WRA Board Meeting
November 11, 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

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, Sall away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream.

Mark Twain

1. Call to Order:
   a. Welcome and Introductions: DeLeana Strohl, Deb Henderson-Guenther, Jenny Neugart, Dennis Carriere, Courtney Hilgendorf, Amy Thomson, Mark Poffinbarger, John Lui, Allison Lourash
   b. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda, Dennis. Second by Mark. Motion passed.
   c. Secretary's report-none at this time.
   d. Treasurer's report-DeLeana sent info out on account balances prior to the meeting and reviewed totals with the Board. Deb will follow up on checks that have not been cashed yet by Survival Coalition, NRA, and AT Expo.

2. Old Business
   a. Update or membership training-Jenny. 23 evaluations for the benefits information session and all evals seemed positive. Not too many complaints about technology. We earned $530 for this training.
   Personality Disorders training: 33 paid attendees, 43 VR counselors. This was a 4 hour webinar and we received a lot of evaluations, all mostly positive/high rating. We earned $2,295 but up to $2,655. Jenny is waiting on a few payments yet.
   Case management training coming up on 11/30: 12 registered so far, plus 6 more expected.
   Next year, DVR wants to partner with WRA to coordinate two trainings which would cover the webinar and speaker costs. DVR will survey their counselors for training topics.
   b. WRA elections-DeLeana: All 115 ballots have been mailed out. Some of these were sent to people outside of WI, so we need an updated roster from NRA. Since we don’t have a President-Elect, we will likely need to have a special election at some point. Board members should continue to reach out to individuals to run.
c. December Board Meeting- All: Houlihan’s is no longer in business. Any ideas for locations to meet? Deb will check on a couple ideas of hotels. We can spend up to $60 for a meeting place.

  d. Student Membership Offset: no applications received yet. Deb will send again to DeLeana and she will distribute at UW-Stout.

3. New Business:
   a. Training topics and speakers for 2012; DVR collaboration: We would like to do 4 trainings next year. DVR will assist with 2 topics/costs (see above under training updates). Send topic ideas to Deb. John is wondering how we can partner with WRCEA and JPD divisions. How would we share revenue, etc.? This is something we could do in the future and split the “profit” between partners.
   b. Chair Positions: Several are open this year and will be vacated next year. These don’t have to be people that are on the board, but volunteer to be a chair. Legislative, Nominations/Awards, Membership, and Program. Position descriptions are available if you would like to think about taking on a chair.

4. Committee Reports
   a. Program: Keynote was chosen for Wednesday: Jerry Jewell. She’s from Facts of Life and a comedian. Early bird registration will be available. Info should be online on www.rfw.org soon. The student registration fee may be $150. That seems a little high compared to past years. Deb will check with RFW on the cost. Patty Lowe will be pre-conference speaker as well.
   b. Legislative: Allison will forward some information to the next chairperson. We have 3 people that were interested in advocacy and their contact information will be shared with the next chair as well.
   c. Public Information: Next newsletter will be January. Please send topics and calendar events to Jenny.
   d. Membership: No report since NRA still does not provide an updated roster.
   e. Website: Mark, Jenny, Deb and Amy will meet with Tim Carey on how to add info to the website on 11/21. There is a publication section on the website. Should we keep that or not? Deb has attempted to get publications from students, but we have not received any. We can get rid of the publication tab for now, and can always insert it again to publish any articles. Should we add a membership tab or a tab on how to join? We can link to the NRA site for membership. John brought up a way that we would know about new members first and then share that with NRA. We would then have a better handle on membership info. John would join the membership committee as well.
   Ideas: Membership guestbook on the website to post recent events (births, deaths, announcements etc.). Further discussion may be needed.

Facebook page: we may want to have posts from administrator so its more widely shared. Deb and Allison are administrators. Courtney will be added as an administrator by Allison as well. We may want to add
“Facebook” to the Website topic for future agendas so we don’t forget about it.

5. Chapter Reports
   a. Student Chapter- Courtney. Club is active and excited. Some future activities include a holiday food drive and adopt a family. Discussing making Braille holiday cards, and fundraising to go to the WRA conference. 16 people showed up to the club movie this past weekend as well.
   b. JPD: Job coaching 101 training on December 2nd and have a lot of registrants already.


Next meeting is Dec. 16 in the Dells. Deb will send out the location as soon as it is known.