

**New Hampshire School Social Workers
Meeting Notes for May 13, 2015 Annual Meeting
Board of Directors and General Membership/Collaborative**

Members present: Bernadette Pelczar, Jocelyn Jerry- Wolcott, Jayne Ludwig, Pauline Laliberte, Courtney Porter, Laurie Ekberg, Jen Sumner, Amber Roux, Lee Pozzi Rush, Kristina Lind, Beth Moore, Elin Pelland

1. Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes from meeting on March 12, 2015.
 - b. Recognition and appreciation for Pauline Laliberte upon her retirement. Congratulations Pauline!
 - c. Recognition and appreciation for Frances Strayer (in absentia) upon her retirement. Congratulations Frances! Frances may be teaching a course at PSU in the near future.

2. Discussion of Board positions.
 - a. There was discussion of role of "President" vs. "Co-Chairs". Bernadette offered to be Co-Chair for the next year. Courtney Porter also offered to be Co-Chair. Many thanks to both for taking on this role. The role of Secretary remains open. Anyone who is interested in filling this position may contact Bernadette Pelczar.
 - b. Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott will remain as Treasurer. Theresa Georges and Cynthia Collea remain as Members At Large.
 - c. Jayne made a formal motion to nominate the new members in their respective positions. Board and General Membership affirmed the nominations.
 - d. Meeting dates for the 2015-2016 School year are as follows:
 - September 24, 2015,
 - December 9, 2015,
 - March 10, 2016, and
 - May 11, 2016.The Board will meet at 2:30 and the General Membership is welcome to attend at 3:30 to begin Collaboration. Bernadette confirmed Rm 15 at NHDOE for all meetings.
 - e. Jayne will share information about SSWAA and participating in the Delegate Assembly. Another Board member will assume this role in Jayne's place at a future date this year.
 - f. Jocelyn reported that we renewed our status as a non-profit with the state which expires on December 31 2017. Jocelyn also reported that we have \$6,054.16 in our account.
 - g. Elin noted that the Association maintains a commitment to the data collection and focus group work of Kristina Lind and School Social Workers in NH.

3. Conclusion of Board Meeting

General Membership Collaboration

1. A warm welcome and many thanks to our guest, Lee Pozzi Rush, who holds an MSW and is the Clinical Assistant Professor, Assistant Field Coordinator, and Manchester MSW Coordinator for the UNH Department of Social Work. Lee shared information about the

many programs in which she is involved as well as for the goals of incoming students. There is a growing pool of candidates for the online MSW degree and an increasing interest in dual programs. One is a dual degree program which consists of a master of social work (M.S.W.), as well as a master of science (M.S.) in kinesiology with a concentration in outdoor education.

2. A warm welcome is also extended to Kristina Lind who returned to share updates on her research on school social workers in NH and continued plans for focus groups to gather information about current practices and needs. Kristina is an LICSW and Assistant Professor for the Department of Social Work at Plymouth State University. Kristina reported that every principal in 475 schools in the state received a letter of inquiry to identify any staff member with a social work bachelors or masters level degree who is employed in their district in any capacity. Although she has received a number of responses, there are still many who have not replied. If members are aware of any individuals with a social work degree in schools, please contact Kristina as soon as possible at ksl101@plymouth.edu.
3. Focus Groups for Kristina's project will begin as soon as individuals are trained to conduct them. Focus groups will be no more than 8-10 people with two facilitators and last approximately 90 minutes. There will be a specific script to follow for required responses although additional information from the discussion will also be considered. Focus groups need to be completed before June 19th so if you are interested, please contact Kristina at ksl1010@plymouth.edu.
4. End of 2015 Annual meeting. Please join us in September for the next NHSSWA meeting at the Department of Ed in Concord. Have a great summer!

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