

**WCA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2006**  
**Prairie Room Stevens Point Library**  
**Steven's Point, WI**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Attending:** Mary Ann Krems (Past President), Ed Coyle (President), Angie Flannery (Secretary), Charles Lindsey (Professional Dev. Chair), Mary Marks (WCDA rep)

**1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

**2. Approve Agenda:** Meeting agenda approved.

**3. Announcements:** Please check your own email to assure it is correct by sending an email to yourself. If your email is not correct, email Ed so that it can be corrected.

**4. Minutes of October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.

**5. Treasurer's/Finance Committee Reports**

Current balance is \$4761.60.

**6. Reports:**

**a. Membership:**

- a. Mary Ann reported that Stephanie and Peg have completed a mailing to 607 graduate counseling students in Wisconsin inviting them to join the WCA with their first year of membership at no cost. Thus far 34 students have taken advantage of the offer. Current membership is 236.
- b. Membership file maintenance has been transferred to Chris Giese. Ed suggested utilizing a new renewal form which would create a database and make it easier to track membership and membership renewal.

**b. Professional Development:**

- a. Charles has received several individuals who are interested in assisting with the planning and implementing of the conference.
- b. After discussion among those present, the date for conference has been proposed for October 2006. NOTE: *Since the meeting, a definite date of November 4, 2006 has been determined.*
- c. Location will be Mid-State Technical College. Mary Marks will check on availability.
- d. Some possible topic suggestions: process of accumulating post-graduation hours, ethics
- e. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact Charles.

**c. Legislative /Government:** no report

**d. By Laws:**

- a. Changes to the by laws were reviewed. Additional changes were discussed and approved:
  - Changes to quorum needed for voting on amendments to By Laws

- Changes to constitution of Board of Directors
- Changes to define voting members
- Changes to list of standing committees
- Change to add annual review of by laws to Past President duties

*Motion #1-2006 made by Mary Ann and seconded by Ed to approve by laws as written.*

- e. **Student Rep:** no report
- f. **Counselor Educators:** no report
- g. **Journal:** no report
- h. **Newsletter:**
  - a. Ed distributed copies of most recent newsletter. Newsletter will be expanded and should include articles from numerous board members. Articles for next newsletter are due to Ed by March 1, 2006.
- i. **Website:** Website is up and functioning at [www.wicounseling.org](http://www.wicounseling.org). Board Members need to check their listing for accuracy.
- j. **List Serve:** List serve is operating. All board members have received an invitation to join. This will become the primary method of contact in the future. Please contact Ed if you have not joined already.
- k. **Other reports received by:** East Central Counseling Association, Central WI Counseling Association

#### **7. Old Business:**

- a. **Bylaws change/approval:** see above
- b. **Budget approval:**

*Motion #2-2006 made by Charles and seconded by Ed to approve budget as written.*

#### **8. New Business:** Senate Bill 502:

- This bill proposes changes to 2001 Wisconsin Act 80. This bill changes certain references from “licenses” to “certificates” providing consistency. In addition, the bill eliminates a requirement that a person work full-time to be eligible for a training license, however, it also allows the board to renew a training license at its discretion.
- Charles agreed to draft a letter from WCA to the authors of the bill to address the portion of the bill that allows the Examining Board discretion in renewing a training license.

*Motion #3-2006 made for WCA to support SB502 with recommendation to extend training period to 48 months rather than at the discretion of the DRL board. Motion made by Mary Ann and seconded by Mary.*

NOTE: Since the meeting, components of bill have been clarified and a letter of support for the bill has been drafted and sent to the Senators who wrote the bill.

**9. Other Business:**

- Discussion of the list of WCA standing committees and the associated goals/duties. Committees were revised and combined for more efficiency of duties.

*Motion #4-2006 made to approve \$100 for James Krems for his services in regard to the budget. Motion was made by Ed Coyle and seconded by Charles.*

**10. Adjourn meeting at 2:10 p.m.**

1. Future meeting dates:

April 22, 2006

July 15, 2006

All meetings to be held in Stevens Point beginning at 10:00 am. Exact location to be determined.