



**Illinois Elementary School Association
Strategic Planning
Financial Resources Action Team Minutes
November 1, 2005**

The following members were present for the meeting: John Meixner, Bowen Southeastern; Rusty Ragon, Toledo Cumberland; Rick Sanders, Springfield Grant; Jeff Stephens, Concord Triopia; Kathy Johnson, Newton Jasper County; Len Sokoloff, Herscher Limestone, and Jane Cade, Clinton.

Introductions were made and members of the committee were informed of the strategic planning session that was held in January, 2005 and how the 12 action teams were formed.

The committee received copies of the approved FY 2006 budget and a five-year review of expenses and income. They also received a timeline that detailed the last time membership dues and entry fees were raised and a history of admission costs to IESA state tournament contests. Mr. Endsley reviewed the budget with the action team and explained the various line items in the budget. There was agreement by the action team that an increase in membership dues and entry fees would be appropriate. Discussion was held concerning the Illinois High School Association's decision to no longer charge their member schools for membership or entry fees. The action team agreed that since almost 20% of the IESA budget comes from membership dues and entry fees, that this would be too much money to simply drop from the budget and therefore IESA could not match the action taken by the IHSA. Action team members will bring their ideas for an appropriate increase in membership and entry fees to the next meeting in January.

The practice of assessing schools for a deficit in an IESA state tournament contest was discussed. In general, the action team was opposed to allowing host schools to assess when there is a deficit. Mr. Endsley will send to all members the financial composite reports from the activities so they can review these to see a first hand account of the number of assessments that are done annually and the varying amounts. He will also send to the action team a copy of a financial report in case changes to the report were to be recommended.

Also discussed were the supervision costs that are charged to the financial report by some schools.

The action team briefly reviewed awards costs and will discuss that cost at the next meeting. Special programs like the Grade School Field Trip Day, Scholar Attitude Award, official's grant money, etc. were also discussed.

There were no recommendations made at this time by the action team.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the IESA Office in Bloomington