

**WCA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Oct. 30, 2004**  
**Stevens Point, WI**

**Attending:** Mary Ann Krems (Past President), Mary Comperini-Stoffel (Secretary), Suzanne Griffith (WACES), Mary Marks (WCDA), Stephanie Whiting (Membership), Brenda Schultz (Bylaws), and Keith Iris (President).

**Excused:** Roger Gantzarow (Bylaws)

1. Consent agenda presented. Mary Ann motioned to accept consent agenda. Suzanne seconds motion. Motion stays.

Mission statement was read over and compared to ACA and Michigan Counseling Association's mission statements. Board members agreed WCA's statement is too wordy. Motion to accept new condensed mission statement carried. New statement is as follows:

“The mission of the Wisconsin Counseling Association is to enhance the quality of life in society by promoting the development of professional counselors, advocating for the professional practices in the profession of counseling, and promoting respect for human dignity and diversity. “

Discussion ensued about types of membership and payment: One for Master's level licensed counselors, and one for non-professionals.

2. Keith reported as the only Wisconsin rep at the Midwest Regional Conference. This was a “great leadership conference”. Wisconsin representation needs to be stronger. President elect and other representatives of other divisions should especially be there. Next year's conference will be in Oklahoma.

ADA recommends that WCA be incorporated as a 501cb. It was determined that WCA already is.

Discussion: Are divisions part of WCA? If not, should they be?

Discussion also revolved around the rise in Latino migrant workers and Hmong immigrants. Are there enough trained individuals to work with these groups? Suggestions were made to hold conferences to address these issues and better train Wisconsin Counselors.

Discussion: WCA needs tangible ways to obtain members. Suggestions of WCA membership benefits: 1.) Cheaper CEU's. 2.) Pass code to access website.

Discussion: WCA needs a professional development chair. Suggestions / nominations welcome!

Motion: WCA needs someone to pursue development of promotional items. Motion carries. Brenda volunteered to look into this.

3. Financial budget for the year: Mary Ann reports \$500 for Bylaws Committee. We will get back to Dennis and ask him to submit a report. No further action on budget is feasible at this time.
4. Questions arose about the money requested from Mental Health Division. Deb L. did not receive further information about details at this time. Mary Ann will submit to the board when received.
5. Bylaws Committee: Leadership manual is a work in progress. Goal: Bylaws should be completed by July. Completion of bylaws is required per 501c6 status.
6. Next meeting is January 29 at 10am.

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Mary Comperini-Stoffel*