

Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

Friday, December 11, 2009

10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Council Meeting - Minutes

SASW Office

Present: J. Walls (President), H. Berg, L. Keach, V. Walton, B. Tingley (Registrar), D. Stewart, (Public Rep) R. Hazel, (Executive Director) M. Pitzel Bazylewski (secretary)

Regrets: C. Bryant, J. Stocki

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, adding the invitation from the SRNA Council. Keach/Walton
CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2009 minutes

Motion to approve August 24, 2009 minutes. Berg/Keach. CARRIED

September 14, 2009 minutes

Motion to approve September 14, 2009 minutes, with (add s to Jim's last name)
amendment. Walton/Berg. CARRIED

October 16, 2009 minutes

Motion to approve October 16, 2009 minutes (delete t on Leanne's name add Ray Pekrul
on regrets) as amended Keach/ Walton. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising From Minutes

3.1 MSW Practicum Report (K. Englot)

K. Englot presented a report (attached). K. Englot thanked SASW for the support he
received while in his master's practicum – connected to the action plan item to explore an
anti-poverty strategy. There is a Senate committee is working on this. R. Hazel suggested
that Kirk present this to the advisory committee in February.

3.2 Canadian Council on Social Work Regulators Update (J. Walls)

Report from Jim (attached)

First formal meeting of the CCSWR has now occurred. Updated on proposal to HRDC
Human Resource Development Canada

3.3 Quality of Work Life Survey Report - R. Hazel

Acknowledged D. Wisniak and D. Stewart and their contributions to the development of the
final report. Focus will be on the exec summary. Will be an overview presented to
Advisory Board. There could be a national wrap-up of this survey now that all provinces
intending to do so have completed the survey. Motion to Approve the QWL Survey Report.
V. Walton/ H. Berg CARRIED

3.4 Plans for Registrar Position - R. Hazel

B. Tingley is reconsidering his participation as registrar, given his earlier plan to fill the role
until early 2010. Bill will discuss this further with the ED.

- 3.5 Member Registration Policies Review (attachment #5)
R. Hazel reported the review involved Bill Tingley, Carole Bryant (designated as Council's representative) and Debb Fisher. All proposed changes were reviewed by Dirk Silversides for legal implications.

Motion: H. Berg/ D. Stewart

To accept the changes to the policy manual as amended. CARRIED

- 3.5.1 UofR Senate Bylaws - 6.5 Rescission of Degrees (attachment #6)
It was discussed and decided (supported by legal advice) that SASW does not have the responsibility to report the removal of a member's name from the register due to misconduct.

- 3.6 CASW Operational Review Update - J. Walls (report attached)
The last CASW annual meeting determined there would be an operational review as a way to get past the impasse on fee increase. 3 ED, 3 board members, Veronica Marsman and the CASW ED comprise the steering committee. 66 formal applications, screened down to 5 with the Agora Group being successful. There is a tight time frame to have the report by next annual meeting. There is debate about the value of the CASW strategic plan. There was a suggestion of having a regular CASW report in our newsletter.

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Admin Bylaws - Proposal to include new provisions on conflict of interest
- 4.1.1 Review of Alberta College of Social Workers Conflict Bylaw 10.1 and 10.2 during the duration of an investigation, these provisions would be applicable.
R. Hazel will work with Dirk Silversides and bring it to Advisory Board.
- 4.2 General Bylaws - Proposal to add discretion for registrar where members have difficulty meeting requirements for mandatory CPE. Instead of having those four, we put in 18(3). Add an example and bring this one also to Advisory Board.
- 4.3 Aboriginal Social Workers Task Team Update - H. Berg
Report on a meeting of this new group held November 19th where there was again some lively discussion. Possible plan of having Cindy Blackstock here for a reception of existing and potential aboriginal members the afternoon in front of the AGM on April 28th. Focus would be on how to increase the participation of aboriginal members in SASW, and set the stage to reach out to potential members, FNUC faculty and students. Council supported the exploration of this plan.
- 4.4 Terms of Reference - Public Relations
R. Hazel reported the Terms of Reference were updated from 2004. Bylaw changes at the last AGM has led to the need to review terms for all committees – which now need to specify the way in which members' time on each committee is to be managed. These terms provide some flexibility to afford continuity over time for long-term projects.

Motion to approve the Public Relations Committee Terms of Reference.

V. Walton/D. Stewart CARRIED

- 4.5 Invitation from SRNA Council to meet June 17th or August 31st.
Discussion to meet with the SRNA, and preference for June 17th will be communicated by R. Hazel on behalf of Council.

4.6 Other Business

SWIMS (Social Workers in Medical Settings) held a one day workshop at Wascana Rehab. They had a speaker come in to address Ethics and living at risk. It was well attended and noted that there were a lot of young professionals working in health.

5.0 Upcoming Meetings

5.1 Advisory Board meeting is Friday, February 5, 2010

6.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting V. Walton at 2:45 pm.

Myrna Pitzel, MSW, RSW (Sask.)
Secretary