WRA Board Meeting

December 16, 2011

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

What we are today is result of our own past actions;
Whatever we wish to be in future depends on our present actions;
Decide how you have to act now.
We are responsible for what we are, whatever we wish ourselves to be.
We have the power to make ourselves. Unknown

1. Call to Order  DeLeana Strohl, Erik Martin, John Lui, Dennis Carriere, Courtney Hilgendorf, Amy Thomson, Deb Guenther-Henderson. Mark Poffinbarger and Betty Reinke were unable to attend. Jenny Neugart and Cayte Anderson joined by phone.

2. Welcome and Introductions: We have several new members to welcome to the board this year, Erik Martin (JPD president), Betty Reinke (board member at large), and Cayte Anderson (vice president). We also have a member leaving, Dennis Carriere. Allison Lourash is also leaving the Legislative chair position. Dennis has been a valuable member of the board for many years and will be missed. Bes: wishes to him in his retirement.

3. Approval of agenda: Dennis made motion to approve, Erik seconded. Motion approved.
   a. Secretary's report: The agenda for this meeting was uploaded to the new website. Amy will need to change all the old minutes to color pdf before putting them on the website for review.
   b. Treasurer's report: No new disbursements since last meeting. See Treasurer's handout for totals. Dennis requested a vote to accept the treasurer's report. John seconded. Report was accepted.

4. Old Business
   a. Update on membership training-Jenny: for all the evals received for all 3 trainings, they were overwhelming positive.
Discussed the recent training and how it went with Linda Hedenblatt. We may need to add more time for roll call. LPC may not accept ethics credits for teleconferences. Deb will check on this. Also, the CRC form # will cite the credits as ethics credits.

DVR will co-sponsor 2 trainings with us next year. John will bring this topic up with the WRCEA board in January. Some training ideas we have are Autism, and cultural considerations. We learned a lot this year and will improve for next year.

JPD did a training as well. See the JPD chapter reports.

b. WRA elections-Dennis: Referendum passed 40 yes, and 2 no. So we can now do all elections and voting electronically. President Elect had several write ins. Deb will contact them.

Deb discussed idea to re-write constitution and by-laws to be more easily interpreted.

c. Student Membership Offset Update-Deb. We have one membership application for students. DeLeana will make sure the student gets the offset. Deb will contact Dave Rosenthal at UW to offer this to students. This will also work for student renewals.

We'll wait for the next year to promote it again. John offered funds to match for this offset.

d. Facebook Update-Courtney: Posted about the elections and did reach some people. Deb would like to acknowledge people who “like” our WRA page. Student membership offset could be added to the page. We could add the picture of the board. Deb would like to add the pictures from the UW visit as well. A lot of “likes” lately!!

5. New Business:

a. Strategic goals for 2012:

   a. 4 training opportunities to members plus 2 trainings in conjunction with UW-Stout Rehab department/SVRI and RFW. Motion by Amy. Seconded by DeLeana. Motion carried.

   b. Re-do constitution and by-laws to reflect the changes from our referendum and new NRA by-laws by April 1st to be available for the general membership meeting. Motion by Erik. Seconded by John. Motion carried. John, Deb and Amy will work on this.

   c. Update and maximize effectiveness of our Facebook with the support of the UW-Stout vocational rehabilitation club. This does not exclude Madison campus from contributing to Facebook in the future, but they
will need to be more active in WRA. Motion by John and seconded by Curtney. Motion carried.

d. Update and maximize effectiveness of our website and maintained by our board. Motion by DeLeana and seconded by Erik. Tim will stay on as webmaster, but board members add info such as newsletter, minutes and agendas. Motion carried.

e. Nominate WRA as chapter of the year for NRA conference in August. Motion by Cayte. Seconded by Dennis. Motion carried. Cayte will be lead on this.

f. Work to maintain our current membership, and increase by 10%. Motion by Erik. Seconded by DeLeana. Motion carried.

b. 2012 Budget—see spreadsheet.

c. Chair Position: Move to agenda for next meeting.

d. Picture of Board.

e. Email from Sara Sundeen, NRA board president. She could speak at WRA conference. We'll need to decide if we would like to support her and/or Beverlee to come again.

f. Beverlee Stafford emailed that they are re-doing the year end report and it won't be due til end of January.

g. Survival Coalition: we received an email that asks us to sign on to their mission and pay $100 annual membership fee. We will review the employment goals and mission in January.

4. Committee Reports

a. Program: Dennis provided an update. Dr. David Mays is doing the closing keynote "Sex, drugs, and rock n roll". Deb suggested someone nominate a person for the Rehab award. DeLeana is coordinating due dates for the poster presentations. Due by January 31, and notifications of acceptance by Feb. 13th. John, Deb, and Thomas Cook will review.

b. Legislative: need to recruit chair person. Does not need to be a board member.

c. Public Information: Jenny hopes to have a newsletter in mid-January, let Jenny know if you have any info you would like to share. John will send Jenny something about grant. Deb will send something on the open house. Erik will do an update on JPD training.
d. Membership: No new info from NRA yet.

e. Website: Amy, Jenny, Mark and Deb with Tim Carey had website training in November.

f. Nominations/Awards: Need chairperson

5. Chapter Reports

a. Student Chapter: adopted 4 families for holiday. Every family had a child with a disability. Also had a car load full of food from their food drive. Also a holiday party. This would be a good addition to the newsletter. The student chapter will also collect items for Belize children as well. Deb will bring the items with her in March.

b. JPD: Job Coaching 101 training on 12/2. Had 46 people, with a goal of 30 attendees. Made about $1000 profit from the training. Received requests from other areas of the state for trainings. Will plan to do additional training in the future. Learned a lot about registration and payment through PayPal. The board will work with Erik on how to set up Pay Pal for WRA trainings.

6. Adjourn

Meetings:

Second Fridays of months, 1-3pm. Usually by phone, but also at DATCP. **Our next meeting is Jan. 13th, 1-3pm.**