

IASWG Board Meeting Minutes
Jun 4, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88389896340>

PRESENT: Barb Muskat, Joyce Webster, Donna Guy, Nancy-Angel Doetzel, Hilda Baar, Carol Cohen, Emily Santonocito, Reineth Prinsloo, Mark Doel, Lorrie Gardella, Mamadou Seck, Andy Malekoff, Helene Fillion Onserud, Kyle McGee, Greg Tully, Alexis Howard, Sari Skolnik, Jen Currin-McCullough, Donna McLaughlin, April Parker, Roshini Pillay, Cheryl Lee, Stephanie Baird, Padraic Stanley, Charles Garvin, Namoonga Chilwalo, Roseprimevere Jacques, Andrew Spaumer, Ann Bergart, Michael Wagner, John Genke

NOT PRESENT: Ginnette Berteau, Mark Smith, Georgianna Dolan-Reilly, Sera Godfrey-Kaplan, Adina Muskat, Shirley Simon, Mark Macgowan, Sam Benbow, Gloria Kirwin, Linda Ducca, Jorune Rimkiene, Sophia M., John Lukach, Poppy Masinga, Neil Hall

Barb called the meeting to order at 10:03am EST, welcomed the Board, discussed the state of affairs across the globe and their impact on our symposium and organization as a whole. Reineth led the Board in a brief welcome activity, which was warmly received.

Review and acceptance of the Agenda & Minutes

Joyce motioned to approve the minutes from the November 2021 Board Meeting, Donna McLaughlin seconded, all approved.  IASWG Board Meeting Minutes - November 2021

Joyce motioned to approve the agenda for today's meeting, Helene Onserud seconded, all approved.

Overview of IASWG

Barb noted that committees have been very active during the last year or two. She also noted that our membership is no longer growing (in fact, it has dropped off quite a bit) but she is hopeful that we will secure more members for the symposium

Financial report

Donna McLaughlin, treasurer, reported we are down on our income over last year; one factor may be that the symposium is a week later this year; she suggested we review updated income report post-symposium; our expenses are also down, due to most of our business taking place virtually.

 TreasurersReport06.03.2022  Copy of IASWG Operating Budget - Updated 6_1_2022.xlsx

Symposium updates

Emily reported she is gearing up for Symposium next week and gave a full overview of the event; first volunteer orientation yesterday; many folks working on translation, thank you to them!; this symposium will have more translated events than ever before; Emily directed folks to the updated website for symposium updates: <https://www.iaswg.org/2022schedule>; encouraged folks to register themselves and also encourage others to register

Committee Reports -

Marketing - Padraic reported the committee is continuing work on global outreach and branding.

Language & Access - Helene reported gratitude for the work of the co-chairs, Ginette and Linda, as well as the entire committee. The committee has been very active - all plenaries and three invitationals at the symposium will be translated into three languages; the committee has been able to secure interpreters all within the allotted budget (some repeat interpreters from last year; 9 student interpreters will be using our symposium as their internship)

Symposium - Barb reported the symposium planning committee is very active and has been meeting regularly; they have put together diverse and varied presentations for this symposium - climate, race, social justice, etc.; Mark Doel reported that the opening plenary event will involve a presentation from one of our Ukrainian colleagues discussing the use of social group work in times of war; there will also be a plenary in French, an invitational in German, and a plenary panel in Spanish; please promote this widely!; The committee nominated Carol Cohen to receive this year's IASWG Honoree award, all voted in favor; There was some discussion about planning for the 2023 symposium (where it should be held, should it be virtual, hybrid, or in person, etc). A variety of responses surfaced, including both support and hesitation for beginning a blended symposium model; Andy suggested we poll membership to gauge interest in how to move forward.

Nominations and Elections- Alexis thanked the outgoing at-large Board members; Kyle noted the committee is soliciting names for new at-large board members and provided links to the google interest form; the committee will host an informal session at the symposium to share with folks about board service and the next election. Greg emphasized the need for current board members to identify possible new board members and share them with the committee. See full report here -

[W Elections and Nominations Time line 2022 and Board report \(1\).docx](#)

Commission - Carol highlighted some items from the committee's attached report: focus of the commission is on teaching, please feel free to send educational resources (syllabi, articles, books, etc) for posting; working closely with US-based Council on Social Work Education; there will be a presentation at the symposium about using the standards

SPARC deadline extended; please let Carol know if you know someone interested in submitting; a special double issue on SPARC will be coming out in Social Work with Groups Journal soon. See full report here -

[W June 2022 Report to IASWG Board - IASWG Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education \(...\)](#)

Practice/Online Standards - Lorrie spoke to the work on the online standards; a draft of the online standards is almost complete and will be presented at the symposium; second round of research for content validation member survey is also underway; the goal is to eventually have online standards and practice tips available next year.

International Issues - Mark and Lorrie reported the International Issues Committee held one meeting in December 2021, when they agreed they have largely accomplished the first phase of internationalization goals: (initiation of a phased fee structure, implementation of a standing language access committee, and development of the International Impact Form as a consciousness-raising and

assessment tool). The committee will hold its next meeting in early summer to develop an agenda for the coming year.

Journals - Andy reported the special issue for SPARC is coming out in the next month or so. There is another issue coming out that focuses on international issues; Lorrie noted the deadline has been extended until the end of June. Andy is also seeking folks who might be interested in serving as guest editors.

Chapter Development - Jen reported the committee continues to meet and share ideas about marketing and recruitment, as well as to continue the conversation about “what is a chapter?”

Membership - April reported the committee is planning a talent show for the symposium - do you have a talent?!? If so, reach out!; the committee is also publishing a newsletter that continues to be well-received, as does the new member networking hours; overall aim of the committee is to be inclusive and welcoming of both new and existing members; See full report here -

[W IASWG Membership Committee Report SU22.Final.docx](#)

Virtual groups - Ann shared out about the success of the following virtual group pilots, and encouraged the board to consider maintaining them moving forward and identify new leadership for them -

[W Report on Peer-Led Mutual Aid Group Project, 5-31-22, rev..docx](#)

[W Report on Virtual Group Work Camp Pilot, 5-29-22.docx](#)

Michael Wagner led a brief closing exercise and the meeting was officially adjourned at 12:32pm EST.