

Board of Directors Conference Call

02/04/02

Participating Board Members - Linda Goodman, Ron Benham, Duncan Munn, Mark Sharpe, & Mary Jones;
Others: Sandy Loerch, Sharon Walsh & Maureen Greer

Sharon Walsh reported on a number of activities where she has been representing the Association:

The President's Commission on Special Education Excellence - The Association has been recognized as a significant stakeholder.

IDEA Reauthorization Ad Hoc Work Group - the informal but broadly based effort includes a variety of disability, early intervention, special education, and early childhood organizations (transmittal of directory information policies are still an issue).

Another collaborative effort is focusing on ways to more systematically focus on infant and young child mental health issues.

The amounts included in the President's budget for early intervention have not been identified yet.

FICC

Sandy reported that there will be a request for names of persons who are interested in serving on the various committees.

Part C Appropriation Proposal

Ron is putting together a recommendation for the Association regarding funding promised on reaching \$750 million nationally to serve 228,000 children or 3.6% of the birth to three population. The amount would be part of a total effort from the different funding sources of \$2.2 billion.

Leadership Forum

A number of options are under consideration for follow-up to the first event:
teleconference

2 day on-site conference

mentor/fellow approach

2 day on-site meeting followed by teleconferences

Maureen will prepare cost projection for each and share with the Board.

Tal has asked that NEC*TAS unexpended amount be carried forward. (NEC*TAS will not be able to provide new funding because of changes in scope of work of OSEP contract.)

Other OSEP Issues

Proposed benchmarks have been submitted by work group which included Ron, Linda, and Maureen. Ron has requested information regarding State Part C allocations which reverted.

Nominations

Anne Lucas, who could not be present for the conference call, submitted the following:

Vice-President - Duncan Munn

Treasurer - Mark Sharpe

Board Member - Monica Rutkowski

The Florida State Health fiscal office indicated dues payment is forthcoming.

Duncan will check with Monica on status because of the necessity for officer/board member to be members in good standing.

Summer Board Meeting

Date set for July 20-21 (beginning Friday evening)

Location - Chicago

Upcoming Conference Call

Set for Monday March 4, at 3:00 p.m.