

The ILA Board held a meeting via teleconference and internet site at 11:00 a.m. on October 6, 2008. Those participating were Ron Richard, Beth Archer, Judy Gray and George Okantey.

It was determined that we presently have eight active Board members. Ron reported that we have 21 Individual Memberships and 31 Organizational Memberships. There was a discussion about surveying the membership to see what they feel ILA needs to be doing to meet their needs. There was a discussion about more Regional focus versus State wide events. Judy suggested that maybe we should partner with other groups. She suggested working with the newly forming Regional Economic Development Committees.

The ILA website is designed as a connecting and meeting place. ILA is currently not seen as a place to go for help in starting new leadership programs. People will tend to go to where they can receive the answers and help they need. Beth went to help a group at the request of one of the other groups she is affiliated with. Maybe ILA needs to spend some of our money covering expenses for people we could send out to help leadership programs get started.

George suggested that he feels we need to focus our work on 3 areas:

- Regional Focus
- Bylaws
- Website

Ron suggested that it would be better just to focus on the website during the next month. George had received an e-mail from Drew regarding developing the website in a different manner that would facilitate electronic communication and interchange between those visiting our site. He could have it running by October 20th. The monthly fee would increase from \$45/month to \$95/month due to the extra services provided. It was the consensus of the group for George to contact Drew and authorize him to proceed in this direction. George, Misty and Ron will work with Drew to tailor the website to our needs. It should be ready for all Board members to look at before our November 3 teleconference.

Then based on the website, our November 3 meeting will discuss how we can leverage the new website for a regional focus. We can also discuss how we will promote the new website and our new focus to the members and those who have attended our training days. Any discussion on bylaws will wait until we determine what direction ILA will be moving.

Beth and George stated that the Regional Director's Day went very well and the group is definitely interested in meeting again. We also discussed reimbursement from the OCRA Grant for the sessions we completed and decided that Beth should explore whether OCRA had any interest in funding a second phase of training days starting in 2009.

The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by
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