**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

*Executive Board Minutes*

Meeting date:

**Members in attendance:**

* Deb Peterson
* Chris Johnson
* Kate Kelly
* Karen Moroz
* Bobbi Gale

Officers' Reports:

* Co-President
* Secretary: Minutes
  + Several were able to view on line, no additional edits necessary
* Treasurer
  + Bobbi got a new set of checks for MAR
  + Shared article from Star Trib about nonprofit board, as well as the recent issue of *The Nation* titled "Saving Public Schools"

Old Business:

1. Highlights Article
   1. Thank you Karen!
2. Catherine Snow event
   1. 82 participants
   2. Lots of higher ed folks were there
   3. Good table discussions and leadership from book club leaders
   4. If there is any funds left over from the expenses, some will come to MAR; should not need to tap MAR funds for Catherine Snow's travel expenses as originally planned
   5. Planning committee is eager to meet to discuss next year's event
3. IRA Honor Council application
   1. Deb submitted some flyers to add as documentation, Chris also added to the application on MACTE connections
   2. If anyone has anything else to add, please email Kate by Oct 16
4. Chris - trip to Cuba

New Business:

1. January event planning
   1. The panel discussion from 2 years ago was a successful model for the event
   2. Could focus on assessment and evaluation: panel members to discuss edTPA, district leader on evaluation, teacher and preservice teacher, Center for Excellence leader?, someone from Brainerd? (celebration schools)
   3. Aligning edTPA with state requirements for district in-service teacher evaluation
      1. Provide background on edTPA, state requirements
      2. What are the characteristics of effective instruction? What about school and community factors?
      3. How does this translate into evaluation of teaching?
      4. How are the evaluation plans being developed?
      5. Where does literacy factor in this process?
      6. What are the concerns of teachers and administrators around teacher evaluation?
      7. Discussant after panel
   4. CAREI Center might be another possible place to tap for panel representation (2nd year of pilot groups of teacher evaluation system)
   5. Charting Our Way: Teacher Evaluation Across a Career - 2015 Policy Issues in Literacy Event
   6. Welcome, updates from MDE, MACTE, introduce panel, table discussion
2. IRA award nominees - need to plan ahead for this for 2015

Action Steps:

* Deb will email Scott to get Lisa access to website, check on Bobbi's membership
* Kate will draft email to panel, email Pam for save-the-date

Date of next meetings: Nov 14, 1-2:30; December 19, 2:30-4:30

Save the date: Jan 12, 2015 - Policy Event at Hamline University