WRA Board Meeting

May 11, 2012

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

"The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen:" Frank Lloyd Wright

1. Call to Order:
   a. Welcome and Introductions: Deb Henderson-Guenther, Amy Thomson, DeLeana Strohl, Cayte Anderson, Mark Poffinbarger, Colleen Garcia
   b. Approval of agenda: Review of agenda by present members.
   c. Secretary’s report: April minutes are delayed and will be sent with May minutes.
   d. Treasurer’s report: DeLeana was able to have SVRI student costs covered by school funding. WRA provided a small stipend to each to cover meals. One UW-Madison student was awarded the student scholarship. Some funds were used to cover costs for drinks and snacks at the general membership meeting.

2. Old Business
   a. Pay Pal update: DeLeana has opened an account. There are some issues with Paypal working with our bank account. DeLeana will check on this with Paypal.
      b. President Elect Position-still open. We need to continue to do outreach on this position. Deb would like to be able to help transition in a new person. We’ll need to figure out what will happen if we don’t have a President.
      c. Membership Map: There was some concern at the amount of information available on the membership map. Deb checked with the map creator, and there is no way to take off info. However, only board members have the map access. One way to control access to the information could be to limit the map to the Membership committee only, however this could be problematic for planning purposes. We will keep the board as the only ones with access to the map. Mark is willing to help keep it updated.
3. New Business:

a. Future Trainings: DVR has switched gears on their training collaboration with WRA. We will need to act quickly to have a few trainings for the remainder of the year. Some ideas: Bullying/Disability and other ideas can be emailed to Deb. Training committee: Deb, DeLeana, Cayte. Cayte will talk with SVRI for webcasting and check in with committee on moving forward.

b. Social/Networking Events/Speakers: Using our membership map, we could set up 2 or 3 social networking events and have a topic covered. These would be at spots around the state with denser memberships. Areas in consideration, Menomonie-Stout, Waukesha/Milwaukee, and Madison. DeLeana will help with the Stout event (including students). Mark will help with the Waukesha/Milwaukee region meeting. Try to think of a local speaker to bring in. Idea: We could partner with WRA members to underwrite up to $200 expenses for an event and put this in the newsletter. DeLeana motion to provide up to $200 to 3 events to areas in the state to partner with WRA members to put together membership events. Mark seconded. Motion carries. Cayte will put a note in the newsletter. DeLeana will be the contact person.

c. Collaboration w/UW-Madison: It seems the UW staff did not share information with students about the conference scholarships, but a student learned of the scholarship from their internship. Also, a non-Ph.D student was told they cannot do poster sessions as only Ph.D students are able to do that. Deb had a lunch with Dr. Rosenthal from UW to discuss concerns and will follow up with him in the near future.

d. SVRI Distinguished Service Award: Deb will write a letter on behalf of WRA for support for this award for Charlene Dwyer.

e. Cayte submitted the nomination for our state chapter for the chapter for the year to NRA.

f. 2012 NRA annual conference in Chicago August 24-26th.

g. SVRI conference in November. Could the board sponsor something for this training? We can discuss next month.

4. Committee Reports

a. Program: RFW conference comments were quite positive, though there may be no lunch speaker next year, but just do the awards. With a shortened conference, it is difficult to schedule the general membership meeting. We will need to look at how/when to have the general membership in the future. Perhaps a teleconference or webcast meeting
could occur. Idea: we could have a “professional identity” presentation (1.0 CRC). This could be connected to general membership meeting.

b. Legislative-no report

c. Public Information: Cayte has been putting the info into the newsletter and should have it ready to go next week.

d. Membership: We are about 3 months behind with info from NRA, but we have info up to January 2012. Membership training on Monday from NRA. Amy and Deb will be joining the training on May 14.

e. Website: We need to keep the info on the website updated, remembering to post the training info, newsletter, etc. Just let Mark know. We could put the NRA national conference info, and SVRI conference.

5. Chapter Reports

a. Student Chapter: no report.

b. JPD: Awards this year were a little different. JPD is looking at next year’s process to see what would work best to continue to have the awards.

c. WRCEA: no report.

6. Adjourn at 2:45pm.