

Minutes of: NCME BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 10th and 11th, 2002 – Washington, D.C.

Attending: H.D. Hoover (president); Linda Crocker (vice-president); John Fremer (past-president); and directors: LeAnn Gamache, Suzanne Lane, Mark Reckase, Sharif Shakrani, and Rebecca Zwick. Not attending: Catherine Welch. AERA staff attending: Gerald Sroufe, interim executive director; Linda Dziobek, director of publications (Thursday); Helaine Patterson, director of outreach and professional liaison (Friday). Special guest: Lynn Olsen, senior editor, *Education Week*.

Note: This meeting of the Board had originally been scheduled for September 13th – 14th and was postponed because of the tragic events of September 11th. The agenda and materials discussed in the January meeting were the same, in most respects, as those prepared for the September meeting.

- A. Announcements and Review of the Agenda included expressions of concern for Catherine Welch, who was unable to attend for health reasons, logistics regarding lunch and dinner, both outside the Radisson Barcelo Hotel, and anticipation of Lynn Olsen's presentation on the following day.
- B. Approval of April 2001 Board of Directors' Meetings Minutes provoked a discussion of editing future minutes to make them appropriate for publication on the website. The issue of the timeliness of the approval of the minutes, since the Board meets infrequently, was resolved by a proposal to circulate minutes to the directors electronically as soon as possible following the meeting. It was understood that in rare instances where more than editorial changes were required – where a unanimous vote of approval was not achieved immediately -- the minutes would be deferred until the next Board meeting. The minutes of the April Board meetings were approved as edited.
- C. Confirmation of Next Meeting Dates: April 1st and 4th, 2002, from 4:15 to 7:00 PM each day; the New Orleans hotel and meeting room to be determined.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

The president's report provided advance notice of some items to be discussed under various committees, along with several specific announcements: (a) Ron Berk wishes to be replaced as the official NCME photographer, and to phase out as organizer and spiritual leader of the Fitness Run. Suggestions for a successor as a photographer were considered, as well as the notion of procuring a digital camera to permit easy transfer of photos to the website. The president was encouraged to consider an appropriate acknowledgement for the fine photographic work Berk has provided over the years. (b) The annual meeting program includes more paper sessions and fewer symposia, reflecting the guidance of the president and Board. (c) It was noted that the traditional NATD session was dropped this year because they had not responded to entreaties, but that it was anticipated that the sessions would be restored in the future. The NCME Board will look for ways to renew ties with

NATD. (d) Sharif Shahrani and Arnold Goldstein will serve as tellers for the 2002 election. (e) It was agreed that there should be some flexibility with regard to the principle (not required in the bylaws) of restricting candidates for president of NCME to those members with Board experience. (f) It was announced that Don Yarbrough would continue to serve as NCME representative to the Joint Committee on Standards for Education Evaluation; Mike Kolan will replace Julie Noble on the Joint Committee on Standards for Education and Evaluation. (g) Brad Hanson will replace Del Harnisch as the website editor and this information will be communicated to members in the annual meeting program. (h) *Educational Measurement*, a standard in the field, has been published about every 20 years and the last version, edited by Robert Linn, was published in 1988. President Hoover called attention to the need to begin planning for the next volume. Recent volumes have been published jointly with McMillan and the American Council on Education. Suzanne Lane volunteered to speak with Bob Linn about his experience as the editor and to initiate discussion with ACE on consideration of an ad hoc committee. (i) The Board expressed its enthusiasm for inviting Felice Levine, incoming Executive Director of AERA, to the NCME breakfast meeting and to the Board meetings at the annual meeting in New Orleans. Levine officially begins at AERA on May 6th.

The Board considered at some length an email from Barbara Plake. The email queried the Board about its potential involvement with an ad hoc committee comprised of representative from the three associations, responsible for the Standards, to provide guidelines or frameworks for states seeking to implement the testing procedures of the new ESEA legislation. The Board noted that the burden of testing in the new bill would be at the state level. John Fremer observed that the new legislation, calling on mandatory testing of all children, grades 3 through 8, in reading and math, was the biggest event in the history of testing. He urged that anything that can be done to promote the Standards in this context would be appropriate for NCME, while reminding the group that NCME would not take on the role of policing federal policy. Mark Reckase reported on his experiences with a working group for NAGB that was trying to determine how to respond to the legislation. There was discussion that the education system likely lacked the capacity to effectively implement the legislative requirements, and that NCME might want to focus on issues related to training users of tests and such activities as providing workshops for state department staff. Others proposed that it might be useful to work more closely with the NATD and Council of Chief State School Officers. LeAnn Gamache said such high-visibility policy issues made it imperative that NCME devote a concentrated time period to define the role of NCME as a first step in designing strategic interventions. The Board joined AERA in indicating receptivity to the proposed ad hoc committee and participation in exploratory meetings.

E. STANDARDS AREA.

Long Range Strategic Planning/Implementation was addressed indirectly with regard to a number of policy issues before the Board (e.g., NCME response to new federal legislation heightening the use of assessment for accountability, publications, website, outreach activities).

F. NCME AND THE MEDIA.

This was the topic for the Friday session of the Board meeting. Lynn Olson of *Education Week* identified the testing questions of most concern to media, media views regarding reliable and unreliable sources of information, strategies and tactics for working with media, and the importance of providing sound knowledge to policy discussions in a timely fashion. Olson noted that media hear most from outspoken individuals (Kohn) or advocacy groups (FairTest), least often from independent, objective sources such as NCME. She explained that most reporters had a humanities background, not a statistical background, and that it was important to be certain they understood the significance of terms often viewed simply as the jargon of the measurement field. She offered a list of terms that begged for clarification: “standardization,” “alignment,” “appropriate use,” “confidence intervals,” and “multiple measures.” Olson had read a number of NCME journals provided by Helaine Patterson and judged that the topics were exactly the ones policy makers needed to learn about, but they were not accessible to anyone outside the measurement community.

Olson suggested a number of strategies that NCME might undertake to get its message out: (1) provide best understanding syntheses of controversial issues; (2) develop a “media availability” over time (e.g., contacts, background information, available speakers who can tell stories); think in terms of glossaries to assist press and policy makers. She offered a number of tips for working with the media: (a) stipulate you are on background when it suits your purposes; (b) build relationships with reporters over time; (c) repeat key points you want to be certain the reporter understands at the conclusion of the quote; (d) provide necessary context, even if one is not asked to do so; (e) understand the press for “neutral reporting”: the other side will also be included in the article; (f) prepare your key “bullet” in advance – what you want to have quoted.

Included in this discussion was consideration of the AERA pressroom activity at the annual meeting and ways NCME could take advantage of it. Patterson agreed to treat two or three key sessions from the NCME program as part of the AERA “featured sessions,” and will expect to hear from NCME about which sessions to highlight for press attending the meeting.

Olson asked the group to identify some key issues in the measurement area and received the following list: (a) capacity with regard to design of tests, production of items, analysis and interpretation of test results; (b) disconnect between knowledge of achievement scores and knowledge of successful interventions; (c)

unintended consequences of any major shift in direction; and (d) adequacy of preparation of teachers and principals.

G. PUBLICATIONS AREA.

Discussion was organized around the August 20th report of the committee, as presented by Rebecca Zwick: (1) the nomination of Brad Hanson to serve as website editor was approved; (2) the proposal to contract with Riverwatcher, a commercial firm located in Illinois, to house the website was approved; (3) the website policy guidelines were approved, with the suggestions mentioned below; (4) the report of the ad hoc committee created to review the ITEMS publication was approved and the committee dissolved; and (5) names were solicited for individuals to replace two editors near the end of their terms: Jeri Benson (EM:IP); Doug Becker (newsletter).

Zwick also raised two issues that were deferred to the April 1st meeting of the Board, online paper submission and online membership directory. The Board discussion of online submission was largely favorable, except for the problem of providing tabular and graphic information with the present software. It was agreed, however, to add a phrase to current publications along the lines of, "electronic submission of final copy is 'preferred'" as the opportunity arises. The Board will be informed by AERA's experience in these two areas and will seek additional information from Yong Zhao about presentation of the tables and graphics online.

The Board suggested a number of items for consideration of the website policy. One suggestion was to exercise care in selecting links and making NCME available as a link to other sites. Another suggestion was to provide a disclaimer along with the links. It was concluded that the approved website policies should be housed within the Publications/Editorial manual.

With regard to the publication of the ITEMS, the Board voted to include them on the website and to provide notice of their future availability in forthcoming issues and on the website.

With the assistance of Linda Dziobek, AERA publications director, the issue of garnering royalties from commercial information brokers listing NCME journals was considered. The budget implications of doing so were not clear and the publications committee was tasked to investigate the pros and cons of electronic publication of NCME journals through commercial houses such as JSTORE.

H. MEMBERSHIP/RECOGNITION AERA.

LeAnn Gamache reported that the committees responsible for various awards have been appointed and are engaged in the task. One issue that has emerged is the dearth of candidates for some of the awards, notably, the Annual Award (this year concerning the application of educational measurement technology to a specific problem). The Board concluded that, while it was preferable to choose

among many candidates, one outstanding candidate was sufficient to make the award. However, it is not required that the award be given annually.

Membership committee recommendations included (1) conduct of analyses of the database of existing members, (2) conduct of a membership survey to examine member satisfaction and suggestions for improving the organization, and (3) recruitment efforts including possible rental of appropriate membership lists. The last item generated a conversation of “market segments,” raising the question: Who should be members of NCME? Among the suggested targets for membership recruiting were graduate students in departments of measurement; department of education staff; AERA divisions D, H, I and L; and attendees from the CCSSO’s large-scale assessment conference and regional AERA meetings.

The discussion of databases raised questions of the suitability for the current database, maintained by AERA, to support the analyses desired (e.g., is there any information about members who have withdrawn?). Further information will be collected on this topic. The committee was requested to draft a proposal for a direct mail marketing effort targeted toward the CCSSO’s meeting for consideration at the April 1st meeting of the Board.

I. STANDARDS AREA

The prepared report was not directly considered in the absence of the chair, but its content was acknowledged and several of the key issues raised were discussed in the context of other reports.

J. OUTREACH AREA. Suzanne Lane presented three reports/surveys covering topics in recruitment and outreach. One document presented version #4 of the brochure being developed jointly by APA and NCME, which is intended to introduce the field of psychometrics to graduate students. The Board made a number of editorial suggestions to accompany its approval of the document. It was also suggested that it might be helpful if some parts of the draft were edited for the NCME website. It was understood that a separate brochure, designed to market NCME, was also under consideration.

A proposal for the development of a NCME brochure is to be presented to the Board at the meeting on April 1st in New Orleans. The Board’s discussion raised special concerns about the content, design, number to be produced, and overall marketing strategy of the brochure and the Board hoped to receive a proposal addressing each of these issues.

A third consideration, offering funds for “Underrepresented Minority Students” to attend the NCME annual meeting was not approved. The Board shared the concerns for minority representation in the association as expressed by Stephen Sireci, but felt it would be preferable to encourage support by the students’ institutions.

K. BUDGET. The 2001 audit was approved. The 2002 budget was approved.

L. OTHER. The final item considered by the Board was the establishment of the Young Scholars Award, funded by an endowment in honor of Jason Millman. Discussion of the criteria to be associated with the award included the following: (1) candidates no more than 5 years beyond doctorate; (2) award based on papers submitted to NCME for presentation at the annual meeting. Gamache is to form a two-year, 7 person committee, to begin work to establish a name and procedures, criteria, and announcements in concert with activities of the 2002 annual meeting. It is intended that the first awards will be made in 2003; it is anticipated that the award will be for \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted, Gerald Sroufe

Minutes

NCME Board of Directors' Meeting

October 7/8, 2002

Attending

Presidents Linda Crocker, Suzanne Lane (vice president), H.D. Hoover (past president); Directors LeAnn Gamache (second day), Mark Reckase, Sharif Shakrani, Rebecca Zwick, Wayne Camera (second day), and Douglas Becker. Also attending, AERA Executive Director, Felice Levine, Director of Publications, Linda Dziobek, and Gerald Sroufe, NCME Central Office Liaison.

Welcome and Announcements.

President Crocker welcomed members of the Board of Directors and AERA/NCME staff attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the 4/1/02 meeting, and 4/4/02 meeting, had been circulated electronically shortly after the NCME Annual Meeting. The printed copy was reviewed and approved following minor editing.

President's Report.

Linda Crocker noted that she and other directors had encountered difficulty in knowing the members of their committees and their exact terms. She advocated that terms be stated in terms of the year of expiration. Also, she called on directors to provide her with complete, current, and accurate lists of all members by November 1 so they could be included in the updated handbook and membership rosters.

Membership Involvement. It was reported that 130 membership involvement forms had been turned in at the NCME breakfast meeting, and that 118 individuals had volunteered to serve in a variety of capacities.

Annual Meeting. It was reported that 203 papers had been submitted, 38 symposia have been proposed, and 8 training sessions were approved. AERA staff indicated that space would be provided for training sessions already approved. There was discussion of having electronic submission and processing of ballots in the future. It was concluded that the topic should be considered further at the April meeting of the Board and that specific issues to be addressed include an estimate of the cost; consideration of unique aspects of NCME proposals that might make electronic processing difficult; and anticipated impact on submissions. The recent experiences of AERA with electronic processing should be instructive in this discussion. Suzanne Lane volunteered to take the lead in providing information and facilitating this discussion in April.

Elections. A slate of candidates has been provided by the NCME nominating committee (Michael Kolen, chair; John Fremer; Kris Waltman) and the Central Office will mail ballots to all members in time for tabulation prior to the Annual Meeting in April. In addition, a tellers committee has been appointed to count and certify the election: James

Carlson, chair; Vinetta Jones, and Ramsey Selden. Central Office will arrange for them to meet and count the ballots. During discussion of the election process the Board was reminded that nominees for vice president need not have served on the Board prior to nomination.

The idea of expanding the Board to reduce the workload on those willing to serve was considered. Doug Becker suggested that a "secretary" might be included along the lines of APA. Felice Levine observed that the Board did represent a relatively small work group with significant responsibilities. No decision about increasing the size of the board was made at this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Membership. Felice Levine reported on the general difficulty of providing accurate and timely reports with the present membership database system and procedures. She indicated that AERA would be addressing this issue in a fundamental way in the next months. However, it was clear that there has been little growth in NCME and that this had an impact on the resources available to the association. She encouraged the Board to pursue its efforts with regard to marketing the association.

Subscriptions. Rates are to be increased from present low level, but additional marketing also is required. The discussion included the need to get specific information on the libraries now subscribing to NCME publications and to exploration of new markets that might be generated by the requirements or recent legislation such as No Child Left Behind. The Central Office will develop a list of libraries presently subscribing to NCME publications as a marketing tool.

Financial: It was noted that NCME reserves are in bonds rather than stocks, so there has been a relatively small decline in reserves. At issue, however, is the current budget which reflects an \$80,000 deficit for FY 2003. Following this discussion the Board determined to raise the prices of a number of items and to reduce some proposed expenditures, and to return to consideration of the budget on the second day of the meeting.

It was noted that the administrative fee due to AERA was booked each year, but not always paid, which resulted in an incurred debt.

Publications Area

Steve Ferrara was appointed as editor of EM:IP. President Crocker will notify other candidates of the Board's decision. Appreciation was offered to Doug Becker for his service as newsletter editor.

Webpage postings are to go to Brad Hanson. A discussion about how best to provide answers to questions about NCME was resolved by suggesting that a site for inquiries be created on the NCME Webpage.

There was discussion of using polybags to protect publications through mailing. The Board determined not to do so at this time, and requested that President Crocker explore the cost of using paper sleeves, which were regarded as more desirable for environmental reasons.

Discussion of the feasibility of production of a word-searchable CD-ROM of JEM resulted in a decision to proceed with such a project so long as the cost was less than \$10,000. It was assumed that this would be a revenue-producing project, and Board members were encouraged to provide the central office with a list of institutions likely to be interested in purchase of such a CD. Simultaneously, the Board determined to make JEM available through JSTOR. It was anticipated that this would provide increased subscriptions and memberships. A "firewall" of publication-date currency would be provided to preserve value of subscribing to journals directly.

The Board discussed the desirability of entering into a contract with Greenwood Publishers and ACE to produce a forth edition of Education Measurement. The Board expressed enthusiasm for the project and with regard to the news that Bob Breenan has agreed to serve as editor. A meeting among the parties to be involved, NCME, publisher, and editors, has been planned for late October. The Board discussed some modifications it would prefer to see in the proposed contract, and requested that President Crocker work with other parties to negotiate on behalf of NCME, and to sign a contract for the work when satisfied with the provisions of the contract. Contractual items to be reviewed included: the number of complementary copies to NCME (it is anticipated that there will be 29 authors); opportunity of NCME to purchase for resale; sales promotion efforts envisioned; possibility of attaining joint copyright; academic review of copy prior to publication; and evidence of NCME prominently displayed on the cover of the publication. It is anticipated that the publication will produce revenue for NCME, as well as making a substantial contribution to the field. (It was observed that the 3rd edition was soon to be released in paperback for \$69.95.)

Standards Area.

The Board considered a request from the Joint Committee on Testing Practice to endorse the Code of Fair Testing. The Board agreed to be listed among the agencies endorsing the Code. The Board considered also a request from JCTP to endorse development of a casebook related to the recently revised edition of the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*. The Board determined to take no action with regard to this request.

Stimulated by discussion of the endorsement of the Code and consideration of the casebook, the Board placed consideration of NCME's endorsement policies on its January agenda. Central office is to provide board members with extracts from previous minutes related to adoption of policy and its formulation.

Recruitment.

Richard Sawyer was authorized to spend as much as \$800 to secure labels and do recruitment mailing related to a conference hosted by the CCSSO, as discussed at the preceding Board meeting.

There was considerable discussion of the ongoing program to create and disseminate biographies of education measurement leaders for purposes of building the field and recruitment. Concerns were raised about competing efforts by ETS and the length of time already devoted to completion of the project, partly due to modifications requested by the Board. The decision of the Board was that the project should proceed immediately, according to specific guidelines of number of statements (4); length (one page) and format (compatible), and that the biographical statements should be placed on the NCME Webpage. President Crocker will prepare an introductory statement.

The Board requested that the Membership Committee provide a proposal for conducting a survey of university-based graduate measurement programs. The proposal should deal with modest costs anticipated, timeline, procedures (including contact with groups doing similar surveys). It was suggested that the results of the survey be viewed as a potential article for NCME publications. It was suggested, that if events move as planned, that the committee be invited to meet with the Board during its day-one meeting at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The committee was requested, also, to develop a draft of a “lapsed member” survey that could be considered by the Board at its April meeting.

Other recruitment suggestions, such as attending other professional association meetings, were not recommended.

The April meeting will provide the occasion of the first award of the Millman award. The Board authorized a travel subsidy of up to \$1000 to encourage Meridith Millman to attend the ceremony.

Updating Policy Manual

The NCME Policy Manual is comprehensive but in need of revision. The current issue is dated 2001-2002. It omits some recent phenomena such as the Website policies, it is not up-to-date regarding committee members and terms, and it needs to reflect changes in the committee structures. Ideally, it should be placed on the Web for all members to review. Suzanne Lane agreed to chair a committee of the three presidents to update the guide and consider modifications, such as breaking it into two documents (one which would be “permanent” and one which would be modified annually, such as committee rosters). The current Website publishing policy is to be distributed to members of the Board by Rebecca Zwick.

Committee Revisions

The Board conducted a review of all committees and discussed their continued viability – some have achieved their objectives, others regarded as having been overcome by events. The Board eliminated three committees: (1) Education Testing Legislation and Policy Analysis; (2) Professional Practices; (3) Fellowship. The Board determined that the activities of the Classroom Assessment and Awards Committee would be suspended for the year and that no awards would be made at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. In addition, the Board revised the mission of the Outreach and Partnership Committee to include identification of organizations for potential with collaboration and to advise the Board of them; preparing descriptions of complementary organizations for the NCME newsletter; developing and maintaining information on these organizations. Mark Reckase is to propose mission wording and a title for the restructured committee for the Board's consideration.

Following the discussion of the reformulation of the mission of the Outreach and Partnership Committee, Suzanne Lane volunteered to develop a list of upcoming meetings of groups for review by the Board and subsequent inclusion on the Webpage.

The Recruitment Committee is to be asked to confer with Graduate Students Committee about strategies for recruiting other graduate students to NCME membership. The Minority Committee name will be changed to “Diversity Issues and Testing” and its charge will be revised to reflect the change and will include a phrase such as “recruiting a diverse and inclusive membership for NCME.”

The International Committee will be requested to bring a proposal for a revised charge to the April meeting of the Board.

Budget revisions

The Board approved budget revisions which served to reduce the planned deficit by nearly half. Among the changes adopted:

An increase in the NCME breakfast by five dollars to \$20 per person; determined to allow the student fee to remain at the same level; and to provide a notice in the newsletter about the reason for the changes.

Publication prices for NCME journal subscriptions were increased, some expenses were reduced. Subscriptions to institutions were increased as follows: JEM to \$110; EM:IP to \$65.

The Board determined that the NCME Executive Committee should consider the feasibility and desirability of a dues increase to be included with the January mailing of the NCME ballots. The increase proposed would be from \$45 to \$60 per regular member. (An increase in the fee charged for attendance at the Annual Meeting had been approved previously.)

Appreciation.

The Board of Directors expressed appreciation for the service of LeAnn Gamache and Rebecca Zwick for service to the association over the past three years, terms of both will conclude at the April meeting.

NCME Board Meeting
April 4, 2002
Minutes
(New Orleans)

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Becker, Wayne Camara, Linda Crocker, LeAnn Gamache, Suzanne Lane, Mark Reckase, Sharif Shakrani, and Rebecca Zwick.

Others in Attendance: Lane Akers, John Fremer, Felice Levine, Jerry Sroufe.

Linda Crocker called the meeting to order at 4:15 and introduced Felice Levine, the new Executive Director of NCME, who described some of her interests and plans for working with NCME.

The first item of business was to set a date for the next Board meeting. October 7-8, 2002, was established as the date and the site will be in Washington D.C.

Rebecca Zwick summarized the report of the Publications Committee. Regarding editorships, she announced that:

- (a) Susan Brookhart has been approved as the Newsletter Editor ;
- (b) Deborah Harris has been approved as ITEMS Editor through December 2005;
- (c) Nominations are now being solicited for the editorship of *Educational Measurement:Issues and Practice* for Volumes 23-25 (2004-2006).

In addition, NCME has contracted with an organization called River Watcher to maintain its Website for an annual fee of \$800. The Committee recommends that NCME explore electronic distribution of its publications via its Website, including past journal issues, and that this might be handled inhouse rather than by contracting with a commercial company. Del Harnisch and Brad Hanson (current and incoming Website Editors) will work with Felice Levine to prepare a proposal and budget for making selected NCME publications available on the Website. Other items that are being considered include making the newsletter an email-able PDF, with an emailed announcement that a new issue of the newsletter is available, and email broadcasts of tables of contents of newsletter and journals. It was noted that we do not have "good" email addresses for approximately 1/3 of the membership so this problem would need to be addressed. Finally, membership application forms will be available online for downloading from the Website while working toward a password-controlled online membership system.

Suzanne Lane led discussion on reports from the Recruitment of Measurement Specialists Committee. She requested feedback on the recruitment brochure within three weeks. The project to create biographies of individuals who have recently entered the profession is progressing and the committee will develop a common format for suggested length and structure. A summary of the recent results of a survey completed by this committee will be prepared for inclusion in a future issue of the newsletter. The new chair of this

committee will be Ethan Arenson and Daria Ellis will continue as the graduate student representative.

The Outreach and Partnerships Committee has discussed initiating a project to investigate how measurement practitioners, educators and legislators are informed about testing issues through efforts of formal organizations (e.g., CRESST, Michigan Testing Conference, regional and state research associations, etc.). They are also considering a project for identifying members of NCME who are willing to speak to the press on various measurement issues. The Board also discussed, but did not approve, a request to establish a program for supporting student travel to state or national assessment meetings with a mentor. Finally, Suzanne noted that the Board must reach a decision at its October meeting about continuation of the Classroom Assessment Awards Program, since Rick Stiggins will no longer be available to serve as permanent chair of the committee. . Board members recognized that the past success of this program has been largely due to his enthusiasm and capable leadership.

Don Yarborough, NCME's representative to Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation, reported on the Student Evaluation Standards Project. A session describing field test data from this program was presented at this meeting; these results will be published as a book by Courier Press in Fall, 2002. The committee invites suggestions on how to disseminate information about this project and its publications.

Linda Crocker then introduced Lane Akers, a representative from Lawrence Erlbaum Publishers, who described plans to publish a major measurement handbook. He expressed an interest in working with NCME if such a venture would be appropriate . This was followed by a general discussion of the possibility of NCME participation with the American Council on Education in creation of a 4th edition of *Educational Measurement*. The Board approved a motion charging Linda Crocker, on behalf of NCME, (a) to approach the American Council on Education about continuing our past collaboration on creation of a new edition and (b) to initiate discussion with that group about making earlier editions, or select chapters, available from the current publisher or possibly online as a resource to the profession. The Board acknowledged the appropriateness of a proposal to have past-presidents of NCME serve as advisors to the 4th edition project.

John Fremer then invited Board member reactions to the most recent draft of the Code of Fair Testing Practices, which is being developed by the Joint Committee on Testing Practices (JCTP), of which NCME is a participant. He noted that the next draft will be a final draft that will be presented to NCME for endorsement. Suggestions from Board members included the following: (1) that the meaning of fairness be clarified, and (2) that, if possible, the document should be shortened to ease dissemination. A motion to approve the Code was tabled, with the understanding that it would be reconsidered at the fall Board meeting.

There was a discussion of potential sources of revenue for the Council. Among the ideas introduced were: (1) income from the Webpage; (2) increased membership fees; (3) rate

increase for publications. Linda Crocker indicated that time would be provided for brainstorming about sources of revenue at the fall Board of Directors meeting.

The Board expressed its appreciation to outgoing President H.D. Hoover and best wishes for a timely recovery.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m..