

## NHSSW Annual Meeting Minutes May 10, 2012

### 2:30-3:30 Board of Directors Mtg.

**Attending:** Elin Pelland, Jayne Ludwig, Frances Strayer   **Absent:** Bernadette Pelczar, Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott, Cynthia Collea

Approval of minutes from March 8, 2012

Nominations of Board:

Frances Strayer	2012-14
Bernadette Pelczar	2012-14
Cynthia Collea	2012-14

Maria Easton forwarded her response from the School Social Work Association of America

*Hi New Hampshire SSWAA members:*

*My name is Howard Blonsky and I currently serve as the Northeast area representative on the SSWAA Board. At our recent conference in Boston, we spoke to a number of School Social Workers from states that currently do not have a state SSW organization. I am not sure how many of you may have attended the conference, and may have been involved in a discussion with members of the Board about your state becoming a state organization? I wanted to reach out to you, current members of SSWAA from New Hampshire, to offer support from our leadership. SSWAA currently has some twenty three state affiliates, and they make up the Delegate Assembly of the organization. We also have a support to states committee, and are reaching out to you, as well as others, who may be in the process of contemplating such a state organization, or would like some assistance in pulling together a leadership group who can undertake such a developmental process.*

*I am not sure how many School Social Workers there may be in New Hampshire, but having an estimate of those numbers would be very helpful. Some state departments of education keep a database of various disciplines who serve in the schools, including School Social Workers. If such a list exists, or if there is someone in the Department of Education who can provide names and contact information to us, that also would be very helpful. In any case, we are wondering where New Hampshire may be in undertaking the development of a State SSW organization?*

*I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any specific requests for assistance, I would be glad to present your request to our Executive Director and Board, and will get back to you in a timely manner.*

*Best wishes, Howard*

Jayne Ludwig will contact Howard Blonsky at the SSWAA

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We would like to have a representative from SSWAA attend our fall meeting to share what the SSWAA has to offer us as a group and/or individuals.

**General Meeting: 3:30-5:30**

Laura Piscitello, Exeter School District, Carol James, Exeter School District, Colleen LeBeau, Sheryl Power, Pauline Laliberte, Frances Strayer, Elin Pelland, Jayne Ludwig, Cathy Caswell, Maria Easton

Election of officer slate for 2012-13

Jayne Ludwig            CoChair  
Elin Pelland            CoChair  
Frances Strayer        Secretary  
Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott   Treasurer

Discussion of the annual conference of the SSWAA. Laura and Carol brought back a sense of excitement from the conference. Everyone would like to pursue this connection.

**Establish meetings for the 2012-13**

Thur. Sept. 27, 2012    2:30 Board Meeting    3:30-5:00 Peer Consultation Meeting  
Tues January 22, 2012   2:30 Board Meeting    3:30-5:00 Peer Consultation Meeting  
Thur. March 28, 2012   2:30 Board Meeting    3:30-5:00 Peer Consultation Meeting  
Tues. May 14, 2012     2:30 Board Meeting    3:30-5:00 Annual Meeting/Planning meeting

**Goals for 2012-13**

Explore collaboration with SSWAA  
Develop web page for use by membership and to increase membership

Collaborative discussion

Elin shared an article:

The link for the University of Maryland School of Medicine Article, *The Impact of School Mental Health: Educational, Emotional and Behavioral Outcomes* can be found here:

<http://csmh.umaryland.edu/Resources/OtherResources/CSMHImpactofSMH.pdf>.

The American School Counseling Assn. has info about the federal grant, to expand school counseling and mental health services, on their website (lower left hand side) at <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>