



### **SPSWA Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2015**

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

Not in attendance: *Penny Johnson, Deb Bland, Patrice Stedman, Robin Reno, Kathy Wedemeyer.*

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

Secretary's Report/Patrice Stedman: *April meeting minutes were discussed. Only change is that Spring conference should have been written in as needing to meet and go over evals, to be then brought to the May meeting. Becky Wilken made motion to approve otherwise, Jim Zenk 2nd.*

Treasurer's Report/Jenny Morgan: *Jenny Morgan reports there is \$18,740 in the SPSWA account. SPSWA net income for the year is \$1485. it was agreed by all that since we have a large balance, we should be able to have our drinks paid for by spswa when we have our monthly board meeting. Jenny or Christine can pay bill at each meeting. Kari Kearns motioned to accept, Becky2nd.*

Program Committee/Laurie Cherry: *Laurie Cherry said that Aug is at Our Lady of Peace and the topic is palliative vs hospice care. June meeting is public policy joint meeting. Patti Cullen of Care Providers of MN will be speaking at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley (the regular MASWA meeting place) on June 25th (MASWA hosting) 2:30p-4:p. July, no meeting.*

Membership Committee/Angela Regan: *no updates*

Fall Conference Committee/Deb Nygaard: *Deb Nygaard reported the Fall Conference subcommittees are working on everything. The committee is looking for a new facilities coordinator. 6 vendors have already signed up. Table sponsor has been identified.*

Public Policy Committee/Robin Reno, Rebecca Pedersen: *Christine Maxwell reported that the committee met yesterday. They are now meeting on the 4th wed of the month at Care Providers in Bloomington. 5 people attended. Still struggling with participation; brainstorming as to how to increase participation with the board wondering if possibly give out info as to how to connect*

*with senators and what to do. Deb N made a suggestion to somehow make the meetings more relevant to more people working in senior care, such as how to talk to families and to tell them how to make the issues relevant to them. Other ideas: what's legislature doing about Alzheimer's, governor's council on aging, report at monthly meetings hot political issues before or after meeting? Giving our pre-stamped postcards with an issue that you can then just sign and mail in or via and email to just click a link and email a senator?*

Scholarship Committee: *Laurel McQueen read a thank you note from one of the recipients.*

Historian Report/Laurel McQueen: *Deb Nygaard will contact Chris Morrissette to see if he has any historical information for SPSWA, pictures, papers, brochures as no one on the current Board has those things. (this was last month)*

Communication (newsletter and website)/Lisa Dunn: *Lisa Dunn will ask via newsletter if people are interested in a membership directory. Jim Z has been talking to Steve (website admin) about doing a bulletin board for members. This board will have help wanted, jobs avail, and items to get rid of (i.e. a couch, desk, etc). This will be done after the site gets some public policy updates or info added. Lisa D says that Steve is updating plug-ins, etc but hasn't been charging us. Jim will discuss this with Steve and let him know that we would like to retain Steve for continuing to do updates/changes, and to input work that was previously done by Cris (via virtual desktop services). Cris is on maternity leave.*

Community Liaison: *Discussed what that position may look like. who will do this position? can anyone think of people to reach out to for this? (Randy might be interested in accepting some of this responsibility)*

Other Business:

- *Discussed moving monthly meeting, but decided against.*
- *Lisa D thought to do a 5 or 10 min business meeting . during that time the Pres would lead a conversation about what members want to see from SPSWA. .*
- *Jim Z suggested maybe doing a survey monkey and asking what people want.*
- *Christine also discussed how we could improve on time spent at meetings. Do we just do marketing 2:30-2:45, then do business meeting, then people can stay after the speaker to mingle more if they'd like.*
- *Kari K brought Spring conference evaluations, which were passed around and discussed. Overall was positive feedback; decided that in future years should do a survey monkey following the conference. people also stated that they wanted to be able to eval the speakers separately.*
- *Kari K also said there would be some changes probably to break times.*
- *July 14th will be happy hour social for members. the first round of drinks will be provided by SPSWA. It will be from 3p-5p on July 14th. The purpose of this is networking/mixer. There will be a sign-in sheet and there will be a raffle. One night at Jenny M's Hen House in Stillwater will be raffled off.*

**Next board meeting will be June 25, 2015 8:30-10:00 AM at Arthur's Café on Rice Street north of Highway 36**