

# 2006 Summer Board Meeting – Chicago

The Horace Mann League of the U.S.A.

Summer Board Meeting

June 26-27, 2006

Chicago

(unofficial)

1. Meeting convened by Walt Warfield at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2006, at the Omni Hotel, Chicago
2. Roll Call – Present: Walt Warfield, Colleen Wilcox, Fred Hartmeister, Spike Jorgensen, James Anderson, George Garcia, Eric King, Steve Rasmussen, Julie Underwood, and Jack McKay
3. Approval of minutes
  - February 24, 2006 (Winter)
  - February 25, 2006 (Annual)
  - Moved by Jim Anderson, Seconded by Colleen Wilcox to approve the February 24, 2006, and the February 25, 2006, meetings. Passed
4. Legal Issues – Fred Hartmeister  
Meredith v. Jefferson County Public Schools and Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District are cases relating to student placement based on race.

Garcetti v. Ceballos is a decision relating to speech in the work place.

5. Financial Report – Jack McKay

Motion to approve the proposed budget: Moved by Garcia,  
Seconded by

Rasmussen to approve the proposed 2007 budget of \$61,700.

6. Fund Raising – Jack McKay

Reviewed corporate funding for 2006 by Harcourt Assessment, Advanced Academics, and Pearson Education. Consensus of the board to have Walt Warfield continue discussions with Horace Mann Insurance about future relations.

7. Membership Report

Reviewed membership recruitment, retention, and current membership of 960.

8. Progress Reports

8a. Mission/Goals – Walt Warfield

**The Mission of the Horace Mann League**

To foster support of America's public schools by championing Horace Mann's ideas for free, non-sectarian, well-funded, democratically-governed schools open to all children.

**Belief of the Horace Mann League**

The Horace Mann League is a national group of leading educators and citizens who promote quality public education,

for all children, as the foundation of our democracy.

The Horace Mann League envisions an American quality public education system in which:

1 the purpose of public education is to prepare all students to be effective citizens in our democracy,

2 public schools are governed by locally elected boards,

3 each state has the primary responsibility to provide a quality public education system,

4 public schools are adequately funded by public local, state and federal funds,

5 publicly funded schools are non-sectarian, and

6 the needs of students for a rapidly changing political, economic, social, technological, and demographic environment are met.

***“Schools should teach a common body of knowledge that would give each student an equal chance in life.”*** Horace Mann

8b. HM Inventory – Colleen Wilcox distributed a list of available Horace Mann materials.

8c. Book & Print Sales – Jack McKay report on major sales of books to Plano ISD, Crowley ISD, and Norfolk Public Schools.

8d. HM Display – Steve Rasmussen developed the schedule 2006-2007 display schedule:

July 2006	Jim Anderson, NM
August 2006	
September 2006	Eric King, IL
October 2006	Larry Dlugosh, NE
November 2006	Spike Jorgensen, AK
December 2006	
January 2007	
February 2007	Fred Hartmeister, TX
March 2007	AASA and Julie Underwood
April 2007	Eric King IL
May 2007	Colleen Wilcox, CA
June 2007	Colleen Wilcox, CA

8e. Book Publication – Spike Jorgensen review progress on the chapters.

8f. AASA Collaboration – Jack McKay discussed possible collaboration with AASA. Moved by Warfield, seconded by Rasmussen to continuing working with Chris Daws and Paul

Houston on the distinguished speaker.

9. Nomination for Vice President: Walt Warfield reported that the nomination for Vice President was Steve Rasmussen, subject to approve at the 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

10. Nominations for Directors: Three members were nominated for director vacancies, subject to the approve of the membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

11. Nominations for Awards:

- Friend of Education: (will contact)
- Public Educator (will contact)

Moved by Jim Anderson, seconded by Steve Rasmussen to approve award list. Passed

- Friend of the HML: Spike Jorgensen

Moved by Julie Underwood, seconded by Colleen Wilcox, to award the “Friend of the HML” to Spike Jorgensen. Passed

12. 2007 Annual Meeting – Tentative lists of participants

- Welcome-Introductions of Officers & Directors, Past Presidents – Steve Rasmussen
- Invocation – Jim Anderson
- Corporate Partners – Spike Jorgensen
- Legal Issues – Fred Hartmeister and Barry Lynn
- Nominations – John Simpson

- Ambassador Awards – Eric King
- Friend of the Horace Mann League – Colleen Wilcox
- Outstanding Public Educator – Julie Underwood
- Outstanding Friend of Public Education – George Garcia
- President’s gavel passing – Walt Warfield

13. Future HML Board meetings

- 2007 Winter Bd. Mtg., New Orleans, March 2,
- 2007 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 3,
- 2007 Summer Bd. Mtg., San Jose, June 25-26,
- 2008 Winter Bd. Mtg., Tampa, FL, Feb. 15-16
- 2009 Winter Bd. Mtg., San Francisco, Feb. 19-20
- 2010 Winter Bd. Mtg., Phoenix, Feb. 11-12

14. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2006

15. To Do

What	When	Who
HM Insurance distribution of print	March 2007	Wal
Have Doug Otto write article about distribution of book	July 2007	Jac
Distribution of newsletter via email (check off for future mailings)		Jac
Contact AASA for a mailing list of members	July 2007	Jac
Nomination letter to Bd.		Jac
News release to media for new members		
Mail minutes to Board	June 2006	Jac

Contact nominated directors, awardees	August	Jac
Legal Defense Fund background	February	Juli
Contact Ken Bird on legal status of the HML	August	Jac
Display at AASA (Develop a smaller display)	February	Jac