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Clinical Social Work
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May 16, 2019 Board Meeting

Present: Sue Moreland, Lara Okoloko, Julia Kocian, Denise Malm, Ross Artwohl, Katie Levy, Nathaniel Amos, Patrice Bruner, Chris Garrido-Philp, Salomé Valencia-Bohné, Aimee Roos, Nidhi Berry

Absent: Melissa Wood Brewster

Introductions and Welcome to New Board Members:

- Lara had Ross pick a number between 1-20, Ross picked 14, we all showed the 14th photo and told its story. Awkwardness ensued.
- Welcome to Chris, new Chairperson for the Associates committee!
- Welcome to Patrice, new committee person for the Outreach committee!
- Welcome to Salomé, new Chairperson for the Outreach committee!

Annual Members' Dinner:

- Member dinner: June 5, 2019 at 6pm
- Dinner agenda passed out by Lara and approved by board
- All board members will share one accomplishment and one goal in a speech that is under 90 seconds
- Melanie, our lobbyist, was added to speaker lineup
- Lara as President will end the entire program with a call to action
- Entire program to be 40 minutes or less
- Sue to bring credit card, settle bill at end of night, and collect receipts

2019-2020 Budget & Treasurer Updates:

- Major additions:
 - \$500 in income from listing CEU events on website
 - Additional expense of \$1,760 for Heather Lowrey, who will do minor billing/check tasks for \$65/hour
 - Fee of \$800 for CPA-taxes/audit, which is an increase
- The budget accounts for much smaller expected earnings from conferences and clinical evenings, which makes this budget much leaner than past years
- Sue has found a potential replacement Treasurer in Vancouver, WA, Brenda Bible, who has an accounting background and is willing to attend meetings virtually
- Denise suggested someone who can take over TIA account who will possibly be less expensive, will share name with Sue
- Nathaniel motioned to pass budget, Denise seconded, passed unanimously
- We are changing our model from getting most money from ticket sales and instead getting it from sponsorships - this will be a whole-board initiative. We can't offer anything in exchange for sponsorships, but we do put their logo on the program and announce



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their sponsorship at the event. No free tickets in return. Historic sponsorship levels have been \$800 for conferences per sponsor and \$300 per sponsor for clinical evenings.

- Katie will speak with her contact at another org to figure out what is allowed in terms of sponsorship behavior.

President Elect Process

- We have not followed historic President Elect process lately
- Melissa returning to the US 15 or 16 months from now, may not be in President role when she returns
- Sue and Nathaniel were nominated and have agreed to consider Presidency for calendar year 2020
- Sue decided to step back to help the Treasurer transition
- Nathaniel is interested in:
 - increasing diversity (background, gender, geographic, place of work)
 - increasing access (how people sign up, getting to events, etc.)
 - become a group that's more inclusive than currently for major demographics
- The board confirmed via by-laws - Past-President/President-Elect is a voting member of the Board
- President is to be voted on by full membership
- Lara will send out voting ballot to membership
- New president to serve January 2020-July 2021 as President, per the by-laws (<https://www.wsscsw.org/page-731900>)
- Nathaniel nominated by Sue, seconded by Nidhi, ratified by Board unanimously

Vote on New Board Members

- Salomé as Outreach chairperson - nominated by Nidhi, seconded by Katie, unanimously welcomed
- Chris as Associates chairperson - nominated by Nathaniel, seconded by Ross, unanimously welcomed

Ideas for Discussion

- Sue shared invoice form, asked all Board members to submit invoices asap
- Salomé's ideas:
 - supervision provided by Society to generate income
 - online webinars created out of our clinical evenings as income and as ways for geographically diverse members to access our work
 - boosting ticket sales by offering tickets as incentives
 - have a "champion" to present at dinner to talk about how the Society has affected their careers
 - Salomé plans to do a map to see where most members live to determine future locations of our meetup events



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- suggested doing suicide training to have steady stream of attendees, since it's a requirement
- way to get list for registered LICSWs? Salomé will check into this.
- Lara mentioned that August 31 is our next mailing - pie graph and champion statement, upcoming events - please get all info ready for mailing

Next full board meeting: tentatively Thursday, July 18th, 2019 7-9pm at the UW School of Social Work - Lara will send a Doodle poll to confirm.

Next Exec meeting (President, Past President / President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer): virtually, one weekend in June, TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Nidhi Berry