

INSSWA Board Minutes

February 5, 2011

Board Members in Attendance:

Cynthia Evans, Pam Lawrence Puls, Terry Miller, Linda Temme, Beth Hoban, Dee Kempson, Tammy Skinner, Megan Thomas, Regena Williams and Deidre Knop

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

Treasurer's Report: Tammy presented the 2010 Conference Report, which showed a profit of \$6062.47. It was decided to omit the category of DOE Grant.

The treasure's report from 7/01/10-2/2/11 was presented. Income during that time was \$24,920.24 and expenses were \$15,995.39. INSSWA currently has a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$15,654.07, a savings account balance of \$10,003.30 and a checking account balance of \$12,497.18 for a combined total of assets of \$38,154.55

Taxes have been filed. It was also determined that we can offer Baskets for silent auctions. This will be referred to "Baskets" under retail.

Tammy presented the projected budget. This was approved.

Department of Education Report: Dee has been reviewing legislation pertinent to the social, emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health of students. Dee also reported that the State Plan mandated by HEA 1419 has been developed and is now on-line at <http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices/discipline/index.html> . Guidance for Year 1 of the plan should be available by the end of February. This is not for individual schools, but for corporations. The DOE is currently working on resources for "Foster Care and the Role of the School Social Worker", and an expanded website for school psychologists. Dee is also assisting with the response to Dating Violence Prevention legislation of 2010 with required the IDOE to provide model dating violence prevention materials to schools. These materials will begin to be available on a new website beginning July 1, 2011. Look for future audits regarding dating violence, sexual violence and suicide prevention. Dee continues to serve on the following: Poverty Commission, Education Sub-committee of that commission as co-chair, State Disproportionality Committee, Education sub-committee of the Commission for the Coordination of Services to Vulnerable Individuals, and State Suicide Prevention Council.

School Social Worker of the Year Committee: Deadline for submitting nominations for School Social Worker of the Year is May 1. All nominations should be made on-line. Nomination forms are available on the INSSWA wbsite. This information and nomination forms are also on the INSSWA website. Regena will send an e-mail out regarding nominations and will make contact with the Midwest states to see how they want to be represented. Regena is responsible for getting the Midwest School Social Workers of the Year here for the conference.

Legislative Committee: Terry reported that SSWAA has hired Libby Nealis (a social worker and former Government Relations Director for NASP) to work with Myrna Mandlawitz in Government Relations. Richard Spring from Michigan will continue serving as SSWAA's legislative chairman. Terry and Traci are selecting the most important pieces of Indiana legislation to continue monitoring and will continue to report to membership. There is a lot going on right now. SSWAA will hold their summer meeting in Washington, DC.

Communication Committee: It was discussed that we want to continue using the website to post information regarding School Social Work and INSSWA. Mim Smith is continuing to put the newsletter together however it is important that board members submit information to Mim by the following quarterly dates: Jan. 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31. Scholarship recipients are also to submit information regarding conferences attended. It was discussed that newsletters will continue to be posted on the INSSWA website. There continues to be discussion about allowing advertising in the newsletter

Midwest Update: Regena is continuing to work with Cynthia and Pam as she takes on the role of the Midwest Representative. The next Midwest Council Meeting is February 25, 26, and 27th in Springfield, IL.

2010 Fall Conference Final Report: The evaluations were very favorable for the 2010 fall conference. The financial report submitted by Tammy showed a profit of \$6062.47.

2011 Conference update: Pam reported that planning is going well for the 2011 conference. There are currently 24 proposals including the Keynote. There is discussion as to how many workshops (5 or 6) will be offered in each breakout session. Details are also being worked out regarding the fees being covered for presenters attending the conference. Conference co-chairs (Pam and Jane) have met and committees are formed and working. There is continued work on finding sponsorship for the Midwest Conference. Pam will contact CarlaBeth regarding possible sponsorship or booth and Cynthia is contacting Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. The next meeting for conference planning will be held at the Marriott North later in February.

Mini Grant Committee: Terry reported that there were 7 applications received- 5 from Central Region and 2 from the South Central Region. 6 of those accepted the grants totaling \$883.70. There was discussion about partial funding so all applicants can receive at least part of their requested amount vs. accepting only a few of the applications but funding 100%. The committee will consider allotting more money for next year.

Membership Report: Linda reported that we are at an all time high with 242 members. The board praised Dee for her work in promoting membership throughout the state. We have 34 new members (some affiliates). The region representatives have suggesting charging more for CEUs for non-members so as to encourage more membership benefits. After discussing this matter the board decided to increase the fee from \$5 to \$15 per

CEU. This money may be able to be used to provide more scholarships and grants throughout the year. E-mails are exclusive to members but it was decided not to encrypt information on the website. This was discussed but determined that we want others to be able to view the website to see our work. This will be a way of promoting our work if others are interested. Renewal dates were discussed, but it was decided to maintain the August 1st renewal date.

PO payments are all paid. Midwest shared that they have had difficulty with this process and want conference fees paid for up front. We are okay with a promise of payment on letterhead with the understanding that at 60 days they will be billed if payment is not received.

Scholarship Report: For the SSWAA conference in South Carolina we will offer a total of \$1000 (\$500 to each of two people applying) Regarding SSWAA Leadership in DC there is a budget of \$1500 for two people. It was decided we would like to send 1 person who has attended in the past, along with one who has never attended.

School Social Work Week and Promotions: There will not be a gift sent in the mail for School Social Work Week this year. We will send the proclamation, poster, spring conference flyer and President's letter. All information is going to Beth for mailing a week before the celebrated week. The Spring Seminar is scheduled for May 13, 2011. Pam will put this information out in an e-mail.

Nominating Committee: Nothing at this time.

Members Concerns and Feedback: Cynthia would like to request that the board send 4 people to the Midwest Council Meeting in late February since we are hosting the conference this year. Cost of lodging and food would be the expense of the board. It was agreed that this would be a good idea due to the added responsibility and the fact that this is a new position for Regena.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday **June 11, 2011** hosted by Cynthia Evans. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidre Knop, Secretary