

# Minutes of the Board



The International Association for Social  
Work with Groups, Inc.

June Board Meeting 2014  
June 5, 2014

University of Calgary  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1. Attendance of IASWG Board members at the meeting: Maria Gurrola, Barb Muskat, Charles Garvin, Anna Nosko, Joyce Webster, John Genke, Mamadou Seck, Kyle McGee, Olga Molina, Anne Jones, William Pelech, Carol Cohen, Hilda Baar, Hilde Müller de Navarro, Ann Bergart, Dana Leeman, Andrew Malekoff, Christine Wilkins, Edna Comer, Mark Smith, Mayra Bagnoli, ReinethPrinsloo, Karen Ring, Linda McArdle, Dominique Moyse Steinberg, Jen Clements, Steve Kraft, Greg Tully, Mark Macgowan, Mark Doel.
2. It was agreed minutes of the recent November meeting sent recently to board members for review would be posted on the IASWG website in August if no board members suggested revisions by early July. Linda/Mark Smith moved to approve the minutes—all approved. Minutes will remain open for edits until July 9, 2014, after which time they will become final and be uploaded to the web.
3. Agenda for the meeting approved on a Tully/Nosko motion.
4. Greg Tully acknowledged that there are three board members whose three-year terms of service have ended as of this meeting. The terms of Donna, Rhonda and Sonia end today. All of the board applauded and thanked them for their service.
5. Greg did introductions of the board members in attendance, and also several association members in attendance as well.
6. November board meeting potential dates: November 8-9 or 15-16. A final decision on the date will be determined soon.
7. Linda moved to designate Lithuania for chapter status. Steve seconded. All voted in favor, with no nay votes or abstentions. Jorune shared updates from her work as Chapter Chair with the Lithuania Chapter members. There are currently 12 official members. They have translated the mission of IASWG for chapter members.
8. Discussion about ideas/developments:
  - a. Encouraging more international members/chapters.
  - b. Reaching out for more members and board members from diverse perspectives. Several ideas emerged:
    - i. Kyle offered to run a 45-minute discussion to process what diversity means to us at the next board during in November.
    - ii. Diversity Fellow program: Fellows would get sponsored for membership and symposium attendance.
    - iii. Anna mentioned connecting the fellowship to camp as a possibility

- c. Economic Development: Committee met and has had some proposed ideas that were discussed.
  - i. Estate Planning
  - ii. Special Events
  - iii. Talk to a consultant about working with our endowment.
  - iv. Fall call for donations.
- 9. Treasurer's Report: Dominique shared the June 2014 update with the board members. Discussed all the important projects that we have going on, and how we can keep spending the funds we need to bring in more income. We ended last year with a small deficit of \$3,038.
- 10. Operations update:
  - a. Emily is now the operations manager
  - b. E-blast and mailing happening regularly.

(Board went on break @2:30 for 60 minutes of committee meetings.)

- 11. Symposium Committee Report:
  - a. Calgary: Kudos to Karen, William and Sara on their impressive organization and their hard work. Attendance is about 175 with about 50 of those being students. Total of 64 sessions.
  - b. North Carolina: Dates to be finalized. Tentative date is June 18-21, 2015. Thanks to the team working hard already.
- 12. Nominations & Elections Committee Report: There has been a shift in time of year for elections, so that the newly elected board members-at-large will be elected in time to attend the New York City board meeting in November. Elections set to run late August into early September for 3 Board members-at-large.
- 13. Membership Committee Report: Numbers for 2013 = 620. So far this year (2014) we are at 400+. The committee just completed a large mailing to folks who had not renewed yet this year. Greg personalized some of the letters that went out. Getting ready to send out 19 applications to specific renewals for Organizational Membership. July will be the last round of the large mailing for folks who have still not renewed for the 2014 year. Automatic renewal proposal has been researched, and members will be notified 1 month in advance of a change if it happens.
- 14. Marketing Committee Report: They will return to CSWE this year in October. There was a press release sent out about our name change. The committee wants to keep uploading content to the webpage. There are lots of efforts to keep our Facebook relevant and current.

15. Chapter Development Committee Report: Discussion about what do we get out of being a member of IASWG. Chapter chairs are going to identify an area that they want to learn about, and develop a short educational video to post on the webpage. New chapter development is ongoing.
16. Practice Committee Report: One issue discussed is if further work needs to be done on the IASWG Standards. Question: To what degree do we have empirical support of the standards? Charles will go through the Standards and identify areas where they might require theoretical or empirical support. Also looked at will be the cultural/language variations in the Standards; Carol will ask some individuals she is connected with to comment on this particular issue. Suggestion: in addition to the Standards, address the online dimensions of group work practice via the Internet.
17. Commission on Group Work Education Committee Report: Discussed ideas related to webinars, trainings, and other educational opportunities. Members are encouraged to continue to post materials to the webpage. Commission will be responding to the new CSWE educational standards. Proceedings are up to date within one year. Whiting and Birch offered to print 2 volumes of previously published proceedings articles: one with practice articles, and one with education articles. SPARC grant program was discussed. Steve/Kyle motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement and funding for Rebecca Halperin project for \$695.00. All in favor. Steve/Kyle motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement of Sumaiya Matin & Irene Carter project. All in favor. Both projects pass.
18. Economic Development Committee Report: Idea of sponsoring an International Fellow, in addition to the idea agreed to earlier in the meeting to sponsor a Diversity Fellow.
19. Meeting Adjourned @ 5:25

Respectfully submitted by Jen Clements (IASWG Vice President)