

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of IASWG
March 2, 2016

Present: Carol Cohen (Commission), Charles Garvin (Practice), Brian Kelly (Marketing), Dana Leeman (Symposium), Kyle McGee (Nominations and Elections), Dominique Steinberg (Treasurer), Greg Tully (President), Michael Wagner (Historical Secretary), Joyce Webster (Secretary)

Absent: Mark Doel (VP), Tanja Schmitz-Remberg (Chapter Development)

1) Commission-

- Carol reported we do not yet know the exact number of group work presenters at CSWE, but the review process is in midstream thanks to Alex and Carol.
- Brian reported IASWG will have a marketing table at CSWE. Carol and Brian will be reaching out to publishers to provide additional group work texts; outreach will be taking place earlier this year, in May or June. Personal outreach will also be made to authors to recruit their works.
- NASW & CSWE (as well as several international groups) are hosting Social Work U.N. Day in NYC at the U.N. on April 4, 2016. The focus of the day will be immigrants and refugees; Carol will include information in an e-blast. In addition, the Executive Committee approved signing on for co-sponsorship for a small fee (\$150). IASWG will be recognized in the event's program and on the event's website.

2) Fundraising/Finances-

- Symposium tracks – Greg reported that Dominique's concept of creating "tracks" for the symposium has been a great success so far (the group expressed appreciation to Dominique). The "Research" track and "Mutual Aid" track are fully funded and in effect. In addition, Anne Kopp Hyman's trust has recently made a donation to fund a "Training" track. Greg indicated we need to highlight the three different tracks within the symposium program, as well as also recognize in the program the conceptualization of the three tracks.

3) Membership-

- Joyce reported 2016 membership numbers are good so far (already more than 200 renewals), likely a result of a mass

- mailing sent out earlier this year (February 1st)
- The NYC Symposium in June should bring in a large number of new members as well.
- Joyce reported that the transition to MemberClicks is progressing smoothly. The membership process and website interface will both be improved for members when the new system goes live.

4) NYC June 2016 Symposium-

- Dana reported the NYC Symposium Planning Committee members (Christine and Sari, Co-Chairs) are a very strong group, and Emily, as Conference Planner, has been an invaluable addition to the team.
- Three Plenaries – all have a global focus: one is a panel on group work education across the globe, moderated by Alex Gitterman; one is a panel on the topic of refugees/immigrants, moderated by Lorrie Gardella; one is a prominent ACS administrator in NYC. Dana will send out a Board message shortly to officially vote to approve the three Plenaries.
- There will be a gala with a D.J. and dancing on Friday night, on the top floor of the NYU Kimmel Center.
- There was a concerted effort made to elicit a robust number of abstracts, and it worked – approximately 180 abstracts received, approximately 230 presenters. Abstracts are currently under review and that process is going well, with a target for notifications to go out in April. The CE process has required additional work on the part of the committee, but should benefit us by drawing attendees.
- Lodging – Dorm rooms have been reserved just a few blocks from the symposium site for approximately \$80/nt. There are also hotel sites nearby but they are more expensive; we will list them on the symposium site. We agreed to try to work with a hotel to secure a reduced rate without being required to contract for a block of rooms.

5) Chapter Development –

- Tanja submitted a report via e-mail as follows:
- Communication continues among chapter leaders, and the Annual Chapter Reports will be sent soon to chapter chairs for completion.
- Tanja has been conducting outreach about the possibility of starting new chapters. There are several new chapter locations possible: Spain; Manitoba, Canada; Connecticut; and Tennessee. Some attendees at the NYC symposium in June will be from these locations.

6) Marketing and Practice-

- The group acknowledged that Charles has been an IASWG leader on developing our Standards. Brian reported that the Standards have been edited (to consistently reflect name change to IASWG). Language translations are in process, including a French version done by the Montreal Chapter; considering a Chinese version. The Standards are the most accessed/trafficked area of our website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Webster
Secretary