



ITCA Board Conference Call Minutes  
April 3, 2007

**Board Members Present:** Ron Benham, Terry Harrison, Julie Curry, Stephanie Moss, MaryAnn Discenza, Debbie Cheatham, Molly Dries Bright

**Contract Staff Present:** Maureen Greer, Sharon Walsh

Approval of Minutes:

The March minutes were reviewed and approved with one abstention.

2007 Budget and Expenditures:

A new report has been added to the budget and expenditures file that reflects the actual income and expenses by month. This should help with distinguishing between tax information and budget information.

Staff Reports

- Administrative Liaison:
  - Membership: Final notices have been sent to states that have not renewed. Board members will follow up with phone calls.
  - Federal taxes: All questions have been resolved and the taxes have been filed.
  - Newsletter: All articles have been submitted with the exception of the article from DEC and the Family Alliance.
  - Good News: Final edits have been made and the document is ready for distribution.
  - Family Alliance – Maureen Casey (AZ) has been elected President. Darla Gundler (MA) and Nancy Peeler (MI) will serve as liaisons to the Board. A draft document that identified areas of cooperation was provided. Discussion will take place during the next Board call. The Board approved the distribution of all committee minutes, the newsletter and the Federal Update to the contacts.
  - Banking: Current balances for the accounts are:
    - Checking: \$13,057.39
    - Savings: \$86,246.54
  - Incorporation: The attorney is completing the review of what is needed to update ITCA's standing with Ohio.
- Governmental Relations:
  - Good News – The document should be posted on the website on a new page; distributed to all partners; and key members of Congress with an accompanying cover letter.
  - Children's Summit: The summit, announced by Speaker Pelosi, to be held in May will focus on current research regarding early childhood and policy

implications. Sharon will pursue the opportunity to ensure the Part C issues are considered on the agenda.

- Regulations – No new information is available on the plan for release of the NPRM. The 90 day deadline for OMB consideration of the Part C NPRM is the third week in April. It is assumed that the NPRM is still at OMB

### Committee Reports

- Legislative:

- Committee discussion included:
  - the funding formula methodology;
  - Allocations to the tribes
  - Notice of proposed priorities
  - Draft letter to OSEP regarding funding and allocations

Committee minutes will be distributed to Board members and will be posted on the website.

- Mentorship:

- MaryAnn is in the process of recruiting mentors for two states. She also participated in the RRC orientation meeting.

- Data:

- The first conference call was held March 21. States represented include: WA, DE, CT, UT, CO, NV, and PA. The committee was positive regarding the strategies and activities identified. The discussion also focused on the need for accurate data availability and the identification of a set of data resources. The committee will begin their work focusing on the national survey database. The next committee call is May 16.

### Old Business

- Action List: the list was reviewed and pending items have been transferred to this month's action list.
- Summer Retreat: Ron will have the discussion with Ruth to confirm the final dates for the meeting.

### New Business

- Bruder Proposal: The ITCA will provide a letter of support for this proposal.
- Federal Register: The request for comments will be distributed to the Board for their feedback and decision on whether a formal letter should be submitted by ITCA. Comments are due to the office by Monday April 9.
- GSEG Data Collection Comments: The Federal Register needs to be sent out to members asking for comments regarding the identified priorities for GSEG. Comments will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.
- Commonwealth Proposal: Ron will discuss the proposal with the author and inform him of NCCP survey to review for potential duplication. He will come back to the Board with further explanation and a recommendation regarding support.