

INSSWA Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2008

Board Members in Attendance: Beth Hoban, Cynthia Evans, Jyoti Weaver, Pam Lawrence Puls, Jeanne Milligan, Dee Kempson, Terry Miller, Mim Smith, Linda Temme, and Linda Kates

Committee chair in attendance: Jane Zobel

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. The June 5, 2008 minutes were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne presented the 2008-09 budget. It was approved by consensus.

The quarterly Treasurer's Report was then presented for discussion. A question arose on the number of scholarships available for SSWA, Midwest, and the University of Southern Indiana's Summer Institute. There are no set numbers of scholarships for each conference and although two members fees are paid to attend the Leadership Summit in Washington D.C., if there is unused scholarship money it can be used to send additional members to the Leadership Summit.

As decided at the June meeting, Jeanne will reinvest \$15,000.00 in a new certificate of deposit and deposit the earned interest in the checking account.

Membership Report: Jane reported that membership renewal forms were mailed out in July. There are 145 members currently. Reminders will soon be e-mailed to past members who have not renewed. Linda and Jane stated they will also e-mail a list of members who have not yet renewed to the regional membership representatives so they can also contact them. There was a discussion on the dates of the membership year. Consensus was reached that it will be August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. The next renewal letter will be mailed to members in June 2009. A reminder will be e-mailed to members in July 2009. Anyone who renews their membership after August 1, 2009, including charter members, will be charged a \$10.00 late membership fee.

There was a discussion on whether to have the spring seminar in the northern, southern, and central regions of the state to make it more accessible to all members. The Board was supportive of this proposal and will make that recommendation to the conference planning committee.

Department of Education Report: Dee is offering two presentations for CEU's throughout the state as well as at the INSSWA Fall Conference, the ISCA Conference, the IASP Conference, the Psychologists Academy, and the School Counselors Regional Meetings.. One is titled, "The Role of the Student Assistance Professional in RtI". The second one is titled, "Ethics: Confidentiality and the Use of Technology".

The School Social Work Manual is being finalized by that committee.

In response to a request for clarification on licensure rules for School Social Workers a letter was sent to the Office of Educator Licensing and Development (formerly the Professionals Standards Board) through Gaylon Nettles. Ray Graves of the OELD has responded and the answers he provided will be posted on the INSSWA website. Beth will contact Mr. Graves to request a meeting to further discuss the licensure rules.

Conference Committee Report: Cynthia reported that the fall conference brochures have been mailed to members. The Board praised her committee for the professional quality of the brochure. Plans for the conference are being finalized. The Board will explore a larger facility for next year's conference due to the need for more space. It was noted that St. Vincent Children's Hospital is a bronze level sponsor of this year's conference. Indianapolis Public Schools donated the printing costs of the conference brochure.

Retail Report: Jill Snyder has inventoried the merchandise INSSWA currently has and submitted a plan for those items. She will meet with the conference committee with her proposal for new products to sell this year.

President Report: Beth asked the Board to explore developing a mission statement for INSSWA. Consensus was reached to pursue this at the February Board meeting.

Five scholarships were given to the Midwest Conference. There was a discussion on whether to pay for the conference registration as well as the meeting costs (which are currently provided for in the by-laws) for the President and President-elect. Consensus was reached to do so.

Midwest Report: The Midwest Council is continuing to explore their role in the future. One question is the value of their regional conference versus a national conference. That leads to a question of funding since the Midwest Council is partially funded by proceeds from the Midwest Conference. Those issues will be discussed at their meetings in conjunction with this year's conference September 18-20, 2008.

Nominating Committee Report: Terry reported that the nominating committee will propose a slate for election of the following at the November Board meeting: treasurer, secretary, and one member at large.

The Board will consider term limits for membership to the Board at a future meeting. Currently there are term limits for the officers only.

SSWAA Report: Three members attended the Leadership Summit July 13-16, 2008. They felt positive about their meetings with legislators. The 12th Annual SSWAA conference will be in Philadelphia, PA March 26-28, 2009.

Communications Report: Kelin Mark is our new webmaster. INSSWA purchased Publisher 2007 for Mim to use in writing the newsletters. The Board praised her highly for the success of our first electronic newsletter. Members will be surveyed at the November Board Meeting as to their like or dislike of receiving newsletters electronically. This method of sending the newsletter is a great financial savings for members since it eliminates printing and mailing costs.

An internet and publicity release form was approved by consensus for members to use when submitting pictures for the best practices section of the website.

School Social Worker of the Year Report: Carolyn Perry is the recipient of the School Social Worker of the Year.

It was decided by consensus to pay for two nights of lodging for our School Social Worker of the Year recipient. In the past, only one night was paid for in addition to his/her conference fee, mileage, and banquet costs (including one guest).

Legislative Report: The Indiana General Assembly will begin meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2009. Several study committees will begin meeting in September and October and legislators will begin submitting bills in late 2008. A brief discussion was held on Governor Daniels' proposal to provide immunity to teachers and administrators for disciplining children. Indiana does not have a law prohibiting corporal punishment.

Promotions Committee Report: The committee met this summer and designed a brochure. Suggested revisions to the section on special education will be taken back to the committee. Once a mission statement is written it will be added to the brochure. A brief discussion was held on the need for INSSWA to build connections with universities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The next meeting will be November 7, 2008 immediately after the 12th Annual INSSWA Fall Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kates