

INSSWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/12/05

Jane Zobel welcomed board members to The Garrison at Fort Benjamin Harrison and thanked them for their attendance.

Present were Michelle Alvarez, Rebecca Bringle, Lucy DiMichele, Dee Kempson, Terry Miller, Mil Penner, Jyoti Weaver, and Jane Zobel.

REVISED CONSTITUTION (Jane Zobel)

The first order of business was to review the new constitution. All changes were discussed by board members and were accepted by consensus. The new constitution will go to members in the Fall in the notice to renew membership, and copies will also go in packets at the Fall conference.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Lucy DiMichele)

Total INSSWA membership is 145 members in good standing. This total exceeds 03-04 membership by four members. However, 20 members from 03-04 did not renew this year. 31 INSSWA members elected to join SSWAA for the additional fee of \$40.00 under the new SSWAA Partnership Option.

Regional membership representatives are as follows:

Northern Region	Miriam Smith
Eastern Region	Elizabeth Hoban
Central Region	Linda Black
	Sarah Parrish Gould
	Terry Miller
Western Region	Sandy Sanders
South Central	Jodi Parsons
Southern Region	Debbie Scott

The report also provided lists of members who had volunteered for various committees.

Changes were made to the INSSWA Membership Form. These will include a one-line description of the SSWAA option.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jeanne Milligan)

For the period of 7/1/04 through 1/26/05, income was reported as \$18,088.78, total Expenses of \$15,049.42, for a net income of \$3,039.36 for the stated period. The balance on hand as 1/26/05 was \$32,874.11.

COMMITTEES

Fall Conference (Jane Zobel)

The INSSWA Fall Conference will be November 4, 2005, at The Garrison at Fort Harrison. This board meeting was held at The Garrison, and the members agreed that the

setting was quiet and relaxed, qualities that conference attendees would appreciate. It was also noted that there will be adequate parking for all.

Scholarship

Three board members will have scholarships to attend the SSWA Conference April 6-9. Five scholarships will be offered to members to attend the USI Summer Institute. The scholarship committee (Jeanne, Terri, Jane, Rebecca) will decide how many scholarships will be given for the Midwest SSWA Conference in the summer.

Legislative (Mil Penner, Jyoti Weaver)

The committee members had attended two NASW legislative meetings, and decided not to continue to meet with this group. Mil reported that the IPS lobbyist has been emailing very pertinent information about bills that concern social workers. The committee will be meeting with some legislators in the next several months to address certain concerns.

Communications (Jyoti Weaver)

Jyoti reported that she had been having trouble with her communications system, but that it would be running soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

DOE Summer Institute- Gaylon Nettles had asked Jane if the School Social Worker of the Year could be presented at the Department of Education Summer Institute in Columbus in July. It was decided that that would not be a good time to announce the SSW of the Year, and that we would keep it for the Fall Conference. It was decided to better advertise the DOE Institute to possibly increase school social worker attendance.

INSSWA Website- Lucy's son, Patrick DiMichele, has offered to create an INSSWA Website. The importance of having a good website was discussed, and we voted to have Patrick do this job. He will be paid \$100 for this service. Other costs are for the username (\$35.00 per year), and web hosting (\$25.00 per month). Members should email Lucy with ideas of what should be on the website. Some ideas mentioned were: registration forms; board meeting minutes; and links to SSWA, DOE student services, Illinois and Michigan Social Work Associations, USI and IU schools of Social Work, the Health Professions Bureau and the Indiana Professional Standards Board.

SSW Standards- Michelle brought a new document, the Indiana Student Standards for Guidance Counselors. Michelle will inquire as to whether or not such student standards exist in other states for school social workers. This matter will be revisited in the next meeting.

Indiana Professional Standards Board- Michelle brought a draft of the proposed professional growth experiences needed to keep one's license current. It was pointed out that with these changes there would be a wider variety of experiences to serve this purpose.

Newsletter- Dee reported that the newsletter will go out to members at the end of February. The board decided that the newsletter should continue to be mailed to members in printed form.

Volunteer Needed- the 3rd Annual Conference on Childhood Disabilities is June 17 at the IU School of Law, and INSSWA will have a table there to disseminate information. A volunteer will be sought for this job.

School Social Work Week is March 5-12. Mil Penner and volunteers will mail packets to members. Enclosed will be a workshop proposal form for the Fall Conference and a nomination form for School Social Worker of the Year.

Michelle volunteered to chair the School Social Worker of the Year Committee.

Mil Penner reported that at the Midwest Conference he obtained a power point presentation of school social work that could be used as-is to inform school administrators in other parts of the state about our services, or a similar one could be developed.

Mil passed out to members a draft of a position statement on corporal punishment in schools. This initial draft was approved by unanimous vote and suggested changes will be emailed to Mil.

Mil reported that when he provided services to IPS students at the Juvenile Center, he noticed that some IEPs for children labeled EH did not have counseling listed as a service. When Mil called the office of the Director of Indiana Special Education, Bob Merra, he was told that whether or not counseling was determined a needed service was a local issue.

The summer board meeting will be June 21st at the Four Seasons Hotel in Nashville. The meeting will be held in the Dogwood Room from 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bringle, Secretary