

Consent Agenda Quarterly Reports

Continuing Education Committee

Submitted by Casadi Marino, Chair

- The committee continues to meet by email and reviews an average of four to five applications each week.
- The committee approved a CEU application fee increase of \$25 dollars for non-profits not charging for the conferences and \$50 for other applicants.
- The committee consists of five individuals and is looking for new committee members. We are in need of a social worker with a child and family practice background in particular.

Events & Conference Planning Committee

Submitted by Janet Kusyk, Program Coordinator

- The Events Committee met on September 16th and October 14th. There are currently 6 members of the committee, 2 staff, one committee member resigned in September. There is currently no designated chair for this committee.
- From 9/15 to 10/27/08 the Dr. Reamer DVD rental was sent to 9 people, plus a group of 9 people from the Boys and Girls Aid Society in Portland at a group rate of \$65 per person, so this DVD continues to generate good revenue.
- The "Ethical Decision-Making: Beyond Rules and Principles" workshop on 10/4/08 presented by Brad Pendergraft, LCSW, had 61 registrants and 2 volunteers attending. This conference was at St. Vincent Medical Center, and there were some minor problems with the space. We probably won't try to use this space again, but might request to use their auditorium in the future.
- "The Business of Social Work: Practical & Ethical Considerations" conference presented by Margaret Sears on 10/17/08 had 42 registrants and 2 chapter volunteers attending. This workshop was held at Emanuel Hospital.
- The "LCSW Exam Preparation Workshop" on 10/18/08 was presented by Jody Swisher, LCSW, and had 17 attendees. This workshop was held at Emanuel Hospital.
- On Friday, 10/31/08, Paul Cooney will present "Legal & Ethical Considerations in Social Work Practice" at Emanuel Hospital. We have 43 registered to date.
- The "Solution-Focused Clinical Supervision" workshop scheduled for 11/14/08 at Emanuel Hospital, presented by Brad Pendergraft, LCSW, has 24 registered to date.
- The Events Committee will continue discussions regarding repeating one or more of these conferences next year at various locations in the state as some of the presenters have indicated that they were willing to travel.
- We have received all necessary material for Dr. Claudia Black's conference "The Many Facets of Addiction" on March 13, 2009 at Monarch Conference Center in Clackamas. We will film this conference so will be able to rent out the DVD for additional revenue. There will be an award ceremony at lunch, and this winter the Chapter will do a huge mailing to potential exhibitors, sponsors, and all possible attendees.
- The next scheduled meeting is January 20, 2009.

Past President's Advisory Council

Submitted by Tom Hogan, Chair

- Mark Oldham and I met by conference call at the Chapter office on Friday, March 14, 2008. Others have indicated they would be calling in but didn't as it turned out.
- Chapter History. Tom did a report. He contacted the Oregon Historical Society and learned that they had discontinued their oral history department. He was given the

name of the head of that project, Donna Sinclair, who now works with the Center for Columbia River History. She put Tom on their e-mail list. She was supportive on the Chapter working on an oral history project and would do a workshop with us to get an overview and started with it. I also has e-mailed Joe Gallegos who was interested in the project and might have undergrad BSW students who could intern on it.

- Practice Act. We continued to discuss the Practice Act and support it. The LSCW Board is waiting for a report on a draft act to come back from Legislative Counsel. Collaboration with NASW Oregon Chapter is important. More information will be available soon.
- Child Custody Guidelines. There isn't any more progress at the national office in using the Chapter sponsored Oregon guidelines as a model. Leora Hughes is our member who will track and follow up on this for the PPA.
- Meetings. We continued talking about attendance and the best way to proceed. Some have said they would come to something occasionally but not all the time. There are different levels of interest. One idea we had was to have a meeting in conjunction with the Chapter Statewide Conference that could have a social aspect to it. A speaker would be a possibility. Or we could sponsor something. This would probably draw more. This smaller group can continue to meet as we do for the time being and do these things by small group, e-mail and phone. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21.

Legislative Committee

Submitted by Jessica Ritter, Chair

Current Activities Include:

- Monitoring the status of the proposed Social Work Practice Act
- Monitoring health regulatory boards reform
- Assisting with efforts being made by Representative Greenlick's office to look at the issue of social workers' ability to practice in public schools
- We have taken positions on six ballot measures: Yes on 56; yes on 57; no on 58; no on 59; no on 61; and no on 63. We are communicating these positions to our membership.
- Our Student Loan Relief Bill will be a priority in the next legislative session; Representative Arnie Roblan is the sponsor.
- Will monitor relevant legislation introduced during the 2009 session.
- We have started conversations about planning for Lobby Day 2009.

Rogue Valley District Report

Submitted by Gretchen Thiel, Chair

Accomplishments/Activities

- Rogue Valley District members Victoria Bones and Gretchen Thiel attended the Oregon NASW 2008 Leadership Retreat at Otter Rock in mid-September 2008.
- District member Fanda Bender provided a workshop entitled Clinical Issues in the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) Community: Honing Clinical Skills, Sensitivity and Self-Awareness on October 10, 2008, for 6.0 CEUs. Approximately 12-15 individuals attended.
- We held a very successful social event for NASW members in August 2008 at a local restaurant. In addition to our planning committee members, other social workers who do not ordinarily attend our monthly meetings attended. In addition to socializing, we introduced ourselves, talked about our current work, and shared what led each of us into the field of social work.

Current Projects/Goals

- We are planning to offer the Fred Reamer ethics training (on DVD). Victoria Bones is organizing this event.
- The District's CE Committee (Chair is Dennis McNamara) will continue to look at innovative ways to offer continuing education opportunities for our community.
- We plan to host a monthly social networking event for District members (the 2nd Friday of the month at Avalon in Talent, OR, at 5:30 p.m.).
- Annual district planning committee retreat: On November 1st, the planning committee will meet for breakfast and planning of our annual goals for the district. We will model the retreat after the NASW Oregon Chapter 2008 Leadership Retreat.
- We plan to host Don Schweitzer of the Social Work Reinvestment (SWR) Initiative in early 2009 to talk with community social workers about SWR.

Issues Needing Board Action

None identified.

Social Workers Political Action Committee (SWPAC)

Submitted by Amy Reynolds, Chair

SWPAC has had a busy season. We have:

- Looked at races and selected nine candidates to interview.
- Made decisions about endorsements of those candidates as well as previously endorsed candidates.
- Made financial contributions to 9 candidates, based on their commitment to social work values, need for finances and our ability to make a difference in their race.
- The Executive Director and the chair of SWPAC have attended three fundraisers for three of the candidates whom we endorsed, namely Jessica Adamson, Michele Eberle and Toby Forsberg in a effort to raise the level of awareness of our organization among the legislative body.

In the coming months:

- We will be celebrating the election or re-election of the candidates we endorse and/or mourning the losses of candidates we endorsed with the Legislative Committee on November 12th.
- In December we will do a end of the year push for the \$50-\$100 tax credit for donating to a PAC, in the off chance that there are people during this exciting political year who have failed to make a donation.