

2002 Summer Board Meeting – Dearborn, MI

Horace Mann League
Summer Board Meeting Agenda
Dearborn, MI
Friday, June 28: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 29: 8:00 am to noon

Front row: George Garcia and Jack McKay
Second row: Fred Hartmeister, Ben Canada, and Walt Warfield
Third row: Colleen Wilcox, Spike Jorgensen, and Jack Mawsdley
Top row: Doug Otto, John Simpson, Steve Rasmussen, and Art Stellar

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Roll Call of Officers and Directors – Present: Art Stellar, Spike Jorgensen, Ben Canada, George Garcia, Fred Hartmeister, Douglas Otto, Steve Rasmussen, John Simpson, Walt Warfield, Colleen Wilcox. Jack Mawsdley, and Jack McKay

Approval of HML Board meeting minutes:

[Minutes of Friday, February 15, 2002, San Diego](#)

[Minutes of Saturday, February 16, 2002, San Diego](#)

Motion by Spike Jorgensen, second by Steve Rasmussen that the minutes of February 15, and February 16, 2002, be approved.

1. Discussion of relationship with corporations, e.g.. The Horace Mann Insurance Co.

- a. Done on an “ad hoc” basis
- b. Questions to ask

1. What are they willing to do for the Horace Mann League
2. What is the purpose of our relationship with this organization?

2. Discussion on Progress of the HML book – Larry Dlugosh

Writers for “Improving Learning in Public Schools
Douglas Otto, Colleen Wilcox, John Simpson

Writers for “Promising Strategies for Improved Learning”
Steve Rasmussen, George Garcia, Art Stellar

Length: Approximately 1000 words

Submission: December 1, 2002

Publication” February 1, 2003

3. Report on the implications of ESEA revised budget, rules and regulations

Discussion on reorganization of ESEA.

Need for flexibility, Looks promising, but implication of sanctions to not meeting standards relating proficiency and benchmarks. Option for parents to move children from low performing schools-capacity at other selected school is no excuse.

Conspiracy theory – long-term plan for privatization.

4. Report on the implications of the US Supreme Court decision on vouchers-Fred Hartmeister

Discussion of the results of the Court’s decision on *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*.

Questions might be more important than possible answers or implications of the decision. For example,

- a. Is there accountability for public funds
- b. Is there compliance with acceptance of public funds
- c. Who or what agency is the possible source for the answers?

5. Report on the criteria for an “Outstanding Member of the HML” – John Simpson and Spike Jorgensen

Suggestion of maintaining a “broad” criteria.

John Simpson and Spike Jorgensen will make nominations.

6. Report on the progress on the US Postage stamp of Horace Mann

Strong suggestion that each officer and director write one letter.
Suggestion of have a school board resolution for the stamp

7. Discussion on membership drive strategies- Jack McKay

Suggestion of letter strongly stating the purposes of the League

Encourage building principals and school board members.

a. Report on Membership – 1052 members

b. Report on Revenues and Expenses: As of June 1, 2002: \$3291.14

- Include option on billing to have name excluded from web listing
- Recommend Directory publication to an every two year cycle.
- Access membership on web (with security) after approval cycle.

c. Growth and direction of the HML

Recommend that each officer and director approach a corporation for contribution (e.g., award, luncheon, publication, research, etc.)
\$3000 for an award and \$5,000 for the luncheon

8. Report on the brochure for Lifetime Membership and the HML Foundation-

Include option for additional information on Lifetime membership and Foundations in billing letter

9. Report on marketing of the Horace Mann print – Mark Edwards, Ken Bird, Walt Warfield, Jack McKay

Prints distributed for sale 890. For marketing 102

Recommendation to mail brochure to each Horace Mann School principal and to district superintendent with membership application

10. Discussion on Officer and Member Attendance at Director Meetings and Frequency of Meetings

Discussion of importance of ensuring that each nominated director is aware of responsibilities and obligations of being on the HML Board.

11. Report on the list of Horace Mann schools – Jack McKay

Distributed list of Horace Mann Schools. Each school principals and superintendent to be sent a brochure of the print and membership application.

12. Discussion on format for the Annual Meeting – Art Stellar

Current format of activities and schedule is satisfactory

13. Nominations for Outstanding Friend of Education – Art Stellar

Officers and directors are to make nominations to Art Stellar by September 1, 2002.

Past recipients

14. Nominations for Outstanding Educator – Art Stellar

Officers and directors are to send nominations to Art Stellar by September 1, 2002.

Past recipients

15. Nominations for Officers and Directors-Art Stellar

Director Terms and Vacancies

Nominated for second terms on the Board of Directors:
Walt Warfield, Colleen Wilcox, Steve Rasmussen, and Fred Hartmeister.

Nominations of Officers and Directors

Nominations for directors to be sent to Art Stellar by September 1, 2002.

Art Stellar reported that the Executive Committee selected John Simpson to be the nomination for Vice President.

16. Tentative Agenda for Board Meeting,

Friday, February 21, 2002, New Orleans

Saturday, February 22, 2002, New Orleans

17. Selection of 2003 Summer Board meeting location- Dr. Art Stellar

Suggestion that the Summer Board meeting be held at Westside Community Schools District Building on the last Friday and Saturday of June 2003.

18. Horace Mann League Bylaws. To be reviewed with report for the February meeting by Douglas Otto and Steve Rasmussen.

19. Review of the HML Website. To be reviewed with report for the February meeting by Colleen Wilcox and Doug Otto.

20. Directors' To do List:

a. Send nominations for Directors to Art Stellar by Sept. 1.

b. Send nominations for Outstanding Educator to Art Stellar by Sept. 1

c. Send nominations for Friend of Education to Art Stellar by Sept. 1

d. Send questions relating to Zelman Decision to Jack McKay

e. Write letter to U.S. Stamp Committee

f. Send ideas for the HML web page to Colleen Wilcox or Doug Otto.

g. Send nominations of principals to Jack McKay

h. Send one page vita to Jack McKay

i. Writers to contribute 1000 word manuscripts to Larry Dlugosh

21. Executive Director's To Do List:

- a. Rewrite recruitment letter with emphasis on purposes and value of membership in the Horace Mann League.
- b. Collect vita of directors and officers
- c. Redesign (add) option on billing letter about name on website directory
- d. Confirm arrangements for February and June board meetings
- e. Collect questions related to the Zelman decision
- f. Publish Fall newsletter
- g. Mail brochure and application form to administrators of Horace Mann Schools.
- h. Follow-up with **Ken Bird** and **Doug Otto** on contribution by Voyager Inc.

23. Monitor assignments of officers and directors

1. **Larry Dlugosh** on HML book

Steve Rasmussen

George Garcia

Art Stellar

Doug Otto

Colleen Wilcox

John Simpson

2. **Art Stellar** and **Walt Warfield** on the Horace Mann Insurance Co.

3. **Doug Otto** will send Bracey's website to Jack McKay

4. **John Simpson** and **Spike Jorgensen** will nominate person(s) for the "Friend of the Horace Mann League" award

5. **Art Stellar** to contact Frosty Troy on Award.

6. **Doug Otto** and **Steve Rasmussen** will review the bylaws with a report for the February Board meeting.

7. **Ben Canada** will contact Mary Lee Fitzgerald about serving on the Board of Directors.

8. **Colleen Wilcox** and **Doug Otto** will make recommendations for revisions to the HML website.