

ILA Board Meeting, Dec. 1, 2008

The Indiana Leadership Association Board of Directors met via computer and tele-conference on Dec. 1, 2008 from 11 am to 12 pm. Those participating were George Okantey, Beth Archer, Mary Durkin, and Jim Jessup. Guest was Karen DeZarn from the Purdue Extension Office.

The major topics were duties of the Coordinator and the new ILA website. Mary Durkin was approved as ILA Coordinator to work on a short-term contract basis with duties and compensation to be negotiated at a later time. Mary has already begun working with the board and webmaster, Drew, on the new website. See www.indianaleadership.com.

Board members should view the website and suggest text and other additions to Mary. If anyone has pictures of recent ILA events, submit them to Mary. Mary will also submit a coordinator work plan to George.

Karen DeZarn was asked how ILA and Purdue Extension might collaborate on state leadership training. It was mentioned that County Extension Educators might become members and that Extension offices might be used as virtual meeting places for regional and statewide training. Karen will research these ideas further for the ILA.

The next topic was how to better use regional meetings more effectively. George suggested possibly realigning the regions to include a central region. That might necessitate changing the bylaws. Mary will look into how this might be done to achieve best results for the organization and for the membership.

Next steps will include finalizing the website, a closer look at the bylaws, and planning the dates for 2009 training and meetings. Board member input is desperately needed in all of these areas. Please submit your ideas and comments to George. Beth is investigating grants, speakers, and topics to continue the Leading Indiana series for next year. Submit your ideas to Beth. According to the bylaws an annual meeting of the organization must be held before July 1 each year.

George thanked all for participating. The next cyber-meeting will be held in February, however Board members should continue to communicate informally before then.

Submitted by Jim Jessup 12/1/08