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September 19, 2019 Board Meeting

Present: Sue Moreland, Lara Okoloko, Ross Artwohl (phone), Katie Price (phone), Aimee Roos (ex-officio), Brenda Bible (phone), Betsy Strewler (approved today), Denise Malm, Vicki Yang (approved today), Julia Kocian, Nidhi Berry

Absent: Nathaniel Amos, Steve Wilson (approved today), Salomé Valencia-Bohné, Chris Garrido-Philp

Introductions and Welcome to New Board Members:

- One boring fact from each of us!
- Welcome to Betsy (Secretary) and Vicki (Diversity), who are checking out the board to possibly join us!

Meeting Minutes

- March Board meeting minutes approved as of July 19
- May Board meeting minutes approved as of July 24
- July Board meeting minutes approved as of September 23

Motion for New Board Members

- Denise made a motion to welcome Vicki Yang and Steve Wilson to become co-chairs of the Membership & Diversity committee, Sue seconded. After discussion, so approved by 7 of 7 voting members present today. Sue and Nathaniel will stay in position until January, with Vicki and Steve officially joining board as voting members in January (but attending meetings as non-voting observers until then).
- We need to clarify whether President Elect, Past President, Treasurer Elect, and Membership & Diversity-in-waiting are Board members with voting rights.
- Nidhi motioned to welcome Betsy as Secretary to the Board. Denise seconded. 7 out of 7 approved.
- Denise motioned to welcome Nidhi in transitioning from Secretary to Communications Chair. 7 out of 7 approved. At this point, voting members in meeting totalled 8 persons, including Betsy.
- **Nidhi to add new members to board list of emails, Aimee to add new members to dropbox.**

Update on Membership Renewal

- Membership renewal email went to non-renewed members. As of Monday 116 have renewed.
- Salomé and Denise have noticed that many new members are coming on.
- As of Monday, 162 have not renewed.
- 9 renewing members have signed up for auto-renewal.
- We will send out reminders weekly for next three weeks.



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- This is the first year we haven't sent out paper reminders.
- Denise and Nathaniel will send an update to the Board about how the renewal situation is going.
- To think about: offer prorated membership renewal cost sooner than March of the following year.
- Members are having difficulty getting on the listserv. Aimee confirmed there are several emails that are sent out.
- Aimee will add a page to the website outlining "Membership Benefits" - Salomé is working on this.

Sub-Committee on Listserv Guidelines

- Updated to require consultation with president at step 2 of guidelines. 8 out of 8 approved.
- **Nidhi will draft email for Aimee to send to members, and will send complete guidelines to Aimee to put on website.**

Budget for Ethics CEUs

- Ross motioned to update Ethics budget from \$350 to \$1000 to invite Eric Strom for 3 hour CEU session as speaker on our ethical mandate to be culturally competent; Nidhi seconded.
- Sue proposed lessening budgeted amounts in several other areas to create the room in the Ethics budget.
- Ross amended his motion to update the Ethics budget, with the overall WSSCSW 2019 budget being adjusted per categories proposed by Treasurer Sue's specifications (in accounting \$325, in advertising by \$200, and in executive operating by \$200) to create the income for the talk. 8 out of 8 approved.
- Denise suggested videotaping the Eric Strom session to make available to members to buy - this was found to have many associated costs, so not reasonable at this time.
- Sue requested that we follow this in-person board meeting process going forward to suggest any further changes to the budget.

Future Board Agenda Items and Further Discussion Points:

- Nathaniel and Lara will lead subcommittee to create January retreat. Lara will send out a new doodle.
- Nidhi will organize the food for the January retreat.
- We have more cross-committee meetings and collaboration happening. To discuss next time: how can we be sure these processes are streamlined?
- We will discuss possibly moving our Board meetings to Wednesday evenings.
- Lara and Nathaniel will continue look into Board members being able to join virtually, to make it possible for people to be on the Board despite not being in Seattle.



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Next full board meeting: Thursday November 21, 2019 7-9pm. Lara will reserve a room at the UW School of Social Work.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nidhi Berry