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09/20/2018 Board Meeting

Present: Julia Kocian, Sue Moreland, Lara Okoloko, Ross Artwohl, Nidhi Berry, Emily Fell

Absent: Marti Hickey, Melissa Wood Brewster, Denise Malm, Aimee Roos (ex-officio), Aliyah Vinikoor, Nathaniel Amos

Introductions:

- Go-arounds with levels of energy, personal updates, etc.
 - Emily is back to board meetings and brought her new baby Frances!
 - Sue is caring for her father through cataract surgery - good luck, Sue!
 - Ross working at UW in Tacoma - congratulations!
 - Nidhi has a new job as case manager and outreach specialist for South Asian behavioral health with ACRS!
 - Julia just joined the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Wellness Service at UW - congratulations!
 - Lara's husband is a judge - congratulations to Lara's family!

Amendments/Approval of July Minutes:

July minutes approved.

Nidhi & Secretarial Matters:

- Will continue approving minutes via email, with Nidhi to outline within emails reminders for who has approved and who has yet to send approval. All in favor.
- Along with emailing meeting notes for approval, Secretary will begin scanning and including (or receiving via email prior to the meeting and including) all documents passed out in meetings.

Sue & Treasury Updates:

- Sue shared updated budget v. actuals July-August 2018 - enclosed in minutes.
- TIAA update - Sue has almost completed process to become sole signatory.
- To discuss at retreat or via email: The ethics of members offering free services to other members. We need to ensure it doesn't look like we're providing endorsement of the free service due to tax/legal implications.

Julia & Legislative Matters:

- Advocacy 101 Meeting: Monday, November 12th at 6:30-8pm:
 - At UW School of Social Work, and free.
 - Julia sending Secretary the CEU application ASAP.
 - Purpose of event is to inform members about current legislation and recruit members for legislative committee of WSSCSW.

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- Aimee will post event on our site and open event for registration.
- Julia will create a blurb or a flyer to share with UW and Seattle U.
- Julia will think about having refreshments if she has time to get them.

Lara & Presidential Matters:

- Retreat: a Saturday in January TBA
 - Original meeting location unavailable. Other ideas:
 - Good Shepherd Center is available but would have to pay rental.
 - Can rent space at UW for free.
 - Can do potluck or have small catering budget.
 - Lara will email membership to see if there are other free meeting spots available. Lara will also look into Ryther and 3rd Place Books.
 - Lara will email a doodle to all of us to pick a Saturday in January.
- Branded textiles
 - Need to decide on image/text - Nidhi's edit - "I am for social change and I vote." With WSSCSW name and logo at bottom.
 - Money to pay for textiles will come from advertising/operating expense budget and profits coming back into that budget.
 - Board decided on hooded sweatshirts, will order 35 and have available for preorder on the website, and will be available for pickup and for sale at conferences and CEU events. All in favor.
- How to do committee decision making around budget and discounts:
 - Sue would like more specific committee financial updates decided upon at meetings and have them included in minutes, especially in cases of discounted seats for events. These decisions impact Treasurer's role.
 - Last-minute discounts also create concerns of people waiting to buy tickets until the discounts come out closer to the event date.
 - Lara emphasized need for PD team to remain agile in the face of event ticket sales - if fewer tickets are sold than expected, PD team needs to be able to respond quickly to improve sales.
 - Sue proposed that Executive team (Treasurer, Secretary, President) should approve any discount ticket decision that are made by PD team. Sue shared that there is a difference in the costs that are decided by the PD team that are kept internal (the cost of a speaker, for example) versus the cost of tickets which are advertised externally.
 - New goal for retreat: clarifying discretion that committee chairs have for financial decisions (i.e. discounted event tickets for PD team, or reduced memberships for unemployed long-standing members for Membership team). Further decisions on this matter to be made at retreat.
 - Aimee will create reports to do a 10-year financial comparison for PD team expenses and incomes for the retreat.
- Potential new board members/volunteers:



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- Associates committee needs two new chairs.
- Listserv needs one new chair.
- Will post open positions on website.
- Will add to President's Message in each letter.
- Will add Treasury as an option for interest to new members.
- Will announce open board positions at all events.
- Membership update:
 - mid-September membership renewal update:
 - 2015: at this time, down 96
 - 2016: at this time, down 98
 - 2017: at this time, down 54
 - 2018: at this time, down 139
 - Strategized ways to get members to renew, including:
 - Another email to membership on the upcoming conference with possible alternative text approved by speaker.
 - Send printed mailer on upcoming workshops via snail mail. Aimee might have already sent this. Lara will collaborate with PD and Membership committees to try to send this snail mail out within a week. All approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 15th at 7pm in room 116 at the UW School of Social Work

Respectfully submitted,
Nidhi Berry