WRA General Membership Meeting  
April 1, 2009  
The American Club, Kohler, WI  
5:30pm-7pm


1. Members discuss WRA involvement: What draws you to WRA?
- Quality Services for people with disabilities
- Networking
- New resources on how to do rehabilitation
- Monthly journals
- Legislative updates and involvement
- Keep academics connected with professionals in the field
- Work on systems change around the state

2. Recognize Student Scholars
Heather Taylor and Jennifer Dalsen, both from UW-Madison, were awarded the scholarships to attend the Rehabilitation/Transition conference at Kohler. Their personal stories within the applications really stood out. Congratulations! Pantheon was able to donate one of the conference registrations as well. Thank you!!!

3. WRA Board Goals 2009
a. Increase membership (network with other states for member recruiting ideas, outreach and education of mission to students)
- Membership is declining and we have the same members over time.
- Need to attract new membership and get their feedback.
- Attract more students, perhaps with a Facebook page
- Robert Gervey, teaches Foundations course, or Donna Little are the contacts at UW-Madison to get information out to the students about WRA.
- We could offer free WRA student memberships.
- The UW-Stout chapter is very active, how can we get an UW-Madison chapter going? Ruth Lynch is the advisor and Susie has talked to her. Their program is more of a Disability Studies program for PT/OT students, than for Rehab students.
- If anyone has ideas on how to get more of the DVR counselors to join, let Deb know your thoughts.
- APSE was discussed as an alternate conference to sponsor than RFW.
- Deb is working on getting info out at DVR Regional meetings as well.
We did not discuss the other goals at the meeting due to time constraints.

4. Membership Flier
A copy of the completed membership flier was shared with the group. This was a handout at the WRA exhibit table on Thursday at the conference.
5. Legislative Report
Jim went to Washington D.C. for a vacation and for some business in late March. He met with Herb Kohl, Russ Feingold, David Obey, Ron Kind and Tammy Baldwin. A hand out of what information was given to the Senators and Representatives was shared with the group.

**Next meetings/teleconferences:**

**Friday, April 17th** 9am-10am (dial 1-218-486-8700 and enter code 911996. Remember, regular long distance charges will apply.)
Friday, June 5th 10am-11am
Friday, August 7th 10am-11am
Friday, October 9th 10am-11am
January 2010 transition meeting to be determined at 10/9 meeting
*All meetings are teleconference or in person at the DATCP building in Madison.*