

## **IBL SIGMAA Business Meeting**

**January 6, 2017**

**JMM, Atlanta, GA**

Members Present: approximately 45

Meeting called to order at 5:03PM by Chair-Elect, Brian Katz.

Chair-Elect, Brian Katz, read the purpose of the SIGMAA IBL (as stated in the charter).

The introduction of officers included Judith Covington (Past Chair), TJ Hitchman (Chair), Brian Katz (Chair Elect), Alison Marr (Secretary/Treasurer), Eric Kahn (Incoming Program Coordinator), and Angie Hodge (Outgoing Communications Officer).

Angie Hodge announced that the Communications Officer position is open. We need someone who is familiar with web page development in this position so that we can create our IBL SIGMAA website. This position is appointed by the Chair. If you are interested, contact any member of the board.

A discussion was then held to determine our list of priorities as a SIGMAA. Priorities given in the agenda were modified and new priorities were added. The final list to which members will be able to assign points tentatively includes:

- a. Outreach for proactive inclusivity (AWM, NAM, SACNAS)
- b. Sustainable annual meeting for this community
- c. Building and hosting a more comprehensive, centralized list of IBL resources
- d. Supporting the development of regional/state "sections" of this SIGMAA to improve local support and community
- e. Promote and disseminate research about IBL
- f. Collaborative relationships with other SIGMAAs (RUME, QL, ...)
- g. Increasing the size of SIGMAA IBL membership
- h. Offering IBL training workshops
- i. Education about IBL
- j. Build membership directory with geographical list/map
- k. Increase the diversity of IBL SIGMAA membership
- l. Cooperation between EAF, AIBL, MLI
- m. Outreach to K-12 and community colleges
- n. Connect to Institutional Practices Guide authors/committee

A survey about short-term priorities built from this list will be sent to the membership.

Announcements: Bus Jaco was introduced as the new Executive Director for The Initiative for Mathematics Learning by Inquiry (MLI). MLI is a new public, non-profit organization whose main intent is to help the IBL community "do the things we want to do." They will work with the EAF and SIGMAA (not separate). As a public, non-profit they will be able to both raise funds and distribute those funds to help support the IBL community.

Updates from EAF (from Tina Stratley): Harry Lucas has supported the Legacy conference for almost 20 years. However, his funds are limited. So, last year a decision was made to have a smaller conference, but only because funds were no longer available to host a larger

conference. The new MLI should help with finding funding. For now, don't look to the EAF for funding.

A brief discussion about having our own stand-alone conference without the large donation from EAF was had. Mainly we asked if we could host a conference like RUME has had for many years. It was noted that this is a very expensive conference (\$450+ registration fees) and that the MAA helps negotiate the logistics of that conference on their behalf.

The next agenda item was related to inclusivity and IBL. This was brought to the floor as a resolution to be voted on. That was seconded and a discussion began. These minutes contain a summary of the points from this discussion, but this summary should not be interpreted as being the consensus of the membership or of the group of people present at the meeting.

First, questions were asked about if we could have a panel on "Racism in mathematics over the years" or something of a similar sort at the next IBL conference. It was also noted that a quiet change in the name of the IBL conference (to remove R. L. Moore's name) won't accomplish much. Others questioned if it was the role of the IBL SIGMAA to address such issues? Or if we just wanted to start where we are and move forward.

Then, we moved to the language of the resolution. Many comments/suggestions were made including:

- a. The use of "privilege" vs. "right"
- b. Make sure stated in a positive voice
- c. Using "feel welcome" vs. "welcome"
- d. The use of "welcome" vs. "actively invite"
- e. Make sure this is a clear cut statement. Don't dance around the issue.
- f. Need to acknowledge the past

Using these comments, the resolution was edited to say:

*We, the members of IBL SIGMAA, believe that learning with inquiry is a privilege that should be offered to all students. We also believe that participating in the IBL community is a privilege, a privilege that has not been equally accessible to all mathematics educators. With this resolution, we acknowledge the persistence of discrimination and exclusion in the mathematics community, in which R.L. Moore played a role. We resolve to proactively make our SIGMAA welcoming to all educators.*

[This resolution has been revised significantly since the meeting based on feedback from the community.]

A motion to table the motion for further revision was made, seconded, and approved. The IBL SIGMAA executive board will take the feedback from this conversation and offer a revised resolution to the membership with a period of time for open comments before the membership votes on the resolution in its final form.

One final comment was made that the resolution alone would not be enough. We need to make sure it is paired with action. The Executive Board will be ready to move on any actions that can/should be taken based on the final resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM.

Announcements:

1. PRIMUS special issue on Teaching Inquiry is out!  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/upri20/27/1?nav=tocList>  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/upri20/27/2?nav=tocList>
2. Another PRIMUS special issue is forthcoming.
3. Consider submitting an abstract for TCPS at MathFest 2017 “Inquiry-Based Teaching and Learning”; “Encouraging Effective Teaching Innovation” for junior faculty (Failing, Crook, Goodman) - Submission Deadline 4/30/17
4. Summer 2017 IBL Workshops are open for registration. Especially encourage early career colleagues to consider attending.  
<http://www.inquirybasedlearning.org/workshops/>