Minnesota Academy of Reading

Executive Board Meeting

June 22, 2012

1. **Welcome and overview of the meeting—Deb Peterson**
2. **Treasurer’s Report—Bobbi Gale**

* $1927.52 is the current balance

1. **Active Council Report**

* Bobbi will complete the active council status form that is due July 1 and will also complete IRS forms
* Current membership is 37 members
* Terri receives the membership reports and forwards them to Bobbi; Terri will send the latest report to Board Members
* Deb will fill out the new officer information and submit it IRA (New presidents will assume roles June 2013)

1. **MRA Leadership Meeting**

* Radisson in Roseville August 10
* Kate and Deb will attend

1. **IRA Honor Council**

* Terri provided an overview and reported applications are due March 1
* Board members reviewed the required and optional components of the application template
* Part III and the magic number involving new members was discussed; the three required events were discussed
* Benefits of becoming an honor council include attracting new members and increasing visibility
* Questions concerning MAR and Honor Council requirements included “How broad is the scope of our organization?” and “How do the items in the application align with our mission statement?”
* Board members concluded it would be best to keep a narrow, rather than broad, focus.
* It was suggested MAR keep a paper trail of discussion and activity on Honor Council decisions for upcoming leadership members.
* Board members agreed the Honor Council application was geared more toward councils verses special interest groups. Board members agreed to use the Honor Council application components for consideration in short and long term planning for MAR; short and long term planning will be included in our next agenda
* Discussion of how MAR might share the MAR model with other states followed from the Honor Council discussion
  + MAR could check to see who has this model
  + MAR members could submit a proposal for IRA about our council
  + Kate agreed to prepare an article for Reading Today
  + A proposal will be submitted for a roundtable ; guiding questions for a roundtable discussion will be prepared
  + PRTE and OTER were discussed; Rod will try to do a presentation through OTER

1. **Reading Teacher License**

* The Reading Teacher License was approved by the BOT; it was considered to be a post masters experience; the BOT did not require the license for literacy leaders

(The Reading Teacher license is considered appropriate for a building level while the Reading Leader license may be appropriate for the district level)

* There are great standards in the Reading Leader License program, but no support or mechanism to move it forward
* The economy has affected how schools and districts are making use of reading leaders and promoting (or not) reading leader positions
* St. Mary’s University is the only institution currently offering preparation for this license
* Discussion concerned whether or not MAR wants to move this forward in our state and whether or not it could be done collaboratively across institutions
  + If the license were required, it would create a market; MDE is not open to requiring it at this time
  + Gail spoke with BOT Board Member, Dan Bittman; Dan has expressed interest in meeting with MAR Board Members to discuss the Reading Leader License
  + Doctoral programs could offer the Reading Leader License as a pathway or strand
  + Next steps include inviting Dan Bittman, Kari Ross, Deb Dillan, JoAnn VanArnum, and Karen Bahlmer to participate in a question and answer session at an upcoming meeting; looking at delivery models currently in place that might be replicated; and drafingt questions for discussion
  + Gail will contact Dan about a meeting date and will schedule a room at MDE; Terri will contact JoAnn, Kari, Deb, and Karen B.

1. **Update on Plans for January 2013 Event**

* Karen will invite Karen Bahlmer for the January 9 MAR event

1. **MAR Presentation at MACTE**

* Kate will plan to present on academic language
* Kate will e-mail Chris about MACTE information

1. **Next MAR Executive Board Meeting Date**

* Once a date has been determined for the Reading Leader License question and answer session, a date will be set for the next Executive Board Meeting
* A tentative date for the MAR Executive Board Meeting will be held Monday, August 6 at Hamline in East Hall Room 12 at 1:00

**Members in attendance:** Eva Boehm, Terri Christenson, Bobbi Gale, Gail Jordan, Kate Kelly, Karen Moroz, Deb Peterson, Pam Solvie, and Rod Winters