

Notes from WCA Steering Committee Meeting
May 1, 2004
Reeve Union Board Room, UW-Oshkosh

Attending:

Mary Ann Krems, (President), Mary Marks, (WCDA), Brenda Schultz (student), Nhiasher Xiong (student), Lisa Brown (East Central Branch Liason), Jodi Mathys (student), Mary Comperini-Stoffel (secretary / student), Roger Gantzarow, (Professional liaison), Peg Olson (Membership Committee), Stephanie Whiting (Membership Committee), and Ed Coyle (Technology/WSCA).

Excused: Chris Giese, Dennis Doberstein, Linda Krantz, Nona Wilson, Dominic Barraclough.

Consent Agenda: Presented president's, secretary's, and treasurer's reports. Presented CWCA chapter report and the following division reports: WCDA, WCA, and WSCA. Presented Committee reports on technology and membership. All approved.

Chapters:

CWCA

EWCA (See first item in discussion agenda below.)

Divisions:

WCDA – WI Career Development Assoc. – Mary Marks

WCA - Roger Gantzarow

WSCA – Ed Coyle and Mary Ann Krems update WCA on WSCA activities

WHMCA – (No report)

Knowledge based governance reviewed.

Additional notes from Committee Reports:

Licensure: Roger spoke with Dane Co. MH re: Clock Hours. ACA has on-line courses you can take for membership. College credits: 1 = 10 hours. Also, you can accrue a limited number of hours if you teach a workshop. Roger will forward this info to the website.

Membership: Peg may devise a new letter for new students in the fall re: WCA membership. ACA members have been approached to join WCA.

Ethics: Mary Ann requests ethical questions be submitted to the web / newsletter. Roger recommends two good books: Counselor & the Law and a series on Confidentiality and Records (ACA). A motion was carried to purchase these books for the ethics committee. One set will be distributed to Kurt, and one to Nona.

Publications: Peg reports the newsletter is in the mail. The journal is still in the works and should be ready in a few weeks. Kristin Barnes (UW-Oshkosh) and Dominic Barraclough (UW-Platteville) are going to co-edit the next journal.

Professional Development: This chair, previously held by Dr. David Hargis, is now open. This position is designed to enhance counselors' awareness of professional development opportunities. Please forward suggestions / nominations to Mary Ann Krems: jmak@powercom.net.

ACA/Midwest Report: Roger and Nona attended the ACA conference. Roger gave an overview of the business meeting. WCA will look at sending a representative.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Meeting:

Friday, Nov. 12, 2004: EWCA sponsored "Increasing Awareness of Current Issues", Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Topics include geriatrics and elder care, mentoring, multi-cultural issues, crisis, romance / love language, talk TV, yoga / mental health, etc. Contact Lisa Brown for additional details. Lisa will also check into a possible reduced fee for WCA members.

A motion was put on the table and discussed about WCA contributing \$500 to EWCA and having a booth at the conference. Motion was carried.

Bylaws Committee:

WCA Board is seeking a Bylaws Committee. Roger Gantzarow and Brenda Schultz volunteered. WCA will also solicit committee members via the WCA-list.

Slate of Officers:

Request for a **president elect** was brought to the table, as well as confirmation of current officers. Nona Wilson will serve as President. Mary Ann Krems will serve as Past President. Mary Comperini-Stoffel confirmed as secretary. A new **treasurer** is being solicited. Please send ideas / suggestions for both president elect and/or treasurer to Mary Ann Krems at jmak@powercom.net.

Advocacy Role for WCA:

Advocacy for school counselors is important. Several issues currently affect school counselors:

1. Reduction of counselors in schools. Many are being replaced by social workers. It is against the law for social workers to deliver guidance services in school, per DPI.
2. School counseling is going to more decentralized CESA's.

3. Lobbyist
4. Budget cuts – Cannot go outside of districts.
5. Lack of actual mental health counseling in schools.

Another topic of discussion centered on lack of information regarding third party payments for counselors vs. social workers. Brenda and Jodi will be doing additional research in this area and will report back at the next meeting.

Motion was carried to support sending a letter to WSCA in support of Bill #609. A second, separate letter will be drawn up in support *against* TABOR. (If passed, TABOR would change revenue caps to 1998 levels. Legislature would have final financial rulings if it were supported.)

Summer Leadership Training:

Nona will organize the leadership training to be held the morning of the next board meeting, **Saturday, July 17, 2004**. Place: Madison, Roger's Clubhouse. Directions will be posted to the list serve in July.

Next Board Meeting:

Saturday afternoon, July 17, 2004. Place: Madison, Roger's Clubhouse. Directions TBA.

Web Solicitations:

Check out the WCA FAQ web page at <http://www.wicounseling.org/FAQ.htm>. Please let Ed Coyle know if there are additional questions / answers you would like to see posted. E-mail Ed at edcoyle@ameritech.net

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Comperini-Stoffel