



### **SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2015**

Attendance: *Laurel McQueen, Angela Regan, Christine Maxwell, Deb Nyggard, Jenny Morgan, Kari Kearns, Rebecca Pedersen, Lisa Dunn, Laurie Cherry, John Henry, Randy Gnadke, Jim zenk, Beck Wilkens, Robin Reno, Deb Bland.*

Not in attendance: *Penny Johnson*

Opening/Christine Maxwell: *Christine welcomed everyone to the June meeting.*

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *May meeting minutes were passed around the room. Kari Kearns made the motion to accept the minutes and Laurel McQueen second.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan reports there is \$18,447 in the SPSWA account. SPSWA is +\$1,191 for the year. Some items about budget were briefly discussed and will mention more later. Becky W made the motion to accept the Treasurers report and John H second.*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry said the next meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace. The topic will be on hospice, and presented by a panel composed of hospice providers that are smaller or more independent companies.*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *Angela Regan reported that there were no updates. Angela did mention that Cris (from the Virtual Desk) is back working part time from home to help with updates on website. Lisa D made the motion to accept the membership report, Kari k 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

Spring Conference Committee/ Kari Kearns and Deb Bland: *Kari reported that there are no updates. In Aug the committee will get together, but planning, for the 2016 event won't start until Sept.*

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nyggard: *Deb Nyggard reported the Fall Conference has no updates at this time, the date is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. The speakers are Dr. Janati, Dr. Christopher, and Andrew Carle. It should be a very good conference with the slated speakers. There are a total of 62 vendor spots (lots of first time vendors this year have signed up). However we still do not*

*have a Gold sponsor (\$2500). Lisa D said she would reach out to people for this, including the facilitators of the CSA program.*

Public Policy Committee/Rebecca Pedersen/Christine Maxwell: *Robin R reported that there is no meeting this month as it is the month for the joint SPSWA / MASWA Public Policy meeting. The next public policy committee meeting will be July 22nd.*

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: *Laurel reports unable to find past years electronic files of old minutes from spswa. Christine said they could work on that some more. Laurel will look into collecting photos for website.*

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn reports that she is no longer doing anything with the website. Instead, Jim Z will now be the go between for website items and work with Steve from the website development company. Lisa D reports still a bit of a struggle working with mail chimp to get emails out. Idea suggested to see if we could get a better version of mail chimp.*

Community Liaison: Scholarships - Becky P and John Henry. *Becky P reports Century College maybe should have another scholarship (SPSWA currently gives one each to them and Dakota County CC) or increase the monetary amount of the scholarship. Also question arose as to whether the info about the scholarships should be posted on the SPSWA website, no decision was made.*

#### Other Business:

*It was brought up that we should have a meeting to brainstorm and come up with new ideas to continue to improve the website for SPSWA and the association as a whole. Also at this meeting it was discussed to have a facilitator present. (Deb N knows a facilitator and will give contact to JimZ who also knew someone). This will occur on Thursday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm. (?)location is tbd. We will have lunch as well. Some ideas to consider:*

- *budgeting for future years*
- *website*
- *short term and long term goals*
- *bulletin board on website*

*July happy hour SPSWA social is July 14 from 3p-6p. Location tbd. Angela will look for a venue. Lisa then will do care options posting when Angela finds venue.*

**Next board meeting will be July 23, 2015**  
**8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**