

WSAA Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2006

Directors: (8) Heidi Davis, Alyce Anderson, Charles Baker, Tom Bartlett, Royalee Bishop, Michelle Lewis, Jennifer Robohm and Boyd Roth

Alternates: (2) Mike Smith and Marty Onishuk

Ex Officios: (3) Mary Jane Fox, Dan Ladd and Alexandra Volkerts

Guests: (6) John Honsky, Lori Holley, Jane Wilson, Denelle Pappier, Ted Harper and Linda Roth

Total Attendees: (19)

Meeting opens at 10:13am by chair Tom B. Directors were notified of the meeting by email and last months minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes. Alexis says that she is confused by the recording of the discussion concerning the statutes about commitment and emergency detention. Heidi had difficulty with recording ongoing conversations especially with topics she is not familiar with or that are educational. There was a discussion about attaching clarifying information sent by Alexis to Heidi. Conversation ends with Alexis saying the most important recording is the motions not the dialogue of conversation. **Alyce motions to accept minutes as corrected.** Seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer Report- Paul Myer is absent. A treasurer's report is not available this because of the early scheduling of this meeting.

3. Vote – Tom sent an email for voting on the SJ 41 presentation June 8th. This follows the copy of what was presented and discussed with the committee at our June meeting. The next step in the process is to bring this to legislative committee to finalize. Dan says what has occurred is a beginning of the process of discussion. This is a legislative issue and time needs to be taken to fully understand it. Heidi says more time needs to be taken and she is unclear why this is being rushed. She does not want to vote on this issue because she does not know enough. Michelle expresses confusion about what we are voting on. Is it what was presented by Lee Anne and Tom or Tom representing the WSAA without its endorsement? We have to be careful of setting precedent. Michelle says we need to organize so that we can discuss pertinent issues before they are discussed at the interim committee. Mike adds the consumer perspective is important and starting to address these issues are good. Marty agrees with the presentation but believes this as a two part issue. Language of a statute and enforcement of it seem to be the two issues. Her concern is getting the person to a safe place and having that over ridden by the person's choice to treatment. She is very concerned about a system that worries about a person's rights to choose when they are not in a condition to do so. Her utmost concern is safety.

Alexis asks if everyone received a letter from Tom. She goes on to say that everyone's opinion is valid. She believes the only way the WSAA will work is that no one opinion is pushed on the group. Opinions are not a right or wrong. There will be issues that we disagree on and may not be able to move forward with. There is much we do agree on and those are the issues to organize around. What is most important is that a view point not be represented unless there is agreement. Alexis recommends that we not vote on this today and allow it to go to legislative committee.

Mary Jane goes back to what Michelle said as our process. We know there is an interim committee meeting every three months. We want to be strategic on our approach and include the other SAAs. This is a new process. There will be mistakes. We are learning.

Alyce is also focused on the process. She does not disagree with what was presented but encourages more inclusion of the directors. Alyce uses the example of their presentation to the Interim Committee. **Marty moves that we vote on adding "gravely disabled" to the language in statute.** She does not agree with the process that was used. Discussion: Michelle again adds that we need to outline a streamlined process. She notes that in the November meeting, which she chaired, we did say that the president could represent the group. What is unclear is on what issues and circumstances that would include. Tom asks for a second. No second was made. **Motion is not accepted.**

Alexis says the authority was issued for officers to vote at SAA Summit meetings and in between the Summit meetings. Alexis is not asking Tom to apologize just to clarify that his presentation to the sub committee had not been approved by the WSAA. We, as a group, have twice voted on our priorities. She encourages us to focus on these issues which we have selected.

Mary Jane references the SAA Summit meetings. They say the issue needs to be studied and look at forming a united approach and Senator Pease will address in a bill. Mary Jane says these are her personal notes and not official.

Michelle believes this issue does relate to a goal. It ties to crisis stabilization.

Tom asks how many people want to vote on any of the questions in the email. Three people raise their hands. Jennifer adds that she wants the fourth question removed (censorship).

Mary Jane questions whether this issue should be the focus of concern or that the focus should be on future situations. **Michelle motions that the WSAA establish a policy within the next two months on how we will be representing WSAA views publicly.** The motion was seconded. Marty adds that this issue still needs clarification. Jennifer asks if we as a group are ready to say that a director can not represent the views of the WSAA without prior endorsement. No comment from directors and no vote on the motion.

Charles asks who has phone service that would allow them to participate in conference calls or a chat room inexpensively, such as nationwide free calling or inexpensive calling card minutes.

Heidi motions that a clarification letter be sent from Tom to the Interim Committee saying the views represented were not necessarily those of the WSAA but personal opinion. Michelle adds that it may be important to clarify that we are discussing the issue but have not formed an opinion. Tom says that he is prepared to send the letter that was drafted and send it to the Interim Committee. Tom said he will rewrite and send a letter as one of clarification rather than of apology. Denelle adds that his letterhead should only reference his name and not include Chairman of WSAA. A vote was taken as to whether he should send the letter and there were two in opposition, so Tom will send the letter to the SJ 41 Interim Committee Chair.

4. Officer Elections- Tom asks people to consider running for Executive Office positions in September. We also have terms that are evolving and some are expiring. Those directors will need to be re-elected at the congress meeting. Alexis explains usually a term is three years. We also have six positions vacant. Denelle proposes a nomination committee to solicit more board members. Dan suggests getting information from the CSAA. Tom asks for a motion for a nomination committee. No motion was made. Marty suggests the information be put out to make people aware of the election. Heidi will attach names and terms to minutes and ask interested people to contact Tom. Mary Jane asks if we want to keep it position specific. Marty says no.

5. Alexis hands out a short version of Robert's Rules of Order to consider when running meetings. Asks them for consideration and encourages others to run. The rules are attached to the minutes.

6. Business Planning Committee has identified our strategies. They are: market analysis, present a unified voice, needs assessment, collaborate with AMDD, participate in legislative process, use of WSAA committees and promote consumer involvement and use of best practices. The committee will ask the directors to vote on these in September.

7. John hands out the book mark for Transportation with Dignity. People can put in a legislator's book or day planner with their name and contact information. He also hands out talking points. Tom explains his conversation with P-TAC for a contract with WMMHC and P-TAC for a ten passenger van. They would have exclusive use of the van for Libby, Kalispell and Polson. PTAC is intrigued with the idea and putting it in the budget. Bozeman is looking at something similar. Charles says there is an October 1st deadline to get approval. Hamilton is planning on doing the same. They are paying attention to others proposals and will borrow from them in their proposal.

Heidi makes a motion for lunch. This passes unanimously.

8. Grants and Fundraising- The group will have the first meeting at 9:30 next month, August 9th.

9. The Long Range Goals Committee – It has been proposed by the ESAA that the three SAAs have one committee to identify long range goals (look out as far as ten years). Tom is not clear about when the meetings might be held. **Heidi motions that Alexis, Paul and Michelle are appointed. This was passed unanimously.** Paul and Alexis have the option to withdraw their appointment, if so desired, since they were not present when appointed.

10. Other Items-

a. Communication Response -We want to have information that helps with our communication to the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Committee and the Legislators etc. Charles has not drafted anything in response to the communication plan but will focus on this in the next month.

b. Corrections and names- First and last name of board members recorded in the those present listing at the top of the minutes. Minutes will be sent to Directors in a draft form for correction. Corrections will be made and then sent to Tom as final. He will then send out to the WSAA as a group emailing.

NEXT MEETING – August 16, 2006 at this same location and will last from 10:00-2:00pm.

Adjourned

Board of Directors and their terms of appointment.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERMS</u>
Leslie Nyman/Lee Anne Beebe	3 years
Royalee Bishop	1 year
Heidi Davis	1 year
Tom Bartlett	3 years
Paul Meyer	2 years
Jennifer Robohm	1 year
Jane Tremper East	2 years
Boyd Roth	3 years
Michelle Lewis	2 years

Brenda Desmond

1 year

Alyce Anderson

3 years