

IBARMS
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 4, 2009
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

President Don Marsh
President-elect Jan Lotter
Secretary Christine Hays
Treasurer Sue Waggoner
PYP Representative Diane Jensen
MYP Representative Anne Frazier
DP Julie Webster
Past President Dorsee Johnson-Tucker
Conference Director Nanci Morse
Executive Assistant Lori Dowd

AGENDA

1. *Welcome by President Don Marsh*

Mr. Marsh opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and announcing the record setting 100+ person attendance. He welcomed special guest Marilyn Curtis from NIBA (Northwestern Association of IB World Schools).

2. *Adoption of Minutes*

The minutes from September 4th were approved and adopted.

3. *Committee Updates*

Jan Lotter: Projects Committee awarded grants to:

Century Middle School. One supports the 8th grade MYP team to create swaddling blankets for at risk babies. These blankets will go home with these babies. The 7th grade will use a grant to help Nicaraguan kids get off of the street with a silent auction of projects titled "Art in History."

Smokey Hill High School. One supports "Bead for Life" which generates funds from jewelry made from beads created by Ugandan women who use re-cycled newspaper. "Heart" is a project designed to help Kenyan students who need school uniforms.

Central Elementary. They are creating a community garden.

Centaurus High School. "Show Drop" is a student driven project to collect shoes for those in need as well as helping the student to design a shoe. An exchange to France will allow students to aid the environment through beach and trail clean up. Lastly, funding will also help create T-shirts stating, "IB Feeds the World" with the proceeds going to Heifer International.

Lincoln Middle School. A chili dinner will be held to raise monies for a library benefiting Nicaraguan orphans.

Nanci Morse: Conference Committee

Registration begins January 1 for the Keystone workshops/trainings.

Please see the IB ARMS website for specific information.

Lou Marchesano may offer an assessment training if this training receives IB approval.

The schedule is similar to last year with a plenary session on the first day.

The Conference Committee will meet again in January with the date and time TBA.

Roger Dowd: Legislative Committee

Ken Turner at the Colorado Department of Education is very interested in discussing the IB assessment model due to the move toward standards based assessment. This mostly involves MYP due to its standards based model.

An initiative concerning making IB teacher training part of the licensure program is receiving philosophical support from universities. Models for this initiative include George Mason in the USA and Melbourne University in Australia.

Patricia Wetmore: Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee will meet in January.

Applications will be available in February and due in March.

The scholarships will be awarded in April.

Chris Hays: Speaker's Committee

The Speakers Committee will be sending out a reminder e-mail to members seeking suggestions for ARMS meeting speakers.

Nanci Weiss will be collecting names as a "speakers bank" to draw from for future meetings. Her e-mail address is (weiss@englewood.k12.co.us).

4. *Change in Venue: January 29*

IB ARMS will meet at ALOFT, a Broomfield Hotel and Conference Center. The meeting has a very crowded agenda. IB Source and Rubicon will be at this meeting. Marie Hershey will present to the PYP staff. Roshan Thomas will be the keynote speaker.

She will present her efforts to establish independent schools in Afghanistan to impoverished children and how the IBARMS community can help.

5. *Roshan Thomas Presentation*

Ms Thomas is tentatively planning a Saturday workshop for IB students at the District 12 Development Facility in Thornton. She will show students how to create units of instruction by using "Eluminate."

6. *Breakout Sessions*

The General Meeting adjourned in order to give more time for the PYP, MYP, and DP breakout sessions.