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**Clinical Social Work**  
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**November 18, 2020 Board Meeting**

**Present (via Zoom):** Brenda Bible, Betsy Strewler, Ross Artwohl, Lara Okoloko, Salomé Valencia-Bohné, Aimee Roos (ex-officio), Noah Starer

**Absent:** Julie Hemminger, Vickie Yang, Nathaniel Amos, Chris Garrido-Philp

**Introductions & Welcome:**

- Icebreaker: if we were all in person and having a potluck, what would we all be bringing?

**Updates:**

- Updates on Membership from Vickie (as of October):
  - Active members: 223
  - Lapsed (waiting for renewal): 53
    - Exit survey sent to all unrenewed members
  - Exit survey responses: 3
    - See Vickie's email for specific takeaways from submitted responses

**New Communications Chair**

- **Motion approved:** Noah voted into Board's Communications Chair position. Welcome!
- Plan: Aimee and Noah will liaise to collaborate in listserv activities and listserv transition

**Ross's Proposal**

- **Motion approved:** Waive Frances's Membership fees, given her provision of 20-minute legal consultations for Members, for each year she provides this service
  - Discussion: Frances has kindly agreed to provide complimentary one-time 20-minute legal consultations with Members, generous time, and specialty contribution given her dual background in law and social work

**Proposal to Open Up CE's Nationally**

- Given the online nature of training offerings due to Covid, Nitara proposes opening up WSSCSW training enrollment to be available nationally (not only in WA state)
- Betsy will call State to see if they have any regulatory input re: this proposed expansion
- Minor changes would need to be made to our event advertisements
  - Lara signed up for online training in NYC and the language was as such: 'any out-of-state attendees of this event must check with their respective licensure body to check that these CE credits will be considered acceptable toward licensure requirements'
    - WSSCSW could potentially advertise online, nationwide CE events with this language (and stating training event time as Pacific Standard Time)
- Question of whether Clinical Society's communicate with one another to share information on training being offered? Not at this time.



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**Update on Listserv Transition**

- Aimee and others have been testing the new Google Group system (thank you!)
- Transition process: Aimee will do an export of all the current emails and upload them to Google Groups, and Members will get an email saying they've been added, will need to click a box to approve their being added to the new Google Group listserv system
- Plan: Nathaniel will send another update to the Membership, stating that Yahoo closes on 12/15 and we're moving over to Google groups

**Update on Vote re: Updated Mission Statement**

- Update: 88% of those voting voted in favor of the updated Mission Statement
  - 68 of 350 members (19%) voted on the motion
  - Bylaws don't specify how many votes we need in order to change bylaws
  - Bylaws state we need  $\frac{2}{3}$  approval of those voting, and we have this
- Some questions and concerns with the updated Mission Statement were raised in recent Town Hall meetings; Nathaniel shared summaries of these meetings with the Board
- Plan: Nathaniel will send update to Membership regarding the adoption of the updated Mission Statement

**Viability of Meet-Ups**

- Recent virtual meet-ups have had low attendance (1-3 attendees) during Covid-19
- Ideas for future more specific discussion topics for meet-ups:
  - Bi-annual meet-ups specifically for potential new members
  - Starting private practice
  - Handling issues of telemedicine
  - Potentially creating new meet-ups ~1 week after CE events for folks to gather and discuss the training
- Who is currently in charge of organizing (and advertising) Meet-Ups? Do we need to identify a point person?
- Suggestion: surveying Membership to find out what kinds of meet-ups they'd like to see
- Further discussion to be continued

**New State Mandate for Telemedicine Training for Healthcare Professionals**

- Once we know exactly what's required, suggestion to hold a WSSCSW group event to provide members a way to take care of this requirement

**January Board Retreat**

- Lara and Nathaniel will discuss plan for virtual Board retreat or Board meeting in January

**Next full board meeting: TBD in January 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Strewler