

August 23, September 20, & October 18

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The Executive Board has been very busy since the 2003 - 2004 year began. New members were welcomed at our first meeting on August 23rd. Two more monthly meetings followed including our annual trek to Illinois State University in Normal, IL, home of our current President, Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala. Here's what the Board has been working on:

The co-editors of the Newsletter decided to take a break and let someone else take the reins for a while. Jane Curtis and Julie Howard will be greatly missed. Their hard work has produced a complete and high quality publication for our members for the past three years. We are lucky to have another dedicated ITBE member to take charge. At the September meeting, Irene Brosnahan was appointed as the ITBE Newsletter Editor.

The following Presidential appointments to the Board were made and approved unanimously at the August and September meetings: Yasmin Ranney - Executive Secretary, George Torres - Publicity Chair, Laurie Martin - Past President, Jean Popowitz, Darcy Christianson, and Jennifer Eick-Magan - Members-at-Large.

The final 2003 - 2004 budget was presented by Co-Treasurers Kathryn Kirchner and Jocelyn Graf. It was approved unanimously at the September 20th meeting. The Technology Committee (AD HOC) headed by Darcy Christianson has been hard at work redesigning the ITBE web-site. She has presented the results of the online survey and previewed some of the anticipated changes at all three meetings.

Article VI was added to the ITBE Constitution stating the procedure for online voting on Board motions when necessary.

Alan Seaman, this year's Second Vice President, has been very busy planning the annual Convention to be held at Navy Pier on February 27 - 28, 2004. He reports on developments at each meeting.

The Fall Workshop, held on October 18th, was discussed at the August and September meetings. Congratulations and thanks for a great workshop were given to Laurie Martin, Chair of Professional Development, at the October meeting.

Pam Forbes and Maritza Perez, Secondary and Elementary SIG Chairs, planned an event at Larkin High School sponsored by ITBE. The event with speaker Teddy Boffman was held on November 15th.

The Part-time Issues Committee headed by Eric Bohman, kept the Board up to date on Campus Equity Week (October 20 - 25). ITBE was represented at this annual event. Jocelyn Graf planned a discussion at the October 18th Fall Workshop focusing on part-time concerns. The Board endorsed the Health Care Justice Act of 2003, a plan to achieve universal health care.

SIGS met at the Fall Workshop and reported their activities and discussions to the Board. Marsha Santelli continues to work hard as the Chair of Exhibits and Advertising. She has reported on sales to advertisers and publishers for ITBE events and in publications.

Chairs of the Awards, Betsy Kubota, and Nominations, Matt Huseby, committees have been named and have begun this year's work.