

**Introduction**

1. Welcome by Tim Koch
2. A question and answer session will follow the meeting
3. Roll call
  - a. 20 present which is a Quorum (16 is a quorum)
  - b. See list of attendees as exhibit to the notes
4. motion to approve May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting notes by Ann Iglesias
5. Mark Drummond seconded
6. approved unanimously

**President's report - Tim Koch and Noble Redmon**

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1. The IMSA Board has discussed the IMSA fee structure. Dr. McGee to discuss later during his presentation
2. Region representatives positions are still open and need to be filled
3. Recruiting
  - a. IMSA informational meetings and schedule is set and will need parent representation
  - b. To increase rural regions participation Tim Koch will participate in "Math counts"
  - c. Local KFVS12-TV, CBS Affiliate News. Noble Redmon to participate in Science Day Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> ; Science day is being promoted on the news website
    - i. Opportunities that are similar could be pursued
4. IMSA Fund
  - a. Current participation is 5% which is good early in the year. Target is 40%
  - b. 2007 was 36%
  - c. Current to date the Sophomore parents have participated and contributed more than past groups at start of the year due to a good push at the initial orientation

**Vice President's report – DD McInerney ([mc61821@yahoo.com](mailto:mc61821@yahoo.com))**

1. none

**Treasurer's Report – Valerie Ogilvie ([VGOIMSA@aol.com](mailto:VGOIMSA@aol.com))**

1. Financial Standing \$23,343.75 in the bank
2. Financial data available in report (see a copy on the website or obtain directly from Valerie Ogilvie)
3. Detail of revenue and expenses can be obtained directly from Valerie Ogilvie.
4. Check request forms (copies available). Forms will also be posted on the PAC website or can be obtained directly from Valerie Ogilvie.

- a. Please make check requests prior to PAC meetings
- b. Email, Fax or deliver directly to Valerie Ogilvie
5. No budget yet; need approval for \$800 for senior banquet at Northern Illinois university
  - a. motion to approve \$800 expenditure for the senior banquet, by Alison Boldridge
  - b. second by Barb Kulbida
  - c. passed unanimously

**Secretary's Report – Scott Crawford ([cajumas@wowway.com](mailto:cajumas@wowway.com))**

1. Make sure name cards are correct
2. Notes and agendas will be posted on the PAC website

**Downstate Coordinator's Report – Mark Drummond**

**([mdrummond@co.adams.il.us](mailto:mdrummond@co.adams.il.us))**

1. Still need to recruit more reps for downstate regions, or alternates
2. Need an email tree whereby people who need something taken to IMSA could have it picked up by another parent on their way to IMSA (e.g. Meet at a rest stop).

**Metro-Area Coordinator's Report – Pat Davenport ([couch6@prodigy.net](mailto:couch6@prodigy.net))**

1. Thank you to parents who hosted summer picnics
2. A map (to be posted on PAC website) will indicate the region boundaries
3. Also looking for sophomore representatives

**Dr. Max McGee Report**

1. Dr. McGee is immersing himself in the IMSA experience and has learned from IMSA students
2. Dr. McGee is getting involved in residence life and plans to stay in the residence halls overnight on a periodic basis
3. PEP assembly was done very well
4. Dr. McGee volunteered to teach a class – he indicates classes are long enough to interact with students
5. Dr. McGee is available for questions and comments; his home phone number is 847/ 381-7074
6. IMSA Fund – Dr. McGee indicates this is a fund that makes extremely important purchases. For example a recent purchase is a DNA sequencer for \$80,000, something very important to the science department and unique for high school students
7. State budget – IMSA is asking for an additional amount of funding
  - a. primarily for salaries and benefits for staff - who are behind their peers
  - b. \$350,000 for residence halls

- c. \$340,000 for upgrade to fire alarm system
  - d. Dr. McGee met with the Governor who indicated he would support \$1 million additional funding
  - e. Reasons IMSA needs the extra funding are that it cannot issue bonds, and it cannot raise funds like a university. Therefore IMSA needs to raise funds through the state budgeting process
    - i. One additional way to have the supplemental funding approved is through special legislation that Dr. McGee is pursuing
  - f. ConnectEd ([www.ntigroup.com](http://www.ntigroup.com)) phone system allows a recorded message from Dr. McGee, Eric McLaren or any administrator and can be called to any specified group – e.g. parents, staff etc.
    - i. Running a test in October (10/10 at 10am)
    - ii. In the case of emergencies the system will be programmed to call ALL numbers listed for a student (e.g. home numbers, parents and emergency contacts)
  - g. Fee structure – the Board is concerned that fees may discourage people from applying to the school
    - i. However this does not seem to be concern overall although the fee structure, which currently has a number of “tiers” could be collapsed into two or three tiers to make it more simple and easier to understand
    - ii. The Board will put together a revised policy proposal – Board would like to reduce fees overall and phase them out altogether over time if it is able to find other methods for raising the necessary funds
8. Overall a good start to the school year
9. Question in regard to the Governor’s support for \$1 million additional funding. Dr. McGee indicates this would still be part of the current year’s budget which is to be resolved and completed over the next few weeks.
10. Question requesting more detail on the fee structure. Dr. McGee indicates the Board is concerned that even the lowest tier discourages some people from applying (even at \$400). The Board questions whether 6 tiers are necessary. They are evaluating whether a CPI index increase might be better than using other percentages to base annual increases. The Board is also looking for ways to subsidize costs for people who have out of pocket expenses for unique items such as travel to/from for visits from long distances.
11. Dr. McGee acknowledges the need to offer other funding resources BEFORE ever phasing out the student fees
12. Overall strategic plan is to diversify funding sources, utilizing state and federal grants, as well as donors rather than relying primarily on fees and the State budget.

**Student Council Report (Jonathon Koch)**

1. This week is Homecoming
2. A number of events during the week were organized -- Jeopardy Night, a PEP Rally, Bond Fire Night, a School wide dodge ball tournament, decorations, and a movie night
3. The theme for the week was "Greek" week
4. There is a Volleyball tournament and Boys Soccer game at IMSA today
5. The Student council had a Labor day weekend retreat with Dr. McGee and drafted a mission statement – "to strengthen a sense of community through events"
6. "Operation Transformation" is meant to promote a connection between students, faculty and staff (one example is the establishment of contacts at colleges for students who are making their college visits)

**CAC report**

1. will be included in Eric McLaren's report this month

**Academic Committee**

1. still in the process of being formed

**Communications Committee**

1. The paper newsletters with grades etc. are now being replaced by Powerschool; therefore, the newsletter format will change to be incorporated on the website and through email.

**Multicultural**

1. none

**Student Life (Barb Kulbida)**

1. Students are in need of some personal and financial management training. For example there is no Home Education course at IMSA. Therefore, Citibank has come in to teach them how to handle financial responsibility.
2. The Cafeteria dishwasher is in the process of being replaced. Students are now eating on Styrofoam plates.
3. The committee is in the process of forming a list of parents who will be willing to host families coming from downstate to visit their children. This will help so they can avoid the cost of a room (Jay Ire will coordinate and her name will be on the website)
4. Senior banquet – Laurie Hayes is chairperson. Space has been determined and is in the process of being reserved.
5. Nancy D. is food committee chairperson
6. Any non-academic questions can be asked at Student Life meeting at 9am on the day of PAC meetings
7. Friday Fest – Asian is the theme for the next Friday Fest; a notice will follow.

8. The Senior Banquet meeting will follow the PAC meeting

### **Technology Report - Bruce Biwer**

1. The "one to one" program is one laptop per student. Intent is to focus on using the laptop as a learning tool.
2. City of Aurora is instituting a wireless network with node on Sullivan and Randall. Currently it is not reliable and is slow for servicing the students. Also it is necessary to consider security problems.
3. IMSA is testing a new admissions system that is online
4. Parent communication – the school is looking to utilize various ways to communicate to parents with Technology (e.g. Bulletin boards etc.)
5. IMSA invited to "Innovate NOW" program
6. Currently students have access to the license for using Mathematica which is a powerful math program (Ms Gilbert can get it installed for students)
7. Question was raised as to why there is a 1am internet cutoff time. Primarily the reason is to get the students to go to bed.

Committee chairs to make sure Grace Walquist has updated names of committee members

### **Administration Report (Eric McLaren)**

1. Homecoming week went well
2. Great Minds program events are coming up; parents are invited.
3. Extended weekend this Thursday; halls close at 5pm
4. The DNA sequencer mentioned in Dr. McGee's report is in process but not finalized yet
5. CAC –
  - a. UIUC online application due Monday
  - b. Senior meetings in process
  - c. Two college fairs remaining in the Fall
  - d. PSAT Oct 17 for Juniors
  - e. Sophomores – CAC's will meet on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
6. Memorial for Colin Woods on Monday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
7. The Parent Satisfaction Survey will be reported at the next PAC meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. none

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Downstate meeting
  - a. The PAC Bylaws state that the PAC must have at least one meeting each year located in a downstate area. For example this

was held for 2006/07 year in Champaign giving the students and families a chance to visit University of Illinois

- b. In the past there has never been a quorum at these downstate meetings
- c. In an effort to attract more members the location and format has been changed a number of times but without success
- d. Therefore the PAC will be proposing to amend the bylaws so that a meeting located in a downstate area is not required. In lieu of the downstate meeting there would be "informal" meetings/coffees to address downstate families
- e. The proposal will be presented at the next meeting and then sent out to parents prior to the following meeting, at which time it can be voted on.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Homecoming activities
  - a. Soccer at noon
2. Sign up for if you are willing to host families from long distance who are visiting their students at IMSA

DD McInerney made a motion to adjourn  
The motion was seconded by Alison Boldridge.  
Meeting was adjourned 1120 am

Copies of minutes sent to Tim Koch, Noble Redmon, Eric McLaren and Robert Hernandez.

Post Meeting Topics

1. It was raised by a number of parents that it would be useful to inform parents what they will encounter and provide them suggestions for adjustment when students start at IMSA
2. It was suggested that it is helpful to become familiar with students friends etc and to become involved in dorm wing activities

## Attendees List

Name	Position	Quorum Votes (X)
Tim Koch	Co-President	X
Noble Redmon	Co-President	X
DD McInerney	Vice President	X
Valerie Ogilvie	Treasurer	X
Scott or Marci Crawford	Secretary	X
Pat Davenport	Metro-Area Coordinator	X
Mark Drummond	Downstate Coordinator	X
Steve Maril	Academics	X
Barb Kulbida	Communications	X
Allison Schmitt	College and Academic Counseling	(not present)
Judy Karabowicz	Parent Partners	(not present)
Ann Iglesias	Friday Fest	X
Allison Boldridge	Friday Fest	(counted above)
Kim Schmitt	Student Life	(not present)
Barb Kulbida	Student Life	(counted above)
Lori Hayes	Senior Banquet (senior parent)	X
Grace Walquist	Senior Banquet (junior parent)	(counted above)
Bruce Biwer	Technology	X
	Region 1 Rep (senior)	
	Region 1 Rep (junior)	
Jude Makulec	Region 1 Rep (sophomore)	(not present)
Vera Koch or alt. Laurie Hayes	Region 2 Rep (senior)	X (Vera Koch)
Vani Mallubhotla	Region 2 Rep (junior)	(not present)
Dan or Margie Getz or alt. Tracey Rossi	Region 2 Rep (sophomore)	X
Mike or DD McInerney	Region 3 Rep (senior)	X (Mike McInerney)
	Region 3 Rep (junior)	
	Region 3 Rep (sophomore)	
Mat or Kelly Mathieu	Region 4 Rep	



	(senior)	(not present)
	Region 4 Rep (junior)	
	Region 4 Rep (sophomore)	
Gerry or Joy Fernandez or alt. Jane Redmon	Region 5 Rep (senior)	X
	Region 5 Rep (junior)	
Melanie or John Davis	Region 5 Rep (sophomore)	X
Pat Davenport	Region 6 Rep (senior)	(counted above)
Laura Durden	Region 6 Rep (junior)	(not present)
Ed or Bonnie Zaretsky	Region 6 Rep (sophomore)	(not present)
Anne or David Barnes	Region 7 Rep (senior)	(not present)
Jennifer or Michael Moore	Region 7 Rep (junior)	X
Barb Kulbida or Joe Cornejo	Region 7 Rep (sophomore)	(Barb Kulbida counted above; Joe Cornejo not present)
Lisa or Bob Till	Region 8 Rep (senior)	(not present)
Elva Carsiello	Region 8 Rep (junior)	(not present)
	Region 8 Rep (sophomore)	
Lynda Biwer	Region 9 Rep (senior)	X
Jane or Robin Thompson	Region 9 Rep (junior)	X
	Region 9 Rep (sophomore)	
Bob or Elena Ansani	Region 10 Rep (senior)	(not present)
	Region 10 Rep (junior)	
	Region 10 Rep (sophomore)	
TOTAL FOR QUORUM (17 needed)		20