

WCSWE Executive Committee Meeting
10/02/2024

- I. Fall conference duties
 - a. introduction of presenters- EC sign up to introduce presenters. Melinda will introduce Rhodes Smith, Amy will introduce Nadir from NASW. Leslie will introduce Jon Hudson, Sara will introduce Susan Rose and James Cappleman.
 - b. registration table- Melinda will run registration table.
- II. Leadership changes April 2025- Jen will double check everyone's tenure. Jeanne is stepping down from her role of president. Roles- President, VP, Secretary, Field Consortium Chair, Web manager, Conference organizer, Financial Manager. Melinda said she will take over financial piece, especially if we have someone from the outside who can file our taxes. Sara is willing to step in as Field Consortium Chair. We do need a committee chair and committee for scholarships. All info on roles and responsibilities, if changes can edit or send info.
- III. Fair distribution of duties to manage WCSWE. Jen is willing to step into role of President, but not in capacity as now exists as one or two people are currently carrying the load. New roles would start next fall. Melinda will run as Vice President. Janet is willing to run again for secretary. Someone is needed to serve as Financial manager. Role of Financial manager discussed including current tax situation. We have not filed, Jen and Jeanne are currently navigating this, and have applied for 501(C)3 status.

- IV. Field Consortium Leadership- Sara C is willing to take this role.
- V. Wintergreen upcoming changes expected- dates for spring have been booked, we are booked through 2026. Wintergreen is changing ownership, so we are not sure what prices would be. Jeanne spoke with our contact who said that pricing will change significantly. We are looking at other options in case we are priced out. Lake City social may be an option for our fall conference as we are generally smaller. Would work with fall as we generally run 25-30 people.

Melinda proposed traveling to various universities. This would be most appropriate for the fall as numbers are lower. We need the larger venue for midwest regional in the spring. We need a room that holds 50 for the spring, and additional room for student posters. We will open to membership tomorrow at the membership meeting. Jen forwarded a motion for a conference planning committee rather than just one person. Jeanne, Amy, Kathy and Leslie volunteered to serve on this. Executive committee roles have been updated to include conference planning committee.

- VI. Spring conference planning
 - a. Scholarship- proposal that rather than granting monetary scholarships, we offer an application in addition to presentation application, they would be able to apply for assistance with lodging, conference fees etc. Motion made, passed.

- VII. Training Certificate status and action needed- met with Mike Wallace, asked to put on agenda. No reply from Marian who we sent the letter to. We do not have any information on this.
- VIII. Jeanne and Jen will look at schools who are not attending, asking about barriers, why not attending.
- IX. Possibility of doing a larger conference down the road was brought up, including inviting social workers.