

ACOSA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2009
San Antonio, Texas

Present: *Deborah Adams, Elizabeth Beck, Alice Butterfield, Wendy Campbell, Sondra Fogel, Karen Gray, Michelle Kelley, Yossi Korazim, Jerry Marx, Terry Mizrahi Irene Queiro-Tajalli, Roy Rodenhiser, Kathryn Rutz, Ana Santiago, Lee Staples, Tracy Soska, Charles Trent*

Welcome

Tracy welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked and introduced Sondra Fogel who was elected as Vice-President and Chair-Elect for ACOSA. He also encouraged everyone to visit the ACOSA booth.

He reminded folks about the ACOSA "In the Field" event for the afternoon that would tour the River Walk Extension by barge and then visit Haven For Hope near downtown San Antonio.

Minutes

Irene Queiro-Tajalli moved to accept board minutes from 2008; Jerry Marx seconded.

Financial Report Charles Trent

In 2008 and 2007 there was a balance between assets and liabilities. In 2008 there was greater support from royalties, but the costs increased over time as well.

For 2008-2009 there is a \$5,000 deficit (estimate based on not knowing full cost of CSWE). However there is money from equity to cover all expenses.

The loss of revenue is based on a decrease in membership, and Charles recommended that the finance committee needed to be expanded in order to address the financial issues

Lee Staples moved to approve the 2009 audit and the financial report presented by Charles, Irene seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Journal of Community Practice (Alice Butterfield, Ana Santiago and Kathy Rutz)

Ana Santiago and Alice Johnson Butterfield gave a brief report on publishing:

- Issues 17 3 -17 5 are submitted and will come out by the end of the year.
- Manuscripts (25 invited) for a special edition on service learning are out for review. The edition should come out 2010.(March?)
- Publication rate is about 37%.
- 40 Manuscripts are under review most attached to the special issue.

- Alice Butterfield indicated that there will be a special issue on Africa and that the first author needs to be living in Africa. She and Benson Chisanga will co-edit this special issue.

Kathy Rutz - Taylor and Francis:

- Spoke highly about the interaction with the group and the potential of the journal.
- She indicated that Taylor and Francis has the capacity to gather data showing: 1) number of international subscribers, 2) on line usage, 3) top 10 downloaded articles 4) how content is accessed.
- Announcement made that in 2010 there will be again be a Marie Weil award that carries money.

Discussion was opened up and ideas from the board included

- Sending an email blast indicating the articles that have been selected as open access on line.
- A desire to develop the Special Edition as Books program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APM - COSA Track

Tracy thanked ***Karen Gray*** for all of her hard work over the past several years as COSA symposium and now Track chair.

Karen noted the COSA Track and program schedule at APM and thanked Tracy and Sandra Pasada for their work on the ACOSA “In the Field” event to follow the board meeting.

Roy “Butch” Rodenhiser from the Western Region agreed to chair the 2010 COSA Track for CSWE-APM in Portland in October 2010.

ACOSA Awards

Marilyn Sullivan-Cosetti could not be present for the Board meeting and so Tracy noted the Awardees to be recognized at the Annual Membership Meeting November 8, 2000: :

- **Career Achievement - *John Morrison Professor Emeritus, nominated by Terry Mizrahi***
- **Emerging Scholar - *Scott Harding University of Connecticut, nominated by Alice Johnson Butterfield and Tracy Soska***
- **Student - *Herberto “Eddie” Cruz nominated by Paul H. Stuart, Florida International University School of Social Work***

Communications Committee

Michele Kelley, Chair reported that the Communication Committee is:

- Monitoring web and news outlets for relevant community practice information.

- Developing a beta version on facebook

Additional goals of the committee are to:

- Identify best practices.
- Create a layering of website for both public and member only information
- Create a discussion board

Chris Valley will be taking over as newsletter Editor and will be moving it to on-line, a direction that was strongly endorsed by the board.

Membership

Tracy indicated that this is a critical committee as we move ahead. The drop in ACOSA membership that Charles noted in the Financial Report has continued over the past two years, and concerns with School budgets and other cutbacks was also discussed.

Terry Mizrahi has pushed efforts to follow-up with past members and board, and to build membership, included institutional memberships. Board members were asked to join the efforts.

Other Business

Tracy is hoping to host a national forum in the Fall (possibly at the University of Pittsburgh) on Community Organizing competencies and credentialing

International

Yossi Korazim and Lee Staples reported results of international survey that indicated:

- 71 individuals completed the questionnaire
- 36 people would like to be a part of the international committee.
- ACOSA members have relationships with 63 countries with most of them Canada, India, Mexico, United Kingdom, Israel. Of these; 3/4 involved community and social development projects and, 1/3 University development.
- When asked about the role the ACOSA International Committee should play the following five responses were given most frequently:
 - Professional exchange, 86%
 - Sharing best practices, 85%
 - Promoting Institutional linkages 80%
 - Comparative Research – 78%
 - Mentoring Emerging Scholars – 72%

Next steps include developing subcommittees to support the above areas of work, and creating a spread sheet to indicate the place and scope of members' international work.

Announcements Tracy hoping to host a national forum (possibly at the University of Pittsburgh) on Community Organizing competencies and credentialing

The Board Meeting adjourned for an ***International Presentation*** by *Yossi Korazim* on *Social Welfare Policy Changes in Israel and Its Impact*.