

WSSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2010
SAUK CO. BASEMENT MEETING ROOM

President Dave Turk called the March 26, 2010 meeting of WSSA Executive Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Dave Turk, Jaci Fuller, Dave Zeller, Sherri Arnold, Julie VanDahm and Kevin Loef. Absent excused were Christy Duhr and Holly Jackson.

Secretary Report: Fran reported the only correspondence she received was the information about mission statement and invitation to Minnesota Social Services Association spring convention. She sent her regrets, as she was not able to attend, and thanked them for information provided. She also sent thank you note to Christy Duhr for her service as President-elect and urged her to continue on the Executive Committee as representative of South Central District. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jaci Fuller/Sherri Arnold moved/seconded to approve minutes as provided. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sherri Arnold distributed printed copies of her report, which included current balances and activities on all accounts. South Central account information was found and account was closed. Dave will send thank you to Sandy Wallrack for taking care of this. Motion by Jaci Fuller, seconded by Dave Zeller to accept report as presented. Carried.

Correspondence: We received the renewal for West Bend Mutual, which covers general liability and dishonesty bonding and risk coverage. Sherri Arnold has the policies. Motion by Jaci Fuller seconded by Kevin Loef, to pay this. Motion carried.

Conference Planning: Sherri Arnold reported we received 40 early registrations as result of mailing the post cards. She also shared minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of March. They will be meeting as often as needed as conference nears. Meal choices have been finalized and tentative schedule of events was provided. Several speakers have been confirmed and the contracts in place, but there is much left to be done in this area. Keynote speaker will be Julie Kirksick. DCF. Mid-Year was not well attended but hopefully May conference will prove to be more positive. It is expected that conference booklets will be available soon. May Conference is expected to come within budget perimeters.

Honorary Life Cards: Sherri Arnold will e-mail us draft of Honorary Life Cards she has developed. Laminated cards will be mailed to last year's recipients.

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Judy Spring Issues:

Mission Statement: After much discussion and input from those attending, the following mission statement was drafted to present to the members.

“Wisconsin Social Service Association: Providing a connection to Wisconsin’s Human Service program and providers, helping to shape policies and practices to ensure effective services to people throughout the State of Wisconsin and giving a voice to workers who administer various human and social service programs”

Letter to members regarding our concerns was in Update, which was sent out via e-mail to those providing e-mail addresses and sent by regular mail to others.

We need to revise the application form to collect the information we need to better serve our members. Sherri Arnold will work on this, and it will need to be updated on website also.

Goals: We want to continue emphasizing the conference and training. As a start the committee has set the following goals as a beginning to rebuilding.

1. Continue annual conference and training opportunities.
2. Look at connecting with groups that have similar goals and services.
3. Establish a network database

Bylaw changes: Constitution and By Laws committee was given the task of writing the dissolution language so that is in place should that be a final option. Amendment will be ready by conference to correct language regarding when annual business may be held.

ES Proclamation: the governor has signed Proclamation, and Dave Turk will send them to the Co. Agencies.

Elections: Jaci Fuller moved and Julie Van Dahm seconded a motion to have Dave Turk stay in position of president-elect as well as president for the remainder of this term. He will be president for the 2010-2011 term. Nominations will be solicited for president elect for next available term. Nomination for Sherri Arnold as treasurer and Holly Jackson as Historian will be voted on at the business meeting at conference.

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Annual Business Meeting: Fran Snippen will prepare an agenda for the annual business meeting as well as the Executive Committee annual report. Copies will be available for attendees.

Awards:

Economic Support Award: Rose Siwula, Waushara Co. was nominated by her Economic Support team for this award. Unanimously approved by Executive Committee.

2010 Friend of WSSA Award: Gerry Mayhew DCF/DFES/BWF/Partner Training Section was nominated by Dave Turk to recognize her for her strong support and commitment to WSSA. Unanimously approved.

Rookie of the Year Award: Sarah Christensen, Wood Co was nominated by Jane Scheel to receive this award. Unanimously approved

President's Award: The Executive Committee directed Dave to make a decision on the president's award and announce it at conference.

Honorary Life Award: Jaci Fuller nominated Kathy Brown, retired from Wood Co. for an honorary life award. Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at Chula Vista Resort at 1 p.m. on Tuesday May 25, 2010. Some of the suggested agenda items include; last minute conference issues, compensation for officers, 2011 conference and 2010/2011 budget..

Motion by Sherri Arnold and approved by Dave Zeller to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Snippen, Secretary

