Rocky Mountain Association of IB World Schools



IBARMS General Session Minutes

11:30 a.m. Adams 12 Educational Support Center September 23, 2011

President – Nanci Morse
President-elect - open
Secretary – Racinda Godbold
Treasurer - Sue Wagoner
PYP Representative - Paul Schkade
MYP Representative - Anne Frazier (pro-tem for Nikki Stansfield)
DP Program Level Representative - Julie Webster
Past President – Jan Lotter
Conference Director - Debbie Getzel
Conference Coordinator - Dorsee Johnson-Tucker
Executive Assistant - Lori Dowd

Agenda

Welcome and Thank You!

Nanci welcomed all attendees to the general session. Nanci also recognized all newly authorized schools from Loveland & Pueblo, as well as all new IB coordinators. Nanci explained the structure of IBARMS meetings which include a general session and breakout session for the three IB programmes. Nanci introduced and thanked the members of the executive board, past IBARMS presidents, and presented tokens of thanks to Jan Lotter (past outgoing IBARMS president) & Anne Frazier (past MYP representative). Nanci introduced herself.

Minutes from April 2011

The minutes were approved as written.

President Presentation and Announcements

IBARMS Theme for 2011-12

Nanci presented the guiding question that will serve as the theme for IBARMS for the year. How do we strengthen the Continuum? She asked members to continue to take a look at "others with their differences can also be right..."

Celebrations

- Nanci will be part of a work party for IB at The Hague.
- *Patricia Wetmore presented information about scholarships.*

- Jennifer Simms presented examples of past service seed projects from the 2010-11 school year. The service committee will be accepting applications through November 11th. Go to website for registration form (it is currently being revised and will be there, too)
- Paul Schkade shared about the PYP supported Stephanie Harvey Inquiry Circles workshop that was held September 22.
- Don Marsh presented on the upcoming Symposium, November 5th
- Nanci presented on the IB Conferences of the Americas.
- Peggy Healer presented on dissertation work she is doing on 5th, 8th, & 10th grade CSAP science data to compare IB students with non-IB students (the IB and science performance). She also revealed that she will be running for IB Americas Heads of School representative and encouraged members to vote for her if they felt she would do a good job representing IB Americas schools.

Symposia

Symposia for PYP, MYP, DP will be held November 5 at Denver West High School. This is NOT OFFICIAL TRAINING. Registration is open on the IBARMS website.

Orientation

IBA-sanctioned Orientation to the Three IB Programs (PYP, MYP, DP) will be held November 5 at Denver West High School. Registration is open on the IBARMS website.

Keystone 2012

The dates for Keystone 2012 were announced. They are June 28-July 1.

Mike Schmoker

This agenda item was omitted as time had expired.

Next IBARMS Meeting is Nov. 4

Nonye Oladimeji, an IB educator from Virginia, will speak about Access to IB Programs, followed by a break-out session led by Nonye for administrators.