

IAIE CONNECTION

A Newsletter for IAIE Coordinators, Advisory Council, Senior Actives, and Members

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2008 IAIE World Conference

September 18-21

Chicago Metro Area, USA

Conference is shaping up to be another great experience for members, friends, and guests of the Alliance!

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SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!

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Summary of a Survey about IAIE Coordinators

On April 21, 2008, IAIE sent a survey electronically to 24 IAIE leaders asking them about the future role of IAIE Coordinators. Nine people responded to the survey. The results of the survey are summarized according to the questions answered, with comments and recommendations from respondents. The Executive Director used this information to provide recommendations and suggestions to the Board of Trustees, which will discuss the future role of IAIE Coordinators at its annual meeting in September.

We greatly appreciate the involvement of people that chose to respond. Many thanks!

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#1. Should IAIE continue having coordinators as described by the bylaws? **YES**

#2. If the answer to #1 is yes, should changes in the bylaw be considered? A couple of respondents gave suggestions. They have been edited for clarity.

- The leader of IAIE Coordinators should not organize activities and projects, but rather give suggestions and create a reporting form that would make it easy for coordinators to submit their activities.
- Role of leader needs to be better defined. Not sure that “assigned” activities and projects are appropriate due to diversity of coordinators.
- Be specific about responsibilities of coordinators (e.g., contacting new and renewed members in the particular state/province/country).
- Coordinators should copy the Executive Director of their correspondence to members.
- Eliminate last sentence in bylaw. Too vague.

#3. A few issues of an electronic newsletter, *IAIE Connection*, have been produced this past year. It is intended for Coordinators, Advisory Council, Board members, and other leaders, and has been distributed to all members. Is this publication, or one like it, worth continuing? **YES**

Comments:

- I read them and enjoy them. This may be a way to help other coordinators. You could have a guest coordinator write a brief article of what they are doing to promote membership. This article would allow coordinators to see the importance of their role in IAIE.
- The more contacts the better. It demonstrates the vitality of the Alliance.
- The more members hear from the IAIE organization, the more they feel connected and a part of the structure. The newsletter should be timed to not coincide with the distribution of the FORUM or JTP.

#4. If IAIE Coordinators are continued, what are 1 to 3 ideas regarding activities, responsibilities, incentive, etc. that might clarify and strengthen their role?

- Offer a complimentary conference registration to coordinators who accept the responsibility of serving.
- Request coordinators to contact all members in their area who join or rejoin the Alliance.
- Request that coordinators copy the Executive Secretary with every contact.
- Have a designated meeting time for coordinators at the World conferences. This meeting should not interfere with other meeting/session times. It is important for coordinators to share information with one another about how they are working in their region.

Coordinator Survey Results continued

- Each coordinator could identify a university or college in their region to connect and build a relationship that invites these institutions to become active members in IAIE. This is one means to getting the message out about Invitational Education® and into local schools.
- Coordinators need to be contacted and informed about activities in a particular state, province, or region so they may assist where appropriate.
- A manual for coordinators would help. Coordinators want ideas, more guidance, and meetings at conferences where they can talk with other coordinators.
- A stipend has been mentioned before, but I would rather be reimbursed for the material I use and send out. If a stipend is used, we should get a yearly report from coordinators that show what they have done to promote membership, follow-up, and support.
- A training session for new coordinators and other who would like to attend. A notebook should be given out with guidelines.
- When a person agrees to serve as a coordinator for two years, send them a thank you note via US Mail with a card that has the job description printed on it.
- Give coordinators a short Report Form to be sent to the Leader of Coordinators every six months. This form would ask them to fill in numbers of contacts made, new members they have contacted, number of letters they have sent to all the members in their area. This lets them know that others care whether they are fulfilling their commitment to contact local members.
- Continue to have a coordinators' meeting at the World Conference. This sharing time is valuable for them to share. Send a special invitation to attend this meeting two months before the conference.
- Develop recognition award that is given at the Awards' dinner to a couple of coordinators that have gone above and beyond in sharing the IE message or mentoring IAIE award schools.
- Remind coordinators of the importance of maintaining their IAIE membership, prior to renewal. They cannot serve as coordinators if they are not members. A special letter from the Leader of coordinators could be part of the leader's responsibility.
- Coordinators should meet at the World Conferences and a record of that meeting should be distributed.

Recommendations

Based on these survey results, Dr. Jack Schmidt, Executive Director, gave the following recommendations to the IAIE Board of Trustees. These recommendations and others will be discussed by the Board at its annual meeting during the 2008 World conference in Chicago.

1. The IAIE Coordinators should continue with a more clearly defined role.
2. The Bylaws Committee should consider a revision of the bylaw regarding IAIE Coordinators. Dr. Schmidt's suggestion for this revision is:

Section 4.06. IAIE Coordinators. IAIE Coordinators are volunteers appointed by the Board of Trustees for a two-year renewable term to provide leadership and give visibility to Alliance activities in their respective regions, provinces, or states. The ~~Leader~~ **Chair** of the Coordinator's group serves a two-year renewable term. The ~~Leader~~ **Chair** will be responsible for ~~organizing activities and projects for~~ **corresponding with** the Coordinators, **leading an annual meeting of the**

Recommendations continued.

Coordinators at IAIE World Conferences, and providing the Board with periodic progress reports about activities of the Coordinators. The Coordinators are responsible for maintaining their membership in IAIE, communicating their activities to the Chair, corresponding with new and renewing members from their region, province, or state, and keeping the IAIE Executive Director informed of their activities, including workshops, presentations, and other events. Coordinators may request reimbursement for costs involving postage, telecommunications, and printing for work they do on behalf of IAIE. The Board of Trustees sets the maximum amount for reimbursement each year.

This suggested revision was sent to the Bylaws Committee, which will make its recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

3. Continue publication of the *IAIE Connection* twice a year to keep Coordinators informed of activities across various regions, provinces, and states. The *IAIE Connection* should avoid duplicating information found in other IAIE publications.
4. Create recognition to be announced at the annual meeting that highlights the work of one or more Coordinators.

**IAIE Membership Renewals for 2009
will be mailed in early September!**

The International Alliance for Invitational Education® will mail membership renewal notices in early September. Members may also renew through the 2008 Conference registration or online at the IAIE website. Go to www.invitationaleducation.net to download a membership form or pay with credit card.

Thanks for supporting IAIE!

2008 IAIE World Conference

Update!!!!
Hotel Change!!!

The International Alliance for Invitational Education has announced a necessary change in the hotel where the 2008 World Conference will be held on **September 18-20** in Chicago. The conference location has switched to the Hyatt Lisle in Illinois. Conference registrants who already have made reservations at the Hyatt Regency Deerfield will have their room reservations automatically transferred by the hotels. You may check with the Hyatt Lisle to ensure that your reservation is transferred and confirmed.

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The theme of the conference is **Educating with Humanity, Humility, and Humor** and focuses on the affective components of the educative process, while addressing pressing cognitive concerns. This World Conference will consist of four General Sessions, 24 Concurrent Sessions, three Pre-Conference Sessions (on Thursday), several Poster Sessions to highlight award-winning schools and other informational topics, an Award Luncheon and an Award Banquet. In addition, social functions will allow participants to catch up with friends and colleagues and enjoy the company of others.

The 2008 World Conference will include:

- Noted international authorities and delightful speakers, including **Toody Byrd, Harvey Smith, William Purkey, Betty Siegel, and Tim Cusack** of *Laughter that Matters*, will share their thoughts on how to incorporate the concepts of humanity, humility, and humor within the framework of Invitational Education.
- Many displays prepared by **Inviting School Award Winners** from numerous states and nations, as well as invited exhibitors.
- Selected international presenters of varied topics related to invitational theory and practice.
- Pre-Session workshops presented by experienced leaders in Invitational Education

For more information, please visit www.invitationaleducation.net or contact Dr. Charlotte Reed, Conference Director, at creed@iun.edu, or by mail at:

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Coordinators' Meeting

The IAIE Coordinators will meet at the annual conference to discuss initiatives and events in their various provinces, regions, and states. This annual meeting of the Coordinators gives everyone an opportunity to share information and compile recommendations for the Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 1:45 PM at the 2008 World Conference in Chicago.

Alex Tripamer, Chair of the IAIE Coordinators, or his designee will facilitate the meeting. Please contact Alex if you are unable to attend the meeting (atripamer@fz.k12.mo.us). All conference participants are invited to attend this meeting, listen to the discussion, and contribute ideas. NEW COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED FOR VARIOUS PROVINCES, REGIONS, AND STATES. Let Alex Tripamer, Susan Brown, or Jack Schmidt know of your interest in being an IAIE Coordinator!

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2008 IAIE World Conference Concurrent Sessions

A Call for Proposals to present at the 2008 IAIE World Conference ended on June 15 and the Program Committee completed its review and selection in early July. Thanks to everyone who submitted a proposal!

The following is a list of the selected presentations for Concurrent Sessions as well as selected Poster Sessions. Additional Poster Sessions will consist of Award-Winning Schools to be announced at the conference.

Concurrent Program

<u>Presenters</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>	<u>Session Title</u>
FRIDAY		
Dr. Debra Coffey	Kennesaw State University, GA	Mentoring Promotes an Inviting Environment
Dr. Phillip Riner	University of North Florida	East or West, the Goal is the Same: Buddhist Psychology and its Potential Contributions to Invitational Education
Victoria O. Hayes	SUNY Potsdam, NY	You Tube—Practical and Humorous Ways to Invite Student Success in the Classroom

Dr. Jenny Edwards	Fielding Graduate University, CO	Simple, Effective Tools for Affirming the Humanity in Others
Dr. John J. Ivers, Sr. John J. Ivers, Jr.	Brigham Young University-Idaho Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV	Potential Contributions of Invitational Education to Cross-Cultural Instruction and Counseling
Nathaniel N. Ivers	University of North Carolina-Greensboro	
Dr. Jim Mahoney	Battelle for Kids Columbus, OH	Making Assessment Inviting: Improving Student Learning Humanely
Laura Cooper	Cox LandingElementary School, WV	Educating with Cougar P.R.I.D.E
Joan R. Fretz	Huntington Schools, NY	Invitational Education: The Prerequisite for Social Emotional Learning
Lyn Hart Sue Primicias	Calcium Primary School, NY	Building a Community of Peacemakers
Dr. Tommie Radd Janet Fidler	Bexley City Schools Columbus, OH	Embracing Our Humanity with Humility and Humor
Dr. Kate Asbill	Carlsbad, NM	Pro-active Living: Exploring the Human Aging Process with Humor and Humility
Dr. Lynn Kaszynski Mendi Priestas Katie Cochran	Harrison Street Elementary, OH	Joyful Learning: Joyful Outcomes
Dr. Ken Smith	Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Australia	The Inviting School Survey-Revised: The Present Situation
Dr. Daniel E. Shaw	Nova Southeastern University, FL	Perceptual Psychology: The Roots of Invitational Theory
Dr. Vernon G. Smith	Indiana University Northwest, IN	The Power of Words: Make 'Em, Don't Break 'Em

Dr. Paula Stanley	Radford University, Virginia	Strategies School Counselors Can Use in Creating More Humane and Inviting Schools
Michael J. Rockler	Capital College, MD	Abraham Lincoln as a Practi- tioner of Invitational Politics
Dr. Al Milliren	Governors State University, IL	Missed Opportunities? or Inviting Events: Will it Be Lemons or Lemonade?

SATURDAY

Dr. Sally Butzin	Institute for School Innovation, FL	Putting Invitational Theory into Practice through Project CHILD (Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered)
Allyson Schoenlein	Cabell County Schools, WV	Inviting Hope in 'Almost Heaven, WV'
Preethi Govindaraj Deepa Govindaraj	Minerva Williamsburg, NY	Global Literacy: A Humanities Approach to Diversity
Dr. Nu'man Al-Musawi	University of Bahrain	The Humanistic Qualities of the Effective Teacher as Viewed by Students from Bahrain
Barbara Cole	St. John Neumann School, Columbia, SC	Everyone's a Salesperson
Charles Miller	Oncourse Education Collaborative, TN	The Native American Connection to Invitational Education: Circle of Courage's Four Spirits of Self-Worth

POSTER SESSIONS*

(Note: More poster sessions are scheduled for Award-winning schools and other presenters.)

Shanti Ram Jabegu	Zenith English Residential School, Nepal	Preliminary Activity for Pre-Primary Children
Rajendra Kumar Gurung	Eureka Higher Secondary School, Nepal Machhindra Rai Prithvi Cambridge English School, Nepal	
Shailendra Prakash Adhikari Anup Yonzon Tamang	Satya Shishu Niketan Boarding School, Nepal Mount Hermon Academy, Nepal	Practical Exercises for Pre-Primary Children

Collaboration Plans between Cabell County Schools, WV, Marshall University, and the Hong Kong Education Bureau

Cabell County Schools will soon extend our international influence to Hong Kong, China. Dr. Peter Wong, the Hong Kong Education Bureau's Senior School Development Officer, has been looking for a school district in the United States with a university connection. Cabell County Schools and Marshall University offered a perfect match for his vision. By linking Cabell Schools and MU, Wong proposed that Chinese teachers and principals would pursue advanced degrees in education, while teaching and learning in American classrooms.

Representatives from Cabell County Schools and Marshall University met with Dr. Wong in January to define and confirm the collaboration. Participating in discussions with Dr. Wong were Supt. William Smith, Asst. Supt. Gerry Sawrey, Title Programs Coordinator Allyson Schoenlein, MU Education Dean Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, and MU International Programs' Executive Director Dr. Clark Egnor.

Wong's first priority was to find a school system that values relationships with students, what he calls an "invitational" district. The term "invitational" refers to an internationally recognized education philosophy developed in the 1980's by Drs. William W. Purkey and Betty Seigel. This philosophy was embraced by Cabell County Schools when it was first developed and continues to be embedded in our emphasis on Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships.

Plans for this collaboration are moving swiftly to include:

- A delegation from Sun Kei Secondary School plan to visit Cabell County Schools for ten days in March. Students and teachers will be housed with local families. Students will attend classes at either CMHS or HHS. Their teachers will visit classrooms in the county to teach cultural lessons and learn from our local practices. This is expected to be the first of many such visits.
- Hong Kong schools will host similar visits from Cabell teachers and students.
- A local committee is developing parameters for this exchange program.
- Marshall University is developing a Master's and a Doctoral program in Education that will include a strand of Invitational Education.
- Foundational coursework for the Invitational Education strand is being developed by Allyson Schoenlein. She plans to teach the first IE course this summer for visiting educators from Hong Kong. Other interested students from Cabell County Schools will also be invited to take this and future classes.

Suggestions and questions are welcomed as we develop this collaborative effort. Please contact Allyson Schoenlein via email at aschoenl@access.k12.wv.us or at 528-5005.