

Wisconsin Counseling Association Board Meeting....May 3, 2003

Present: Roger Gantzarow (Prof. Liason), Chris Giese (Grad Rep), Mary Marks(WCDA), Ed Coyle (Technology/WSCA) and Mary Ann Krems (WCA Liason)

Excused: Dennis Dobberstein, Peg Olson, Linda Krantz, Deb Lau Schingen, Tom Swoboda

Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Ed Coyle was introduced to board.

Treasurer Report: Mary Ann reported that Dennis said we currently have a balance of \$5240.00. He suggests that we can afford to contribute \$500.00 to EWCA for their fall meeting. We will also keep payments to lobbyist current and up to date. WCA recommends that the treasurer info should be backed up on a disk and placed with membership (or whoever) so that in case materials are destroyed or lost, there will be a safety net.

Reports:

Chapter and Division reports were mailed via email to members.

WCDA reported that their group has dissolved as previously existed due to drop in membership and members involvement. Don Schutt will continue to serve as Executive Director and Mary Marks will serve as secretary and WCA liason. They will be consulting with NCDA on next step.

WSCA: As liason to WSCA board, Mary Ann reported that she recommended WSCA consider joining the coalition for licensure and using our lobbyist. Their plan is to look at lobbying after their legislative plan is in place. Mary Ann also forwarded a possible accounting firm's name to them that Roger researched and obtained. She reported that there is great concern over budget cuts targeting counselor cuts or added duties. She has offered WSCA any assistance WCA may help with counselors from other fields going to bat for them. Mary Ann has written an article from WCA to their Counselink.

ACA Convention: Roger reported it was an excellent one although numbers were down due to US entering war the day before. Roger attended the Midwest meeting. A peace proposal from Midwest has generated a lot of discussion. Midwest was pleased to have WI represented. Next conventions will be Kansas in '04, Albuquerque in '05 and Toronto in '06. (Although attendance was down a side discussion by WCA was the concern that counselors need to view conferences as a place to obtain new materials and ideas and rejuvenate.)

Committees:

Membership: Peg reports that membership has increased with student applications.

Technology: Ed showed website www.wicounseling.org and offered suggestions to update it. It currently has our mission, application and minutes. WSCA has funded us with it for this year. It will be up for renewal in Dec. and cost will be around \$400.00. Suggestions for improving it are adding the WCA directory, having links to ACA and licensing and regulation site. Adding a “frequently asked questions and answers” would be good. Also, information from WACES on ways of preparing for NBCC exam or study sites when that plan is ready would draw more hits. Offering free or reduced fees to students might be considered for members. Our newsletter being on the web might be a way of letting people know about us and save postage and printing? Looking at a membership bulletin board was also discussed for consideration.

Newsletter: A date of **June 1** with articles to Ole was set. All chapter and divisions should submit one to him. It was agreed that we will not accept advertising. A previous attempt in the past provided too many challenges. Send articles to BernieOle@aol.com or fax to 920-235-8496.

Graduate Students: Chris provided insights from the student perspective. Reasons to join WCA, offering them help for the licensure exam, helping students network for internships (a job for WACES?), providing opportunities for getting 3000 hours and providing mentoring are all needs that should be considered. Leaving the college setting, new counselors need support and resources wherever their work takes them.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Membership: Discussion centered on “WHY SHOULD A COUNSELOR JOIN WCA?” Does WCA need to recruit or help convince agencies etc. to supervise interns? What will WCA Board do and become? Currently we are an organization where decisions are made by a few.

Leadership Training: Mary Ann has heard from David Kaplan, pres. of ACA...He is willing to come to WI and will waive honorarium and we would just need to pay expenses. He would assist in our reorganization and introduce us to Knowledge Based Governance, a approach that ACA is adopting. Carol Dellinger of Kansas has forward his powerpoint presentation to us. (Mary Ann will mail to all board members via snail mail for consideration.). Mary Ann was directed to contact him for three possible dates. With those and a choice of sites (Madison, Stevens Point, Milwaukee, Oshkosh?) the board will be asked to vote. Inviting all members of WCA to attend was recommended and a letter will be sent with details and registration. Roger will arrange for NBCC and DPI clock hours. Suggestion was made that a fee for non members to attend be more than members?

Liason Report: Mary Ann reported that she will be stepping down as secretary and liason on June 30. She is willing to serve in a less demanding capacity and is willing to continue as liason to WSCA board. She will advertise the secretary position in the newsletter and set up the leadership training for summer. After Dave's presentation, possibly someone from our current directory will be willing to take over the head leadership. She shared info she has received from other state presidents. A common thread from them and from David is to work strongly with our WACES as they have the connections for future leaders and ALL schools of counseling need to be involved with WCA in some way.

Board members are each asked to talk over coming on board for four meetings a year and a great resume plus with at least two people. A personal contact from someone on the board and asking them to commit to three years (elect, position, past position) might make the commitment easier and continued participation would be available. It is recognized that all counseling positions are being expanded and time is at a premium. But since that is true of everyone, one might consider doing just a bit of the operation.

A statewide network of connections on counseling issues is seen as valuable and who better to do it than WCA?

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Krems, WCA Liason

SECRETARY'S JOB DESCRIPTION: WCA

1. RECORDS MINUTES AT MEETINGS AND DISSEMINATES TO BOARD
2. PREPARES A YEARLY DIRECTORY OF EXECUTIVE, CHAPTER, DIVISIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS.
3. NOTIFIES ACA AND MIDWEST ACA OF BOARD MEMBERS
4. MAINTAINS AN EMAIL DIRECTORY OF BOARD MEMBERS AND DISSEMINATES INFORMATION AS DIRECTED BY BOARD.
5. PREPARES AN AGENDA AS DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT AND INFORMS BOARD 10 DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING
6. MAINTAINS CORRESPONDENCE AS NEEDED OR REQUESTED BY BOARD.