WRA Board Meeting
October 20, 2011
1:00-3:00 PM

Meeting is in either in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive Room 411 at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection or by phone.

The call in number is 1-213-342-3000 Participant Access Code: 911996

"I think if you do something and it turns out pretty good, then you should go do something else wonderful, not dwell on it for too long. Just figure out what's next."
Steve Jobs May 2006

1. Call to Order at 1pm: Welcome and Introductions: Deb Henderson-Guenther, Jenny Neugart, John Lui, DeLeana Strohl, Dennis Carriere, Amy Thomson
   Secretary’s report: None at this time.
   Treasurer’s Report: DeLeana reported amounts as sent before the meeting.

2. Old Business
   a. Update on membership training: 31 people signed up for the benefits seminar for $530. The presentation went well and feedback was good.
      A few people have asked about charging an agency rate. We need to discuss individual rates versus agency rates and how to do that in the future. We can look into this and how to decide price points in the future as well. The price needs to reflect the cost of the presenter. Its not usually based on credits/hours. As for individual vs. agency rates, we can’t really control that, but is more of an honor system issue.
      DVR training issue with Dr. Mays: can only send questions to Bob Hovey by email. So it’s a little different than past webcasts and questions can be answered at the end.
      Pay Pal needs to be looked at again. There is a percentage on monies in an account. There is also an issue if WRA is a non-profit or not. John Lui and Deb will work on this.
   b. Delegate report from the 2011 NRA Annual Conference: Delegate assembly of John Lui and Jim Hill. 200 participants at the annual conference. Largest # of 1st time attendees, and the sessions were well liked. Program Chair was disorganized, so there were some things lost and some confusion. Complaints about this one person. Cheryl Utterly and another person from Mississippi organized the entire thing. They saved the day! Next year’s conference will be in Chicago in August 23-26th. Proposed Technology change both voted yes (this includes voting electronically). The other bylaw proposals needed to be modified. As for the fixed rate change, a motion was brought up to reword it to include language to revisit the fixed rate if there is ever an increase in annual membership fees. And this was accepted.
      NRA is very much in debt and is considering selling their office space/townhouse and pay off debt and pay cut state rebates. Ideas for how to continue on included having virtual offices and not having so many internal people. The silent auction raised $1500 and WRA had a virtual basket and we purchased advertisements as well.
      WRA needs to change our bylaws to include electronic voting.
   c. WRA elections:
DeLeana made a motion to amend our bylaws so WRA can conduct business electronically. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.
Dennis wonders if members need to vote on this since we’re changing the constitution. Yes, we do.
Notification of change will go with the mailed ballots. This will be the 30 day notice and then a vote will occur later. DeLeana will mail out ballots. Dennis will receive ballots.
Timeline for elections: Mailed out November 1st with a return date of November 15th.
We still need a President Elect to put on the ballot.

3. New Business:
   a. Volunteer needed to introduce Linda H. on 11/30/11: Caseload management and ethics. Amy will introduce Linda. Deb will send the signed CRC form to Jenny and then Jenny will send them out.
   b. Report on UW-Madison’s Rehabilitation Psychology’s Open House. Deb attended and had a table with WRA info and was able to connect with about 30 students. We have a picture from this event for the next newsletter.
Motion by DeLeana to supplement the NRA membership fee by $20 for up to 15 students with a maximum amount of $300 to be paid out. Seconded by Dennis. Discussion included concern for not receiving NRA membership reimbursements and not having enough WRA funds to support this. John Lui will support this proposal with a $100.00 donation. The motion carried.
   c. December board meeting date; transitions and strategic planning: **We will change the 12/9 meeting for a face to face meeting for outgoing and incoming members of the board. The meeting was changed to 12/16 in the Dells to begin at 11am. Location to be determined.**
   d. APSE President Elect: Rick Hall will be attending the January meeting to discuss collaboration on trainings.
   e. Check-in (feedback/ reflections of the past 11 months): board members provided feedback. The Association has changed for the better with more info getting out to the membership and in turn has members having more of a connection. A mentorship program idea was discussed. Read the GLRB paper about consolidation of different associations. Strategic planning for next year: will be discussed at the December meeting.
   f. Poster committee is needed to review poster submissions. Deb, John Lui will be on it. We need to have one more person as well.

4. Committee Reports
   a. Program: RFW meeting–keynote suggestions are being considered. The format of this conference is different. Preconference topics Mental Health, Leadership, Transition, and Native American History. It also will be at the Osthoff.
   b. Legislative: no updates.
   c. Public Information: Newsletter just came out with a lot of good articles.
   d. Membership: Hard to know what is going on because NRA does not send information.
   e. Website: Mark unable to join the call. We need to set up a meeting with Tim to learn the new system under WordPress (Deb, Jenny, Mark, Amy).
We need to include Facebook for this topic. We need to keep up on posting status updates. Someone from the student chapter could do this possibly. Courtney will check with the Student Chapter.
5. Chapter Reports  
   a. Student Chapter: 25 people attended a meeting and 15 people attended a movie night. Not everyone will be onboard until May.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 3pm.