WRA Board Meeting

September 14, 2012

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Meeting is either by phone or in person.

“You cannot discover oceans unless you have the courage to leave the shore.” Successories

1. Call to Order:
   a. Welcome and Introductions: Deb Henderson-Guenther, John Lui, DeLeana Strohl, Amy Thomson, Cayte Anderson, Jenny Neugart, Colleen Gonzalez, Brett Martinsen were present.
   
   b. Approval of agenda: agenda was approved.
   
   c. Secretary’s report: no report
   
   d. Treasurer’s report: DeLeana sent out the treasurer’s update prior to the meeting. So far, the 3 webinars have brought in almost $800. Last year we had brought in quite a bit more than this amount.

2. Old Business
   a. President Elect position: No president elect position for 2013. Deb proposes to stay on in 3 month increments, but may need to step down in September 2013 due to other commitments. We need to continue to continue recruitment.
      Motion by John to accept Deb’s proposal to stay on as President in 3 month increments. DeLeana seconded. Motion carries.

3. New Business:
   
   a. 2012 election for 2013: Ballot should be out in October for 2013 positions. Board members at large are still one year positions. **Contact Deb by next Friday, September 21 if you are or are not running.** We can continue to recruit for any position. The week of October 15th or October 22nd is the goal to get the election out online. Outreach to recent graduates may be a good way to get new people involved in WRA.
   
   b. 2013 AT expo: 2012 AT Expo is postponed. Is there a way for WRA to make sure the 2013 AT expo happens? There was a lot of enthusiasm for the 2012 expo, but time commitments changed. We can put this put this on hold, and when the committee reconvenes for 2013, we can bring it back to the board.
   
   c. Update on the NRA conference: WI was well represented at the conference. A wide variety of topics covered, and there was almost $2500 made from the silent
Discussion of the future of NRA was occurred at the conference and many varying opinions on how to do this. Joining forces would bulk up numbers of members and be more influencing for legislation. The NRA office has been sold, allowing them to repay rebates to states and have a small budget cushion. There will be a virtual platform developed and a new executive director position written. Ohio has legislation coming up that only K-CREP accredited institutions would be allowed to do counseling profession. Concerns that this could be a threat to our profession nationally. We were selected chapter of the year. Info and pictures will be in the next newsletter.

d. Update on the SVRI conference; student sponsorship: We have received $240 for student scholarships for the conference. **If you would like to submit some scholarship funds, send a check to DeLeana written to WRA.** Please send in by mid-October. DeLeana will send an email as a tax receipt to the donators. $20/student. How should we distribute the funds? Much discussion. The first 20 students that visit the WRA exhibit table, you get $20 for joining NRA on the spot (max of $400 or whatever we get for donations). We could also have a prize available, if we get a donation enter in the fishbowl and if your name is pulled, you win.

e. Update on Intersections Conference: is postponed to May 2013. We will have some extra budget funds due to this change as we were going to register for exhibitor and budgeted $500.

f. Student membership drive: a flier will be created and will include SVRI conference and sponsorship is available for that as well. We could increase the offset to $30/student instead of $25 for the first 10 students from UW-Madison and UW-Stout. **Motion to budget a student offset to $300 for membership.** Seconded DeLeana. Motion carries.

g. GLR representation: recruiting a president for this group. It’s a one-time per month meeting. Email Deb if you are interested in running for the GLR president.

5. Committee Reports

a. Program: talk of moving the conference to the end of the week (W-F). Registration was a down a little bit from past years. An increase in registration fees will occur of about $30. Outreach to SHRM and doing sessions to this group and employers.

b. Legislative: No report.

c. Public Information: Aiming to get Newsletter out by the end of September. Very full newsletter so far with many updates and articles, but news from members (new jobs, babies, etc.) could use more on that. Info on elections will also be included. Let Jenny know if you have any article ideas.

d. Membership: other states have many activities going on and we can discuss these at a future meeting.
e. Website: Mark provided an update to Deb. Tim has been providing technical assistance in maintaining the website. Mark suggested $100. *Motion by DeLeana to pay Tim $100. Method is not determined, but will ask Tim for his preference. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.*

6. Chapter Reports
   a. Student Chapter: trying to approach the introduction classes for membership and had a welcome back booth. They collected at least 16 names at the welcome back booth.
   b. JPD: no report.
   c. WRCEA: trying to set up some speakers and possibly coordinating with WRA. Perhaps the membership committees for WRCEA and WRA could be combined. John would chair that committee then.

7. Adjourn: 2:55pm.
8. Next meeting is Friday, October 12 1-3pm.