

Minutes of the IASWG Board

The International Association for Social Work with Groups, Inc.

2015 IASWG North Carolina Symposium, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

June 4, 2015

Present for this meeting were: Maria Gandarilla, Dominique Steinberg, Daniela Ricelli, Laura Farley, Mamadou Seck, Charles Garvin, Brian Kelly, Joyce Webster, Ann Bergart, Martin Camire, Willa Casstevens, Anne Jones, Anna Nosko, Jorune Vysniauskyte-Rimkiene, Mayra Bagnoli, Edna Comer, Hilda Baar, Mark Doel, Barb Muskat, Jennie Fleming, Andy Malekoff, John Genke, Kyle McGee, Carol Cohen, Olga Molina, Jen Clements, Steve Kraft, Patty Underwood, Dana Leeman, Sam Benbow, Sari Skolnick, Mark Macgowan, Reineth Prinsloo, Hilde Muller de Navarro. (Sending regrets were: Marty Birnbaum, Tanja Schmitz-Remberg, Amirthini Ambrose, Christine Wilkins, Michael Wagner, Vanessa Treadway, Klaus-Martin Ellerbrock)

1) Welcome/Introductions: The board meeting began with a hearty acknowledgment of Willa, Anne, and Marilyn for all their work on the North Carolina Symposium. Board members introduced themselves and shared their role on the IASWG Board.

2) Approval of the Agenda: Greg asked that the agenda be approved. Mark Doel seconded. Agenda approved.

3) Minutes: Members were asked to send edits to Michael via email of the draft document sent to all Board members of our Minutes of the IASWG Board Meeting of November 8 and 9, 2014 held at Fordham in NYC. The Minutes will remain in draft form for the remainder of June, 2015, and after that time will be final.

4) General Activity Report – a.) Secretary roles will be transitioned- Michael has agreed to be our Historical Secretary and Joyce Webster has agreed to be the Organizational Secretary; b.) North Carolina Symposium: Planning team shared some highlights for the weekend before heading off to work on event; c.) follow up on our Board Discussion from November regarding Diversity- Kyle McGee and Sam Benbow had a wonderful Institute earlier today continuing the discussion, and there are plans to keep talking about this at our November Board Meeting in 2015; d.) discussion about membership and how hard folks have worked on this, with the need to continue this to increase our membership.

5) Treasurer's Report: Dominique shared her June 2015 interim report with the IASWG Board. Concern was shared by Greg, Dominique, and others, about our budget, and the past several years of the IASWG Board having approved a budget reflecting more expense than income. Some points were shared by Board members on ways to think about saving more money and ways to raise additional money.

BREAK for Committee Meetings: The Board took a break at 2:35 for IASWG Committee meetings and returned at 3:40pm.

6) European Group Work Camp: Oct 7-10th, 2015 in Lithuania. Planning is going well. Looking forward to folks attending.

7) Group Work Camp: July 30-Aug 2nd, 2015 in Wisconsin at Lake Geneva. Planning is also going well. Looking forward to folks attending as well as donating to student scholarships.

8) Commission on SW Education in Group Work- Committee Co-Chairs reported the following: a.) Draft of US NASW Cultural Competency Standards Call for comment: <http://www.socialworkers.org/practice/naswstandards/culturalcompetence/commentsubmission.aspx>; b.) Committee has a form letter to send out about IASWG resources—going out to BPD, NADD, etc.; c.) All proceedings are published except Calgary and Boston—both of which are close to being done; d.) SPARC: Request to complete a survey on group work, and to review case studies for two different projects. Also, two new proposals requested support - Think and Do Tank (Zeneta Smith) for endorsement, and Making Positive Changes (Sally Mason) for endorsement and funds for \$1250.00. Steve moved for support, and Joyce seconded. Board voted to support both proposals; e.) Suggested that there might be more members added to the SPARC committee

9) Practice Committee Report- Committee Co-Chairs reported: a.) developed a grant proposal about defining mutual aid, and waiting to hear back; b.) Interest in developing practice tips publications; c.) identified that the IASWG Standards need an update soon.

10) Chapter Development Committee Report- a.) no updates on any new chapters; b.) chapter support- they have collected all of the chapter reports so far; c.) there is a current listserv for the chapter leaders to communicate with each other.

11) Marketing Committee Report- a.) they have a usual table at the APM of CSWE to have copies of standards available, and to have publishers advertise group work texts and cross-market materials. b.) discussed seeking out other conferences and spaces they can do in the future; c.) working on some photos and documentation to share at NASW and/or CSWE press.

12) Symposium Committee Report- a.) IASWG Symposium 2016 will be held in NYC—exact site and full details to be shared in the next few months and at the November Board meeting. Dana Leeman motioned, and Ann Bergart seconded. IASWG Board voted to approve NYC as the site of the 2016 Symposium.

13) Membership Committee Report- a.) moving close to approximately 500 members currently, but goal is 600 by December; b.) increased focus on

organizational memberships; c.) thanks to Emily for her help setting up “Auto-Renewal” with all Board members asked to try out the process at the next renewal; d.) surveys taken of folks who are new members, with 47 respondents- Ann shared the results of that study.

14) Nominations/Elections Committee Report- a.) Kyle reported that Greg has agreed to be nominated for President, and that Mark Doel has agreed to be nominated for Vice-President; b.) the Committee is requesting that Board members give additional suggestions for nominations for at-large members to add to the list of names already developed in the past 6 months; c.) Sam and Daniela have agreed to be on the Committee.

15) Economic Development Ad-hoc Committee Report- a.) Annuity created in January 2016 from endowment funds continues to accrue interest; b.) looking for folks to volunteer to organize an annual fundraising campaign.

16) International Issues Ad-hoc Committee Report: a.) have been meeting over the phone, with the focus around the European Group Work Camp; b.) talked about funding for travel to symposium; c.) discussed assisting with translation of the IASWG Standards, with decisions to be made when there is a better understanding of the budget; d.) discussions of opening a Euro Account for the organization.

17) Dates of November 2015 Board Meeting agreed to by Board members: November 7-8, 2015.

Respectfully compiled by Jen Clements (due to the absence of Board Secretary Michael Wagner)