



SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2014

Board Members attending: Christine Maxwell, Lisa Dunn, Laurie Cherry, Deb Nygaard, Jeff Wigren, John Henry, Angela Morgan, Kari Karnes, Becky Wilkens, Rebecca Morgan, Laura McQueen and Patrice Stedman.

Not in attendance: Mark Anderson, Jenny Morgan

Opening / Christine: *Laura McQueen will help with community outreach. Becky Peterson SW from Firstat will be our new historian. Guest Andrew Winer intern from Elder Care Consultants.*

Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman: *Motion to accept minutes, Deb Nygaard, second Angela Regan. All aye.*

Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan: *\$14,725.71*

Program Committee / Laurie Cherry: *2014 locations sites are set up. No meeting in April as we will be at the Spring Conference. June is joint public policy meeting. We do not meet in July. May meeting will be held on May 13 at 2:30. Speaker will be Amanda Pike Epilepsy Foundation, Oak Meadows, Oakdale, MN*

Membership Committee / Angela Regan: *Still working through things on the website. When they register on the website, Cris (web admin) still has to add them to the database. 98 current paid members, seems very low. How do we get more people to become members. What are the benefits on joining SPSWA? Add a notice to the Spring Conference packet on the benefits of SPSWA and a registration form.*

Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns: *148 registered people for Spring Conference. Plus about 40 vendors people. Speaker change from Marsha Berry to Debbie Richman from the Alzheimer's Association. Laurie, Becky and Deb will help at registrations table, Angela will have iPad there for people to register onsite, Lisa will take pictures.*

Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren: *The committee is moving quickly on finalizing plans. We cannot have a membership table at the registration desk. We can set up registration for SPSWA after the conference starts. Angela will see what she will want to do the day of the Conference. Deb N. is helping on the committee. Theme: Forever Young. This is the 40th anniversary, Oct 23rd. They are coming up with things that were happening 40 years ago.*

Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson: *Christine went to last month's meeting and she was the only one there. No one else showed up. Does this committee need to be revamped? She is not sure where the June meeting will be held as historically the Public Policy committee plans the meeting. Does Mark Anderson need help from someone from this Board to help him on the Public Policy Committee? Door prize for paid members to be given away at Conference-need to be present to win. \$500 package at St. Paul Hotel. Lisa made motion to get the gift certificate, Deb seconded and all Aye.*

Historian Report /: *Rebecca will be the new historian.*

Community Liaison Committee / Deb Nygaard: *No new updates at this time.*

Communication//Newsletter/Website / Lisa Dunn: *Can we add to the Website that it will show if someone is a member or not. Can we have it added to the website that when someone signs up to be a member, we should send them a thank you email from the President. Please send bio with picture to Lisa to have added to website. For a future agenda, transition planning for the Board as Christine is on her last year. Steve asked to have Lisa be the only point of contact. Lisa is not comfortable with that as ie: Kari needs to contact Steve for Sprig Conference, and Jeff for Fall Conference etc. We decided as needed, we each can go to him for our individual areas.*

Other Business: *Spring Social, Granite City in Rosedale, 3-6 PM April 14th. Designed to say thank you to our members and try to get new members to join. First drink is completed and snacks. Next month, discuss what we could do with some of the money in the account-help seniors.*

**Next board meeting will be the first Thursday of the month;
May 1, 8:30-10:00 at J. Arthurs in Roseville, MN**