

INSSWA Board Minutes

November 19, 2011

Board Members in Attendance:

Pam Lawrence-Puls, Traci Larrison, Terry Miller, Megan Thomas, Patrice Urminski, Dee Kempson, Cynthia Evans, Deidre Knop and Pat Pricher (via Skype)

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. Pam welcomed all, and the first try with using Skype was set up to include Pat from Evansville in attendance.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammy was unable to attend.

3. **Communications: Website:** It was decided to continue using the domain we have been using from Lucy's son's previous employer for a cost of \$112/year. Pat has been using Dreamweaver and feels that she can take care of updates. We will keep Mike on for assistance if Pat runs into difficulty. **Newsletter:** Deidre reminded the board of the up-coming February 15th deadline to submit a small update from your committee to Mim Smith. We have asked that if anyone has read a book or found something of great interest to write a review or summary for the membership. **Email and communication:** Megan has created an email account for Guy Lovell and transferred the most updated list of contacts. Guy will take over email communication to the membership. His email is guylovellsw@gmail.com.

4. **Midwest Conference Evaluations:** Deidre presented the summary of evaluations of breakout sessions and speakers. All in all they were very favorable. The only negative feedback came from members who felt some of the information was too basic. Pam utilized Survey Monkey for an overall evaluation which worked very well. The feedback was favorable.

5. **2012 Conference Committee:** Pam is handing over the conference chairmanship to Megan. Spring Seminar date and location was discussed. At this time we are looking at the end of April, and Patrice will check with the Catholic Center as a venue. The topic most seemed interested at this time is the making of Social Worker portfolios for use with evaluations and using on-line tools for documentation.

Looking ahead at the Annual Fall conference we are looking at Oct.5th as a possible date. The Midwest Conference is November 8-10 in Wisconsin. Primo is available and offering us the same pricing as last year. The consensus is to keep the conference at Primo.

6. Mini-Grants: Terry reported that the deadline for Mini-Grant applications is December 1st. There is \$1000 budgeted. The range for grants is \$100- \$500. This information will be sent out to membership and put on the website.

7. Membership: Patrice is taking over the pole of membership committee chair. She is getting the updated list and is in communication with Linda Temme.

8. Board Meeting dates and locations: The meeting will be as follows: February 4, 2012 at Megan Thomas' home. February 11 will be our back up plan in the event of inclement weather. June 9th at Patrice Uminski's home, and September 8th at Terry Miller's home. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 9 and end at 2:00.

9. Member's concerns and feedback:

-Dee spoke of concerns of social workers not covered under teacher contacts and implications for retirement. This is a difficult time for all in education.

-School Social Work Week will be March 4th-10th Dee will get the Proclamation printed. We will add information regarding School Social Worker of the Year Nominations, as well as mailing out a gift. It was suggested that we consider a flash drive if they can be found for a reduced price.

-SSWA Conference in Boston is March 28-31. We will pay for Pam as President to attend. Pat Pricher is planning to attend also. The association will pay for her conference registration and hotel cost for 3 nights through our scholarship line in the budget. As a new state affiliate, we felt that this year's scholarship recipient needed to be a SSWAA member. We also felt that a board member would be the best individual to attend the membership meeting and bring back information pertinent for the state association.

-Leadership Summit is July 15-18.

-Skype worked well, will consider this in the future as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50. Next meeting is February 4 from 9-2PM. Megan Thomas will host. If the weather is bad, we will meet on Feb. 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidre Knop, Secretary

