

# Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes

Friday, October 23, 2009

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J. Walls	C. Bryant	L. Keach	H. Berg	V. Walton	J. Stocki
R. Pekrul	B. Tingley	S. Luedtke	J. Schenn	K. Englot	T. Woods
R. Hazel	L. Dmyterko	P. Wilson	E. Beckwell	T. Seeley	R. Schury
N. Ingenthron	R. Pekrul				

Regrets:

D. Stewart	M. Flowers	J. White	N. Rancourt	M. Glettler	W. Miller
M. Pitzel	N. Novik	C. Valuck	D. Goddard	B. Douglas	

Jim Walls welcomed members of the Advisory Committee to the meeting and provided them with a brief overview of the composition of and workings of both Council and the Advisory Board.

1.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Keach/Walton

That the agenda be accepted as amended. CARRIED.

2.0 **ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES – June 12, 2009**

Motion: Walton/Berg

That the meeting minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

3.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 Update on Code of Ethics Training

See report prepared by S. Luedtke which was circulated at the meeting on the *Culture of Ethical Excellence Training Project*. As of October 19, 2009 the trainers group has collectively facilitated training for 408 members and 196 non-members.

3.2 Saskatoon Branch Report

See report prepared by E. Beckwell, co-chair of the Saskatoon Branch which was circulated at the meeting. The branch continues to attract members and students and remains very active. A Social Work Career and Practicum Fair is being planned in conjunction with the Faculty of Social Work on November 3, 2009 at Innovation Place.

3.3 Swift Current Branch Report

See report prepared by P. Wilson, on behalf of the Swift Current Branch which was circulated at the meeting. Branch activities continue to focus on keeping branch members informed and involved in provincial and community issues and initiatives.

3.4 Prince Albert Branch Report

See attached report prepared by N. Rancourt, chair of the Prince Albert Committee and presented by M. Wotherspoon which was circulated at the meeting. The Prince Albert Branch held its annual general meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> where elections took place for members of the executive.

3.5 Update on 2010 Provincial Conference

See poster which was included with the agenda which outlines details of the 2010 Provincial Conference to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> at the West Harvest Inn in Regina. Keynote speakers include Cindy Blackstock (First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada), Shawn Cassiman (University of Dayton), Bill Lee (McMaster University), and James McNinch (University of Regina). The group commended the Regina Branch on the high calibre of all the presenters.

3.6 Nomination Process for Council Positions

R. Hazel reviewed the new election process for SASW Council (circulated with agenda) as well as the proposed nomination form (circulated with agenda). Richard encouraged all members of the Advisory Board to share this information at their respective tables.

Motion: Ingenthron/Stocki

That the above reports be accepted as information. CARRIED.

4.0 **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS/BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES**4.1 President's Report

J. Walls reported on the activities surrounding the Agreement on Internal Trade and the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators. The latter group is developing terms of reference and expects to eventually create a list of competencies for entry into the social work practice in Canada. Jim will be attending the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) annual general meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> where a discussion will occur on raising fees for entry examinations.

4.1.1. Terms of Reference for Council

Council's terms of reference for Advisory Board's information was circulated with the agenda.

4.2 Executive Director's Report

See report prepared by R. Hazel which was circulated at the meeting. With respect to the AIT, omnibus legislation is being prepared that will require us to accept all those moving here with existing registration as social workers elsewhere. As well the Minister of Social Services has requested that the Partnership for Children and Youth (of which SASW is a member) also serve as an advisory group for the upcoming review of *The Child and Family Services Act*.

4.3 CASW Representative Report

See report which was prepared by R. Pekrul and circulated at the meeting. Ray reported on the organizational/operational review currently being undertaken at CASW.

4.4 Treasurer's Report

## 4.4.1 Balance Sheet

L. Keach reviewed the balance sheet as at 2009-09-30 which was circulated with agenda.

## 4.4.2 Income Statement

L. Keach reviewed the income statement as at 2009-09-30 which was circulated with agenda.

4.5 Registrar's Report

B. Tingley reported that the membership break-down is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	COUNT AS AT 2009-10-23	Count as at 2008-10-23	COUNT AS AT 2008-12-31
Associate	2	3	3
Full Time	930	893	895
Non Practicing	155	143	146
Part Time	149	153	155
Student	65	77	86
TOTAL	1,301	1,269	1,285

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The registrar provided, as information, a change in policy regarding the non-practicing category. Effective January 1, 2010 there will be a new requirement that if a social worker returns to work as a practicing social worker within the registration year, that this change be reported to SASW. Some general discussion also followed on the merit of distinguishing part-time versus full-time social workers on the association's website.

4.6 Northeast Branch Report

See report prepared by L. Dmyterko which was circulated at the meeting. The Branch has had a resurgence of interest and activity among its members.

4.7 Yellowhead East Branch Report

See report prepared by E. Zarowny which was circulated at the meeting, and presented by T. Seeley. The branch members were very busy with the 2009 Provincial Conference this spring. The branch is currently surveying its members regarding their preference for scheduling branch meetings.

4.8 Aboriginal Social Workers Task Team Report

See attached report prepared by H. Berg which was circulated at the meeting. The first "official" meeting of the team will take place at the SASW office on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

4.9 Health Services Task Team Report

See attached report prepared by W. Miller which was circulated at the meeting.

4.10 Practice Ethics Committee Report

See attached report prepared by M. Flowers Evans, chair of the Practice Ethics Committee, which was circulated at the meeting.

4.11 Professional Conduct Committee Report

See attached report prepared by J. Schenn, chair of the PCC, which was circulated at the meeting. The committee is currently involved in investigating three complaints. Jean Weins and Maureen Kramer have agreed to join the committee. A day of training for committee members has been scheduled for January 29, 2010.

Motion: Wilson/Stocki

That the above reports be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Timing of Awards at Annual General Meeting

See attached briefing note which was prepared by R. Hazel and circulated at the meeting. The note sets out a number of options with respect to the presentation of awards. Following general discussion the group agreed that the awards will no longer be presented at the end of the AGM, but the decision as to when to present them be left at the discretion of the conference planning committee each year.

5.2 Nomination for CASW Award

The deadline for the nomination of the CASW Award is November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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5.3 Selection Committee for CASW Award

The selection committee for the CASW Award consists of Carole Bryant, Erin Beckwell, and Joanne Schenn.

5.4 Designation of Social Work Week 2010

Motion: Wotherspoon/Wilson

That the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup> be designated as the 2010 Social Work Week.  
CARRIED.

5.5 Poverty Reduction Strategy Options

See attached *Poverty Reduction Strategy Activity Report*, prepared by K. Englot which was circulated and presented to the group. Kirk is working on the strategy as part of his MSW practicum.

5.6 Orientation Options for Advisory Board Members

See attached briefing note prepared by R. Hazel which was distributed at the meeting. Advisory board agreed to defer a discussion on this item until its February meeting.

5.7 Funding Programs for First Nations Children

See attached letter from Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada which was circulated at the meeting. Dr. Blackstock is requesting support from SASW to register as a "witness" to follow the tribunal looking at the over-representation of First Nations children in care.

Motion of Council: Berg/Walton

That SASW register as a witness to the tribunal. CARRIED.

Individual advisory members were encouraged to register as well at [www.fnwitness.ca](http://www.fnwitness.ca).

6.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of SASW Advisory Board will be held on Friday, February 5, 2010.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Carole Bryant, MSW, RSW, MBA, CMA  
President-elect