

WCA BOARD MEETING.....FEBRUARY 20, 2003

PRESENT: PEG OLSON, MEMBERSHIP/JOURNAL, DENNIS DOBBERSTEIN, TREASURER, CHRIS BIOLO, EWCA AND MARY ANN KREMS, CWCA AND WCA LIASON

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 at Schmeekle Reserve.

Secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer reports that Associate Bank has \$3572.77 in checking, Baraboo National has \$87.89 in checking and US Bank has \$301.35 in checking and a CD of \$894.34 bringing in 3.7% interest and maturing in '05. We have a total of \$4856.35 in available funds. Dennis will close out the Baraboo checking account at the end of the fiscal year. All bills are currently paid with no outstanding debt. There will be a cost of \$3600 due to the Coalition for licensure for 2003. Report stood approved as read.

Liason Report: Mary Ann has been in contact with Kelly Duncan, president of Midwest and a number of other state presidents. They have suggested ways of developing and recruiting officers. Kelly will mail info on funding from Midwest to develop leaders.

Information Updates:

1. Ole has received requests to release members names and addresses to groups. It was agreed that at this time we will not approve that. We may in future newsletters inform members of possibility with option of removing name from list release if desired.
2. WSCA material from past is stored at UWO. Mary Ann will check with Ann Furerbringer about receiving it. (I did and she will take it. I can deliver to April WSCA Board Meeting)

3. Mary Ann coordinated a booth on WCA for WSCA and material will be forwarded to Roger for MU conference on March 28. Three free memberships were available for sign up and one membership was given to a participant who had our table free gift in his brochure. (10 bags of candy were distributed). Questions came mainly from school counselors wishing to dual certify and counselors who had never heard of WCA and wanted to know connection. (Most school counselors are not interested in licensure as they do not need....They do however, need information from WCA on mental health issues, multicultural, career and aging topics.)
4. Please add Chris Biolo to your directory. He is an LPC working in a school setting and he represented EWCA at this meeting..
bioloc@chilton.k12.wi.us
5. Chris Giese, student rep to WCA sent a request that WCA consider being a connection to graduates of counselor programs to help maintain their support and mentoring. Members acknowledged there is a need.

Membership: Peg reported that Ole has procedure for membership under control and we have just above 200 members. All counselor education programs have received a letter and a membership form and response of counselor educators has been supportive. She will also contact Winona State. Ole and Dennis are looking at streamlining membership with a one time date of joining which would begin on July 1. Anyone applying prior to that would have their membership extended from time joined to July 1 of following year. Update on this will follow when plan is completed.

LICENSURE: Contact has been made with Sue Putra of the licensing board as well as Colleen James who helped compile information for WCA table. The licensing board web site was displayed as well as information on the web site.

CHAPTERS: EWCA and CWCA struggle with members attending activities provided. Proposal of EWCA, CWCA and WCA doing a joint venture. Mary Ann will contact CWCA, Chris will bring to EWCA and WCA members may contact Mary Ann for views.

MARKETING OF WCA: The web site is up and running. Ed Coyle would appreciate members sending him information to post on site.

Questions to be answered are:

1. Can part of the web site be such that only members can access?
2. Should WCA form a list serve and if yes, how do they do it?
3. Can WCA form a link to ACA on web site.

Mary Ann will consult with Ed and bring back answers.

FUTURE OF WCA: A proposal was discussed and consideration of it follows. This would require full board consideration and vote with majority rule. Please feel free to email Mary Ann with comments and questions and I will add to the discussion.

Meeting adjourned. 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Krems
WCA Liason

PS: Please note that it is time for me to turn over the reigns of this organization to personnel who are not retired and who are active in the counseling field. So please ask people you know who are professional, committed to professional growth and know how to type, that there is a secretarial position open that at the current time, requires taking minutes for four meetings a year, and maintaining an email list of members so that at a click of a mouse, all members can receive information. A paper directory is compiled yearly. Any other information on the position or interested people can contact me at jmak@powercom.net

PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING OF WCA BOARD

- I. In light of increased responsibilities and time commitments of WCA members, attending board meetings, taking offices and developing projects has become difficult with the structure now in place.
- II. Chapter and Divisions are struggling for membership in structure as we now have it. (Only WSCA appears to be on sound foundation)

BASED ON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WCA, WE VIEW THEM AS

1. MAINTAINING THE COALITION ON LICENSURE
2. MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION AND UPDATES TO MEMBERS ON LICENSURE AND MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION
3. PROVIDING A RESEARCH BASED JOURNAL
4. PROVIDING NETWORKING AMONG MEMBERS

THEREFORE:

How about WCA being the umbrella for all counselors in the state with Interest Groups rather than chapters and division and executive board. This would not eliminate chapters and divisions as that is their future to determine. Rather, WCA would establish Interest Groups to which chapters and divisions could belong or in their own group, they would disseminate information from WCA groups that would be appropriate

Interest Groups could be composed of for example....Licensure, Ethical Issues, Mentoring/Networking, Career, Mental Health, Multicultural, Employment? (Option open for further groups!)

Funding would be simplified? A flat fee on a yearly basis to maintain licensure connections, a fee for office needs and expenses and any other expenses to be determined by board.

The coordination of these interest groups would be by a team of three members whose role would be:

To coordinate with Midwest, ACA and among Interest Groups.

To maintain the financial coordination of membership and expenses.

To communicate with WCA members through newsletters etc.

OR The three members would be the coordinating team to which the treasurer, membership, licensure coalition, newsletter and journal and interest groups would report?

Questions on the proposal may be directed to:

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