



## **SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – Feb. 6, 2014**

Board Members attending: Christine Maxwell, Kari Karnes, Mark Anderson, Lisa Dunn, Jenny Morgan, Laurie Cherry, Deb Nygaard, Jeff Wigren, Angela Regan and Patrice Stedman.

**Opening / Christine:** *Christine thanked us for our work on the board. Erika Toftness-Kelly resigned from the Board due a very busy schedule.*

**Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman:** *Jan. meeting minutes were accepted.*

**Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan:** *Treasurers report accepted. Jenny reports there is \$14,559.76 in the account. New Hot Spot to use at meetings is now available for the entire board to use.*

**Program Committee / Laurie Cherry:** *Laurie has speakers lined up for Feb. at Sholom Home(Jack Mattefy). And for March, Woodbury Estates (Gary Johnson) from BBB. .*

**Membership Committee / Angela Regan:** *Hot Spot was given to Angela to be the keeper of it. She will also work on the ipad so MS office will work on it.*

**Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns:** *Spring Conference will be April 8, 7:15-12:30 at The DS Event Center. Vendors and committee members arrive at 6:30. We are using their suggested catering company. 3 different sessions: NAMI and Marsha Berry-Mental Illness and Dementia: Guild Inc.-crisis intervention. Memory Care Professionals.*

**Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren:** *40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this conference. Allison Bakke is co-chair with Jeff. Carol Hauser is program committee chair. Program committee will meet every week starting now through April. Conference will be Oct. 23. They are trying to find more vibrant speakers this year. They have a concern on how to register attendees now that we have separate websites. Have our members sign up on SPSWA website, Jenny will then send a check to MSAW from our members who have registered. There is a joint bank account for this conference.*

**Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson:** *Joint public policy meeting was held Jan.28 at Bylerys in Golden Valley. There was some discussion about should that board get involved with advocacy-what is advocacy in relation to SPSWA/MSWA? Feb. 25 meeting will be at The Egg and I in Minneapolis. They plan to make some decisions about the joint public policy meeting taking place in June.*

**Historian Report I:** *Erika resigned from The Board so there was no historian report. We will mention we are looking for a person to become our historian on the newsletter on the website. Lisa Dunn offered to take pictures at events in.*

**Community Liaison Committee /Deb Nygaard:** *Deb is working hard but not making much progress on adding diversity to The Board.*

**Communication/Website / Lisa Dunn:** *Support with current website innov8Press is officially done Feb. 7.Steve Borsch suggested we buy a block of support hours for the upcoming year. Each Board was asked to send Lisa a short bio which will be included with our pictures and added to the website.*

**Next board meeting will be the first Thursday of the month;  
March 6th-8:30 at J. Arthurs in Roseville, MN**