



Fall 2007

*Your Local Area
Representatives:*

- Admin** - Barb Thorson
 - Brawley** – Carol Hinson
 - CCTL (Early College)** – Victoria Schmidt
 - Celeste** - Tracy Davis
 - Central** - Leona Dixon
 - Cool Spring** – Vicky Coffey
 - East Elementary** – Denise Harris
 - East Middle** – Rick Money
 - Ebenezer** - Anne Dowis
 - Harmony** - Brenda Poole
 - Lake Norman Elementary** - Nettie Gambill
 - Lake Norman High** - Victoria Schmidt
 - Lakeshore Elementary** - Lisa Dagenhart
 - Lakeshore Middle** - Pamela Klaene
 - Mt. Mourne** - Dirk Robertson
 - Mulberry** - Barb Thorson
 - NB Mills** – Chris Rennolds
 - North Iredell High** - Shelly Bailey-Hancock
 - North Middle** – Vivian Souther
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Note from the President

Welcome to another great year with the Iredell-Statesville Association of Educators. We are glad to see many familiar faces and to meet new friends.

Take a few minutes to check out our improved ISAE-NCAE website: <http://iss.schoolwires.com/ncae>. Thanks to Barb Thorson for keeping our website current.

As we work to improve our organization this year, you will see us working to become more politically involved through our political action committee chaired by our Chris Rennolds, our VP.

We are offering several exciting incentives for our members this year.

Joining your professional organization provides

more benefits than ever. We are glad you are here with us!

To keep you up to date, your association representatives meet once a month. Find your representative listed to the left. Let us know what we can do for you!

Kaye Taliana, ISAE President

ISAE Awards Scholarships to Future Teachers

Each year, ISAE offers two scholarships for future teachers: one for graduating seniors and one for current teacher assistants. At our May Retirement Celebration, Kaye Taliana presented Thomas Whitaker and Elizabeth McKarris with our NCAE Future Teacher's Scholarships.

Thomas graduated from Statesville High School and is working to become a band director. Thomas cited his passion for his subject, his leadership skills, and his ability to build strong relationships as the traits that will help him be successful. His band director at SHS, Jamie Kincaid, wrote that Thomas, "is the organizer and implementer of many of our ideas for the band



Thomas being congratulated by Denise Harris, his third grade teacher (and East Elementary's AR).

and the student body."

Elizabeth McKarris, a Teacher's Assistant in the Iredell-Statesville Schools system, is currently pursuing her teacher certification at UNC – Charlotte. Elizabeth recognized her view of the classroom, her desire to see each student succeed, and her listening skills as the traits that will lead to

her success as teacher. The lead teacher at Brawley Middle School wrote, "Elizabeth McKarris is the essence of a quality teacher. We need more teachers like her in our classrooms."

Congratulations to Thomas and Elizabeth – our 2007 NCAE Future Teachers!

*Your Local Area
Representatives
(cont):*

Northview – Brenda
Tab

Pressly - Cheryl
Serrill and Alison
Whitaker

Sharon – Sandy
Smith

Shepherd - Karen
Freeman

South Iredell HS –
Paula Cress

Statesville HS –
Katherine Hathcock

Statesville Middle -
Deborah Ramseur

Third Creek -
Barbara
Fleckenstein

**Troutman
Elementary**- Brenda
Howell

Troutman Middle –
Susan Brizzee

Union Grove -
Genevieve Kiser

West Iredell HS -
Leanne Hall

West Middle – Olivia
Atchley and Brooke
Campbell

**Woodland Heights
Elementary** - April
Davis

Uniserve - Lina
Drinkard

Open Season for learning about NCAE



NCAE's Summer Leaders conference provided NCAE local officers a place to expand their understanding of the organization.

Victoria Schmidt (Sec.),
Chris Rennolds (VP),
Barbara Fleckenstein

(Membership), and Kaye Taliana (Pres.) attended the conference this July in Sunset Beach, NC.

With the theme – Open Season – the presenters organized several workshops focusing on membership, leadership,

political action, retirement, and other pertinent topics. The NCAE staff provided a variety of opportunities for the local officers to focus on networking and using their resources.

The ISAE Executive Board is already using tips from the conference to make sure we are providing our ARs with all possible resources. As members, if you have advice for our officers, please feel free to email them or contact your school's association rep.

ISAE Awarded Blue Ribbon Award



The Iredell Statesville Association of Educators earned the Blue Ribbon Award for the third year in a row! This rigorous competition focuses political involvement, programs, and membership services.

ISAE looks forward to continuing to provide you with the best services possible this year through our web site, our wonderful ARs, and our newsletters!

Member Benefits Highlight

NEA Members Benefits recently announced members' discounts on instructional tools from LeapFrog SchoolHouse. Now through August 31, 2008, you can take advantage of a special introductory offer for NEA members. This offer includes \$30 off and free shipping on your first purchase of \$100 or more.

Additionally, NEA members will receive special pricing on selected products throughout the

school year. To take advantage of these saving, register at <http://www.leapfrogschoolhouse.com/> and include the promotion code NEAMB7 with your order.

This is just one of the amazing offers available to NCAE members. Remember to use your card, and log on to www.ncea.org and www.neamb.com to take advantage of all the member benefits!

ISAE Executive Board Officers 2007 – 2008

President – Kaye Taliana

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Rennolds

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Membership – Barbara
Fleckenstein

Webmaster – Barb Thorson

Secretary – Victoria Schmidt



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