



## SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2014

**Board Members attending:** *Christine Maxwell, Laurie Cherry, Deb Nygaard, Jeff Wigren, Kari Karnes, Jenny Morgan, Laura McQueen, Rebecca Pederson, John Henry, Angela Regan, Robin Reno, Laurel McQueen and Patrice Stedman.*

**Not in attendance:** *Mark Anderson, Becky Wilkins, Lisa Dunn*

**Opening / Christine:** *Robin Reno is new at large member .*

**Secretary's Report / Patrice Stedman:** *Kari made motion to accept minutes, Jeff second, minutes accepted\_.*

**Treasurer's Report / Jenny Morgan:** *Deb made motion to accept minutes, Jenny seconded, report accepted. Total balance 14,693.00*

**Program Committee / Laurie Cherry:** *Laurie has speakers and host sites scheduled for 2014. Laurie met with 3 people at the Mixer and they plan on joining SPSWA. Sept. speaker is requesting \$300 which Board approved that fee. May 13 is next meeting date at Oak Meadows, speaker is Amanda Pike. We will also have a table at MN Oncology 5K Family walk for Hope in Motions. Laurie will see if Delwood Gardens will host a meeting in 2015.*

**Membership Committee / Angela Regan:** *Made \$600 in new membership sign ups from the Spring conference.*

**Spring Conference Committee / Kari Kearns:** *141 registered attendees. 192 total with vendors. Overall the comments from the conference were positive. People liked the venue for the most part. Laurel offered to help on conference for 2015.*

**Fall Conference Committee / Jeff Wigren:** *Oct.28 Fall Conference date this year. Deb attended the last meeting as Jeff was out of town. Things are moving forward, no issues to report.*

**Public Policy Committee / Mark Anderson:** *Christine met with the public policy group, it is a small group, just 4 members. Christine gave a recap of history of public policy. It seems to have lost its focus, passion. Mary Jo Edwards is being sought after to see if she can be the speaker for the June meeting. She is a lobbyist at Capital. Trying to recruit people to be on this board. What is our legislature/public policy goal? Maybe at next meeting, we ask them to tell us what 3 things are of importance to them for legislature issues? That might help us give us a direction. Maybe ask them the questions, does the legislation hold up effect their work? Rebecca will help Jeff come up with the*

**Historian Report /Rebecca Pederson:** *Becky received a lot of pictures from Erika. She is going to put photos in a large photo album to have at monthly meetings for people to look at.*

**Community Liaison Committee /Deb Nygaard/Laurel McQueen:** *Deb will have the new brochure reprinted with the correct address. Robin is going to reach out to the Hmong community. Becky has a friend that has started a laotian day program. She is going to set up a meeting (outside of this meeting) for the board to meet him and see how can help him and how he could help us expand and be more of a diverse group.*

**Communication//Newsletter/Website / Lisa Dunn:** *No update at this meeting.*

**Other Business:** *Spring Mixer was a success. Several people signed up to be new members. Thanks to Laurie Cherry for all her work on getting this together. Health Partners Center for Memory and Aging breakfast is the same day of our June meeting. It is held at ?Angela will look into getting new badges made up for each position on the board. She will bring examples to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Deb N gave an update on intra nasal insulin research and how successful it has been*

*in helping people with alzheimers, stroke, and other health issues. Does the board want to make a donation to the ????*  
*and we all should attend*

**Next board meeting will be Tuesday**  
**June 3, 8:30-10:00 at J. Arthurs in Roseville, MN**