

## INSSWA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2010

The annual meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Evans at 12:35 p.m. Pam Lawrence Puls gave an informative presentation on the INSSWA web site. Next, the INSSWA Board members were introduced.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tammy Skinner presented the Treasurer's Report which included the 2010-2011 Budget. All members were given a copy of the budget, and there were no questions. Members were then asked to vote on the proposed By-law changes. These changes were e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. The changes were approved.

**Membership Report:** Linda Temme and Jane Zobel, co-chairs of the membership committee, introduced the Regional Representatives throughout the state. They were thanked for their hard work in keeping the organization strong.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Next, Terry Miller, co-chair of the legislative committee reported that Traci Larrison had attended a legislative conference in Washington D.C. this summer. She encouraged all members to give the Superintendent's packet of information on the role of School Social Workers to any new school board members in their district after last week's Election Day. It is important for them to understand the vital role we play in schools before they are faced with budget cut decisions.

**DOE Consultant's Report:** Dee Kempson, our Department of Education Consultant stated that she has been traveling around the state providing ethics workshops for our members. Past ethics trainings are on the DOE website for members. She also has valuable information on crisis teams and training for school systems on the DOE website.

**School Social Worker of the Year:** Lucy DiMichele was honored as the 2010 Indiana School Social Worker of the Year. Lucy is very deserving of this award. Her accomplishments were highlighted in the last INSSWA Newsletter as well as on our website.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Cynthia presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for election: Deidre Knop as Secretary, and Tammy Skinner as Treasurer. A vote was held and both were elected. She then presented the nominating committee's recommendation of members for the INSSWA Board of Directors: Traci Larrison, Terry Miller, and Pat Pricher, each to serve a three year term as at-large members. They will be voted on at the Board meeting following today's conference.

Special Recognition: Dee Kempson was recognized for the valuable role she plays as Indiana's Department of Education School Social Worker Consultant. Only 2 of the 11 states in the Midwest Region have a DOE Consultant. Dee provides leadership, training, and support, to all School Social Workers throughout Indiana. In her role with the Department of Education she provides credibility and visibility for the important role we play in each of our school systems. All donors of today's conference were recognized: Indianapolis Public Schools, St. Vincent's Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, NASW, Indiana Youth Group, IUPUI School of Social Work, Fairbanks Hospital, Steve Taylor, and Frankie McCoy. In closing, Cynthia recognized Linda Kates, retiring INSSWA Board Member, for her work on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kates, secretary