

## WISCONSIN SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting

December 4, 2009

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

The December meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Dave Turk at 9 a.m. Present- Dave Turk, Jaci Fuller, Christy Duhr , Sherri Arnold, Dave Zeller, Holly Jackson, Julie Van Dahm, and Fran Snippen. Also present was Mark Schmidt. Absent, but present for workshop on December 3<sup>rd</sup> , Kevin Loef.

Secretary Report: Fran reports she had no correspondence. Review of previous minutes resulted in correction by Jaci Fuller regarding use of resolution, which should have been amendment. Also when referring to a district the name of district needs to be spelled out. With these corrections, motion by Jaci Fuller and seconded by Julie VanDahm, minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report. Dave reported he has been working closely with Conference Planning to secure potential facilitators for the up coming conference. He had correspondence from AAA again, as they want to send another group mailing out to our members. Motion by Jaci Fuller and seconded by Christy Duhr to give them permission to send mailings out with the approval of the President. Dave will contact them. 150 non-renewal letters were sent out to people not renewing their membership, with some responses received.

Treasurer's Report Sherri handed out detailed report of general and district accounts and account activity in checking. Motion by Holly Jackson seconded by Dave Zeller to accept the treasurer report as presented.

Update on Status of Audits/ Honorary Life Pins. Doreen has some questions regarding the Bullseye accounts and documents that she needs to complete the audit. Sherri will call her and attempt to get these resolved. We are all asked to review the contents of boxes taken home from the meeting at Osthoff to see if anything is in these of any reference to the accounts.

As no one seems to be able to locate the Honorary Life pins; Christy made a motion, seconded by Julie Van Dahm, to allow Jaci Fuller to purchase a new supply.

Mark Schmitt Re: technical possibilities for WSSA Mark Schmidt led us in a very intense discussion of potential uses of technology in the future of WSSA. One of the areas that were very obvious is that we need to review our committee structure. What committees are still active? Which need to be more active? If a committee is active, then Marjean Sutherland and Mark Schmidt, as well as the Executive Committee need to have copies of their minute and be kept informed of their activities. We also need to have

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more accurate information on the website as to what committees are active and remove information as it becomes obsolete.

Mark also told us that if we see information that needs to be clarified or corrected, we should contact Marjean Sutherland, as they work together and are in close contact. The estimated number of members is approximately 250. Given the status of the economy and tightening budgets, it behooves us to become innovative in our methods of communication. We could be distributing more information via the website. Mark Schmidt will look into the possibility of using pay-pal as an option of applying for membership and paying dues online. Another option would be to get nominations for officers set up so nominations could be done through the website. Also, nominations for awards could be done via the website.

Mark Schmidt will be meeting with Sherri Arnold to review the current membership lists to see what information is gathered at time of joining that can be useful, such as e-mail addresses so Update and other publications could possibly be distributed via the internet, thereby saving postage costs. They will also determine if other information needs to be gathered. Mark Schmidt will check into what features are currently available to us within our existing contract and what may be available and costs connected with them. Holly Jackson suggested that we explore the possibilities there are available through the use of Facebook. With Face Book, we would have to have someone responsible for the monitoring of it. Mark Schmidt will report back to us at the January meeting.

Conference Planning Committee: Last year's conference planning books were closed and provided for audit purposes. Motion was made by Jaci Fuller and seconded by Holly Jackson, that if information from Bullseye Bank accounts is not available that Sherri Arnold request copies of statements from the bank, so audit can be completed. Motion carried. We still need ideas for workshops for the spring convention. Suggestion was made to bring Jim Bates back for the conference in May. The dates of annual conference are set for May 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Business meeting will be from 5 to 6 on first day with dinner at 7. Expanded version of Ethics and Boundaries may be planned for Friday morning. Awards will again be presented at a luncheon. Dave Zeller will work on the amendment to address when business meeting will be held, so that it can be presented at the business meeting.

Mid-year Update The Mid- winter conference was not well attended, however the presentations were very good. Part can be attributed to late start we had this year and the shrinking available funds for training in agencies.

Review of Judy Spring workshop. We will wait for Judy Spring to get here report to us so we can decide what areas we can focus on now and which are plans for the future. We all agreed she gave us some challenging things to think about.

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.Update The Update is in progress and hopefully some can be distributed by e-mail so that postage costs are at minimum.

Awards The deadline for nominations for this years awards is set at March 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations should be sent to Dave Turk. Winners will be selected by Executive Committee at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Elected Officers Compensation A motion was made by Jaci Fuller and seconded by Christy Duhr that compensation for elected officers be made annually at the executive committee meeting during the conference. Motion carried.

Election 2010 The officers that need to be elected this year are Historian, Treasurer and President-elect. Jackie will send description of officer's duties to Mark Schmidt so the information can be put on web-site

Other business Jaci Fuller brought in a box of 245 thank you cards, which were given to the secretary to be used as needed.. She gave 100 magnets and 120 pens to Conference Planning, as well as a Conference Planning Handbook. and a copy of President-elect handbook to Christy Duhr.

January Agenda Items Items to be placed on the January 29<sup>th</sup> agenda will include, Mid –year conference, Mark Schmidt reporting on Pay-Pal, Facebook, possible hit-counter on web-site, Award nominations and Elections of Officers information on web-site. Judy Spring report, Audit status, Committee structure and Honorary Life Pins.

Sherri Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Christy Duhr. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Fran Snippen, Secretary