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Clinical Social Work
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September 16, 2020 Board Meeting

Present (via Zoom): Nathaniel Amos, Chris Garrido-Philp, Katie Price, Brenda Bible, Betsy Strewler, Vickie Yang, Ross Artwohl, Lara Okoloko, Julie Hemminger, Salomé Valencia-Bohné

Absent: Aimee Roos (ex-officio)

Introductions and Welcome:

- Icebreaker: what's your favorite indoor activity?
- Once approved by board members, these meeting minutes will be shared with WSSCSW members

Updates: (30 mins)

- Review of Roberts Rules of Order (5 mins)
 - Steps of Roberts Rules:
 - (1) Proposal; (2) someone has to 'second' a proposal or it doesn't go to discussion; (3) open discussion of in favor of, in opposition to; (4) Motion is either passed or declined
- Review of Privacy Rules
 - Some listserv members were contacted by spammer recently
 - Opposition to motion: if we take down WSSCSW member directory on website, could limit potential clients and people from the public attempting to contact clinical social workers
 - **Motion Passed:** Keep the WSSCSW website directory public and inform membership that they can change privacy settings if they would like.
 - Initiate a disclaimer statement to all members, stating their knowledge and awareness that the member directory is an open domain
 - Nathaniel will talk to Aimee to figure out how to let folks know how to make privacy and access changes to their information.
- New PD Chair (5 mins)
 - **Motion passed:** Nitara is approved as the new PD chair.
 - Nitara has been involved with PD chair already and is on board with the organization's direction of (1) increasing honoraria payments and (2) bringing more speakers who speak to the intersection of clinical social work and social justice
 - Katie will let Nitara know the news, will CC Nathaniel
- Budget Updates (5-10 mins)
 - Budget doing well right now, plenty of income for two months into new FY
 - Annual conference with Leticia Nieto bringing income in so far!
- Updates on Membership from Vickie (to date):
 - Active members: 123



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- Lapsed (waiting for renewal): 159

Legislative Matrix (10-15 mins)

- Original structure: Melanie would send Bills to Leg Committee (Julie and Andrew) with quick turnaround time (24-48 hrs.) asking for direction on if and how much to lobby for each
- **Motion passed:** Julie will pilot new decisional matrix, now approved by Board, for 2 months and see how it works.
 - Board will revisit this in November meeting to tweak and discuss as necessary

Reviewing Mission Statement Addendum: (1 hour)

- Goal: to prepare something to distribute to the membership
- **Motion approved:** Add the following two sentences to Mission Statement. Send to the Membership for a vote.
 - *Two additional sentences:* “The organization recognizes the enduring impact of racial oppression. The WSSCSW is committed to anti-racist practices and in taking active steps to identify and eliminate the enduring and insidious legacy of colonialism, white supremacy, and systems oppression more broadly both inside and outside the organization.”
 - Add mission statement addendum to two locations on website (home page and ‘About Us’ section).
- **Motion approved:** Nathaniel will revise Acknowledgments statement, per group discussion tonight, sending out a new version for vote by next Wednesday, 10/23.
 - Would go in ‘About Us’ section of the website
- Discussion:
 - Nathaniel, the Inclusion Chair, and potentially a subcommittee would work on action and evaluation plans to assess our progress and fidelity to this new mission/addendum/acknowledgment
 - Suggestion to add definitions of social justice, anti-racist practice, and white supremacy, as links to click on, for folks needing those definitions
 - Possibility for a listening session to hear and receive Membership feedback to hear what feedback members have about this statement
 - Could use caucusing method
 - Lack of consensus and ongoing discussion re: what oppressed groups and what focus (BIPOC or more broad) our Acknowledgments statement should have.

Next full board meeting: Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 7-9pm (via Zoom); Nathaniel to send e-mail about possible additional Board Meeting in October

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Strewler

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