

**Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers  
Council Meeting – Teleconference  
Monday, March 9, 2009  
10:00 AM – 12:00 noon**

Present: H. Berg, J. Walls, S. Luedtke, M. Chatterson, R. Hazel, B. Tingley, M. Pitzel, V. Walton.

**1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: V. Walton/H. Berg

To approve March 9, 2009 agenda. CARRIED

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: M. Pitzel/ . Luedtke

To approve minutes of February 6, 2009 council meeting as circulated. CARRIED

**3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 bylaw amendment submitted by S. Dimnik/P.Cram will be discussed in 4.1

**4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Review of proposed bylaw amendments**

The general bylaws and administrative bylaws were circulated.

The bylaw amendments were discussed by council and approved except for the suggested amendment on how to remove a member of council whose conduct or activities are detrimental to or incompatible with the objects and policies of the association. It was agreed by council to do further research, then bring it to the summer planning meeting, and for consultation at Advisory Board.

Richard reviewed the general bylaws with Council with the following amendments highlighted:

1. Amendments to the AIT directed by Premiers last summer reset the stage on which we had earlier based the amendments to our Act that were passed last spring. The main difference is that we now do not need the new provisions for restricted licensure – so these will not likely be proclaimed in force. Provisions for Temporary Membership are included in the bylaws, and they will allow someone to practice in SK in case of emergency, and to use the title.

2. D. Silversides has indicated that as a regulator we must be more informed about non-practicing members, when they stop practicing as well as when they resume practicing - rather than continuing current practice. It was noted the registration rate is less for the period away from practice.

3. Student members will participate as observers at AGM and at standing committees of the association rather than having the right to vote. This is a common practice among other regulatory bodies in SK and in social work regulatory bodies across Canada. Students are not regulated by the association, but are required by the Faculty to adhere to the Code of Ethics. SASW is not “responsible” for a student until that person has their credential conferred and they have met the requirements of professional registration.

4. Elections – A new process for Council positions is outlined in section 25 of the Administrative By-laws that opens nominations by the membership November each year. The Volunteer Development Committee manages the process and retains responsibility for ensuring there is a full slate available at the AGM. Once in place, this process would replace the practice of accepting nominations from the floor of the AGM. There was a question of whether to move further and have elections by ballot, thus taking the process completely out of the AGM – decided to think further on this at the August meeting, and perhaps consider the matter with Advisory Board.

#### **4.2 Financial Items**

4.2.1 Review of DRAFT 2008 audit to be presented at the AGM.

4.2.2 Motion to move excess revenue from 2008 into reserve funds

Motion: H. Berg/V. Walton

That the 2008 excess revenue in the amount of \$57,665 be allocated as follows:

\$28,833 to the General Operations Reserve

\$28,832 to the Conduct/Discipline Reserve. CARRIED

4.2.3 Discussion on presenting 2009 budget to AGM and the authority to approve the budget. Dirk Silversides has confirmed that Council has the power and authority for approving the budget, but that provisions within Kerr&King can be interpreted to direct acceptance by the membership – so we continue the practice of presenting it for ‘acceptance’ at the AGM.

#### **4.3 Approval of SASW Committee Listing at Feb 11, 2009**

Additions to the listing include Saskatoon members of the mentorship committee - Trish Harper-Altman, Sarah Vidak, Nicole Ingenthron, Richard Small, Jasmine Giesbrecht and Terry Lowe.

#### **4.4 Assessment of foreign credentials**

CASW has indicated they will no longer assess foreign credentials by December 31, 2009 and CASW will stop receiving new applications by October 15, 2009. CASW is exploring the possibility of CASWE picking this up and will provide more information to SASW when it is available.

#### **4.5 Canadian Council on Social Work Regulators**

A motion to participate in the Canadian Council on Social Work Regulators. Jim discussed the proposal to form a Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators. If we don't we will likely be left out of how this organization will be formed as Newfoundland and SK would be the only ones not involved. We would like to be part of the planning and our risk in participating now is low.

Motion: Motion: V. Walton, S. Luedtke

To join the CCSWR now, with Jim Walls and Richard Hazel to be named as representatives. CARRIED.

#### **4.6 SASW representative to CASW Board**

Council agreed to direct R.Hazel to contact the Volunteer Development Ccommittee to work on finding a new representative.

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#### **4.7 SASW Scholarship Fund**

4.7.1 Approval of revised criteria for fund – deferred to next meeting of Council.

4.7.2 Council approval of \$300 towards fund for 2009  
Motion: H. Berg, M. Pitzel  
To move \$300.00 to the scholarship fund. CARRIED.

#### **4.8 Approval of SASW Executive Director's Job Description**

Jim suggested we table this to the next council meeting first week in April.

#### **5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- SASW response to the children's advocate report. Released a statement on March 4<sup>TH</sup> and appeared in a couple of papers along with commentary on the foster parents feeling attacked by the report.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with Minister of Social Services will include the Social Justice Committee co-chairs, President J. Walls and R. Hazel.
- Social Week Proclamation needs a quote from our president, please send ideas to Jim.

#### **6.0 NEXT MEETINGS**

- **Advisory Board – June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00**
- **Council (teleconference) – April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00**

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

Motion: H. Berg. CARRIED

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E. Myrna Pitzel MSW RSW