

INSSWA Board Minutes

June 11, 2011

Board members in attendance:

Cynthia Evans, Pam Lawrence Puls, Beth Hoban, Dee Kempson, Tammy Skinner, Megan Thomas, and Deidre Knop

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Treasurer's Report: Tammy presented the report 7/1/10-6/10/11. To date we have combined total assets of \$35,730.36. Savings=\$10,006.56, Checking=\$10,069.73 and a Certificate of Deposit for \$15,654.07. We will need to decide in September as to renew the CD or not. To date there have been 20 renewals for membership and several vendor and sponsorship applications received for the Midwest conference in the fall.

Department of Education Report: The new Ethics Moodle presentation on "Boundaries in the new Era of Technology" is live at <http://moodler.doe.in.gov/> Dee is planning a new Ethics presentation in order to train social workers to provide ethics training to teachers in their school corporations. IDOE is in the process of redesigning their website. All information for school personnel will be in the Learning Connection so all social workers are strongly encouraged to sign up at <https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov> - Information on the school social work web page will remain public. Dee is currently serving on the following committees: State Suicide Prevention Advisory Committee, SEA 365 Commission on Childhood Poverty, Education Sub-committee, and the Indiana Disproportionality Committee. The HEA 1419 State Plan to Improve Discipline and Behavior is on line at www.doe.in.gov/sservices - School corporations have until July 1, 2011 to submit their plans. On line professional development resources for this project are on line at <http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices/discipline/index.html> . The newly legislated changes regarding school personnel evaluations prompted a request for student assistance evaluations to reflect the rubric being proposed for teachers. Dee has completed a draft and it was presented to this Board. This tool will be piloted in Ft. Wayne, Bloomfield and Greensburg for the 2011-2012 school year.

School Social Worker of the Year: The deadline for this year has been extended to June 20, 2011. There has been difficulty with nominations due to lack of contact with administrators. It was suggested that we obtain administrator email addresses so as to send information and nomination forms directly to them. It was also suggested that the deadline be moved back to May.

Legislative Committee: There are updates on the DOE website, please check these. Watch for more on the yearly evaluations and merit pay so as to be prepared in your delivery of social work services.

Communication Committee: Regarding the **Website**, Pat has kept information feeding to our web master and is agreeable to continue in this role. As always we need to continue to encourage our membership to visit our site regularly. Mim and Deidre have had concerns regarding the **newsletter**. It was decided to change this publication from running quarterly to twice a year. The newsletter is to be published September 1st and March 1st with the deadlines for information falling on the 15th of August and the 15th of February. The Board is asked to submit committee updates for the newsletter. Deidre will notify Mim of these changes, and Megan will email members. Regarding **email and communication** Megan reports that this has been going well. She has only received about 10 bounce backs from membership. We will ask for updated email addresses on registration for conferences in order to keep up to date.

Midwest Update: There has been communication between SSWAA representatives and Cynthia regarding discounted rates for INSSWA members to join SSWAA if Indiana chooses to become an affiliate of SSWAA. More information to come on this subject as there are details to work out regarding collecting dues and maintaining control of our INSSWA budget.

Conference Committee Update: The Spring Seminar was a successful conference with 250 in attendance. The Midwest Conference brochure is available on the INSSWA website. The committee has decided to print 50 hard copies for distribution to those who work through mental health agencies in school settings. On the receipt of registration there will be mention of registration and breakfast beginning at 7:30. The presenters will attend for free, and Midwest Council Members will attend for the reduced rate of \$185.00. Regarding giving back to the Midwest Council we will be sending back 10% of the Midwest states' registrations. Gary Greene will present for 45 minutes as an honored guest and Tony Bennett and Richard Hoague have also been invited. We will have a total of 12 IU Social Work students moderating (6/day). The board also agreed to purchase 2 new INSSWA banners to replace the current one. These will be available for use at conferences, regional meetings and other events where we want to be represented. The next conference planning meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 11:00.

Mini-Grant: There were no updates to report regarding mini-grants.

Membership: We currently have 243 members. We have received a total of 28 renewals so far. The deadline for INSSWA renewal is August 1, 2011. Megan will send out another reminder in Late June Early July reminding members of August 1st deadline. Regional meetings are going well, Regional representatives are reminded to use the reimbursement available for these meetings.

Scholarships: Cynthia reported that no one attended the SSWAA conference. Regarding the Midwest Conference we will make 4 scholarships available for \$225 for conference related fees. We will ask that members who have received a scholarship for the Midwest conference in the last 3 years be considered only if others do not apply. The National Summit is July 17-20, 2011. We will send 2 board members, preferably

someone who has gone before along with someone new. Last year the cost was \$1800.00.

Promotions: Beth reported that she has applied for a Footprint grant which would provide up to \$1000.00 for the cost of printing the brochure, and graphic design. She should know by June 30 whether we have received this or not.

Nomination Committee: There is a meeting scheduled on June 15th at 3:30 for this committee to meet regarding nominations for outgoing board members.

Members' Concerns and Feedback: We need to establish a protocol for handling situations that involve changes within the board membership during a member's term. The executive Board members will meet in July to develop a plan.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:25. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidre Knop