg.

We look forward to two exciting conferences and look forward to seeing each of you there. If you haven't joined IAASE, now is a good time, so you can enjoy the discounts for these upcoming conferences.

IAASE Website
Bob Fennema



The IAASE website (www.iaase.org) is currently undergoing construction. We look forward to having an updated website that will better serve the needs of our membership.

Even though it is under construction, please visit the site and bookmark it on your browser. We look forward to the grand re-opening in early 2002. It will contain conference information, links to other special education sites, and maybe most important, message boards, an instant messenger, and e-mail addresses of all members. We know that the officers and regional representatives will be able to send group emails to the respective membership. Please visit and let us know your thoughts. An e-mail address link is available even during construction. Please also be prepared to provide IAASE with your current e-mail address. Since the list was originally compiled, many changes have occurred. The only way for IAASE to stay current is through the ongoing efforts of the membership.

Please look for a website demonstration at a future IAASE conference. You will be impressed!

ISBE CERTIFICATION DIVISION

Dr. Rob Sampson

October 10, 2001

Rob Sampson, ISBE: Sheri Piercy and Kathlene Shank, IAASE Executive Board Members: presented on the "Certification Maze" at the October IAASE Conference in Tinley Park. None of the three would say their remarks tamed the maze, but the overview provided by Rob Sampson, whose PowerPoint content is provided below, definitely provided participants an overview of the Special Education Certification Changes now in process of implementation. If you have questions, you may e-mail Kathlene Shank, who has volunteered to seek clarification or answers to our questions: cfkss@eiu.edu.

☞ SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

LBS I LBS II

- ☞ Initial Certificate
- ☞ Standard Certificate
- ☞ Master Certificate
- ☞ Provisional Certificate
- ☞ Approvals
- ☞ Short-term Emergency

☞ LEARNING BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST I – LBS I

- ☞ LBS I= (LD or SED) + (EMH or TMH or PH)
- ☞ Must have one endorsement
- ☞ TBI and AUT may count for either side if possess 3 years teaching experience with these students
- ☞ LBS I Limited (endorsements/approvals one side only)

☞ EXCHANGE OF CERTIFICATES

- ☞ Begins July 2001
- ☞ Early exchange available for registrations expiring July 2002
- ☞ SLI exchange for SLP Type 73 **BUT** certificate not issued until July 2002 (judge order)
- ☞ All certificates to be printed with ends and approvals until July 2003 then LBSI only
- ☞ EMH and TMH now listed as MR on certificates (still appear on TCIS and certification website)
- ☞ Approximately 50% LBS I qualified

☞ REMOVING LIMITATIONS

- ☞ SBE TRAINING SEQUENCE (FORM #73-85)
- ☞ Course in characteristics and methods for missing prep. On other side of equ. #73-85
- ☞ Categorical test #73-85
- ☞ Apply for and receive endorsement or approval #73-52
- ☞ LBSI test #73-85
- ☞ Teaching experience for missing area (form available)
- ☞ Teaching experience with TBI or AUT (Minimum 3 students/2hrs/day for 3 years)

☞ SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

- ☞ LBS I Limited remains for three years with practicing administrator
- ☞ Credential changes to LBS I (Unlimited)

☞ 4 COURSE APPROVAL

- ☞ After January 1, 2002 (See special note below)
- ☞ Valid for 3 years, non renewable
- ☞ Must transition to unlimited via test
- ☞ Failure to receive endorsement then may not serve as LBS I

☞ PZZ

- ☞ Issued prior to December 31, 2001 remain valid for period issued and not reissued
- ☞ No categorical special education PZZ issued after January 1, 2002 for LBSI areas
- ☞ PZZs for other areas continue
 - ☞ School psychologist, guidance, social worker, administrator, adaptive P.E., etc.

☞ SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE

- ☞ Issued to teacher
- ☞ Must hold teacher certificate—03, 04, 09, 10, 29
- ☞ Must have survey course plus one other of the four
- ☞ Apply through ROE
 - ☞ \$30 fee
 - ☞ Plan for acquiring clinical and coursework
 - ☞ Diagnosis and Characteristics for LBS I
 - ☞ Methods for LBS I
 - ☞ Adaptations/modifications for general curriculum
 - ☞ Described supervision by district
 - ☞ Validated by university
 - ☞ Validated by district
 - ☞ Transferable to new employer
 - ☞ Valid 3 years from next academic year; Non renewable

- ✍ **EARLY CHILDHOOD**
- ✍ Type 10 Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Blind & Partially Sighted, Speech Language Impaired
 - ✍ Not regular classroom
- ✍ Early Childhood Special Education Approval January 2002
 - ✍ Assess, Methods, Family & Community Relation, Language Development
- ✍ **LBSI EXAM**
- ✍ January 2003 for removal of limitations
- ✍ July 2003 required for new graduates
 - ✍ Not necessary if categorical test passed during previous 5 years

- ✍ **RENEW CERTIFICATES**
- ✍ Every 5 years
- ✍ Special Education teachers must include mod/adap. curriculum now
- ✍ 50% of Plan in Special Education

SPECIAL NOTE:

Participants in the IAASE session will note the clarification of language relative to approvals. Certification in Illinois is now "Standards" based. Requirements are delineated specific to standards/areas, not number of courses. Please consult Part 226.810b for the language relative to areas of knowledge and skills that must be met for an approval as of January 1, 2002.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Gary Leider

We are requesting help in identifying legislative issues to be addressed by IAASE this spring. They would be included in our legislative platform presented to the membership for approval at the winter conference.

We have discussed introducing legislation which would ensure special education joint agreements would be entitled to state funds and/or grants that are available to school districts, such as technology, training, construction, etc. We will also be continuing our efforts to pass House Bill 536, increasing personnel reimbursement. This bill unanimously passed the House last year, but was not heard in the Senate. Any suggestions you may have, please call Tim Thomas at 847-394-7311 or Gary Leider at 847-692-8016.

The state's revenue during the first quarter is significantly lower than what the state had anticipated. We will need to lobby our legislators to support full funding for all special education line items during the appropriations process this spring.

Now is a good time to meet with your legislators so they get to know you. Share with them the good things that are happening for children with disabilities in your schools. Invite them to visit your programs and meet with staff and parents. Also share with them concerns you may have including funding for special education. Let them know you may be contacting them to support special education legislation this spring. Remember to send them thank you letters and, when appropriate, send letters to the local newspapers recognizing their efforts. It is important to establish a positive relationship with the members of the General Assembly so you can call on them for help.

Current I.A.A.S.E. Officers and Terms of Office

President	Dave Peterson	2 years	7/1/01 – 6/30/02
President-Elect	Elliot Lenoff	2 years	7/1/01 – 6/30/02
Treasurer	Nancy Ranquist	2 years	7/1/01 – 6/30/02
Secretary	Sue Ireland	2 years	7/1/01 – 6/30/02
Member-At-Large	Dave School	2 years	7/1/01 – 6/30/02

Terms of Offices as of July 1, 2002

President	Elliot Lenoff	2 years	7/1/02 – 6/30/04
President-Elect		2 years	7/1/02 – 6/30/04
Treasurer	Nancy Ranquist	2 years	7/1/02 – 6/30/04
Secretary		2 years	7/1/02 – 6/30/04

ILLINOIS ALLIANCE OF ADMINISTRATORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**President-Elect Job Description**Qualifications:

- ? Must be a member in good standing.
- ? Will be a member of C.E.C. and C.A.S.E
- ? Elected in the even-numbered years prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- ? Term of office shall be concurrent with the fiscal year.
- ? The President-elect shall hold office for two years.
- ? Shall accede to the office of President

Duties:

1. Serves on the Executive Board
2. Chairperson of the program committee and carries out those functions and activities as set forth in the IAASE program committee manual.
3. Services as chairperson of the Executive Board in the absence of the President.
4. Works cooperatively with Treasurer to establish procedures for registration at conferences.
5. Receives and reviews conference billing statements before they are forwarded to the President and ultimately to the Treasurer for payment.
6. Works cooperatively with Treasurer on membership drives.
7. Strives to become familiar with work of al officers and committees in preparation for the office of President.
8. Finalize all conference arrangements with hosting facilities in accordance with timelines specified on the contracts for current year.
9. Identify and make arrangements for speakers for the conferences.

Secretary Job DescriptionQualifications:

- ? Must be a member in good standing.
- ? Will be a member of C.E.C. and C.A.S.E
- ? Elected in the even-numbered years prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- ? Term of office shall be concurrent with the fiscal year.

Duties:

1. Serves on the Executive Board.
2. All duties commonly associated with the office of Secretary.
3. Records minutes of all Executive Board meetings.
4. Records minutes of all business meetings of the membership.
5. Provides copies of minutes for:
 - a. Office minute book
 - b. Members of Executive Board
 - c. Entire membership through Newsletter
6. Generates official I.A.A.S.E. correspondence, as directed by the President.
7. Generates special acknowledgments on behalf of organization; i.e. members receiving honors, elected to office, deaths, memorials, etc.
8. Signatory for the organization for specific documents.

9. Maintains accurate records for the organization and annually forwards said records to the office of legal counsel.

THIRD ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE
Linking Strengths Together for IAASE

Dr. Jamie Vollmer's presentation "You Cannot Do This Alone" will provide constructive suggestions for expanding and utilizing our resources in the school setting. Our conference theme of linking strengths together is perfectly encompassed in his discussion. We will have a variety of presenters including:

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dr. Jim Shriner	Role of Teacher Decision Making in Participation and University of IL Accommodation of Students with Disabilities in Large-Scale Assessment
Dr. Hazel Loucks Deputy Governor	Key Note Address
Mr. Bennett Rodick IAASE Legal Counsel	The Good, The Bad and The Ugly – Preparing for IDEA Reauthorization
Dr. Jamie Vollmer Vollmer & Assoc.	Why Our Schools Need To Change and Building Community Support for America's Public Schools
Ms. Heather Brickman Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn	Student Discipline With a Focus on Regular Education Involvement
Dr. Chris Koch Deputy Superintendent For Special Education	2002 What Does It Hold for Special Education & Questions and Answers
Dr. Gary Lieder Legislative Chair IAASE Mr. Larry Stuffel IAASE Lobbyist Mr. Dave Peterson IAASE President	IAASE Legislative Platform Annual State of IAASE Report
Ms. Jeanne Carter & Mr. Marty Ricconi Past IAASE Presidents	Vuillemot Leadership Award

There will be many other breakouts to supplement the above program highlights. As always, there will be opportunities for networking, good food, special IAASE conference materials and notebook of handouts, participating in regional meetings, a social hour, PAC raffle, and purchasing IAASE wear.

Complete your registration early by completing the form enclosed in this newsletter. We hope to see you at the conference. All registration and membership materials are also available on our web site IAASE.org. Remember the IAASE Executive Board Meeting is on Wednesday, January 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. and all members are welcome to attend.

