

Region 3 Caucus – Meeting Minutes

**IRWA Region 3 Caucus
Monday, June 21, 2004
Philadelphia, PA**

At 6:50 a.m. (that's right, 6:50 a.m.!) Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA and Region 3 Chair, called the Region caucus to order. Roll call was taken and all chapters were present.

Joe Bottino of Chapter 9 visited briefly and welcomed us to Philadelphia. He announced his candidacy for the IEC and asked for our support. Joe also supplied us with the morning biscotti!

Faith Rowland, accompanied by Johnny Dice, was on Joe's heels with her visit to also solicit our votes for her candidacy for the IEC. Faith and Joe are both excellent candidates and we wished them the best of luck.

Photo break.



Region 3 contributed \$200 to the Philadelphia Children's Hospital Book Drive, in addition to what the chapters donated. Region 3's total donation (including chapter contributions) was \$950.00! Way to go Region 3!!

We received a visit from Howard Armstrong, IEC Treasurer, who presented two resolutions and the adoption of the budget to be voted on Thursday at the Board of Directors meeting. Howard also discussed the search for a conference site east of the Mississippi River for 2009.

The Fall Forum will be in St. Louis, on October 15, 2004 with Chapter 37 as our host. *Course 213: Conflict Management* will be offered on Thursday, October 14. Nancy is encouraging everyone to participate in the leadership workshop to be presented during the Fall Forum.

Region 3 attendees to 2004 Conference:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Youth</u>
5	6	0	0
20	8	0	0
37	11	1	4
41	8	6	0
72	11	9	3
78	11	4	0

There was much discussion on the spouse's program and the cost. Spouses are eligible for the tours and meals ONLY when registered at the conference. Nancy will address this at the next IEC meeting.

Some region conference highlights are: Judi Sorensen is coordinating a session for the Asset Management Committee and Jack Borgmeyer will be handling the Course Coordinator's workshop, both to be held on Tuesday.

Bruce Reed gave an update on the Education Foundation. Currently the foundation has a \$1.1 million balance and there are requests for funds. HQ will offer financial support to chapters that require assistance with their continuing education certification costs or other education related items. These expenses must be approved by the Region prior to HQ submitting payment.

Valerie Fries stopped in and welcomed us to the 50th Annual International Education Conference, and to let us know she will be at the IRWA booth should we have any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

*Minutes submitted by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, RW-NAC
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