

ACOSA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 16, 2010
Portland, OR (CSWE-APM)

Attending: Elizabeth Beck (Recording), J. Bralik, Fred Brooks, Steve Burghardt, Ram Cnaan, Dick Cook, Karen Cook, Sondra Fogel, Sarah Fryer, Dee Gamble, Donna Hardina, Scott Harding, Jan Ivery, Heath Johnson, Michele Kelley, Jerry Marx, Jessica McDonald (Taylor & Francis), Terry Mizahi, Jill Munoz, Shinichi Murota, Mary Ohmer, Sudershan Pasupuleti, Susan Robbins, Roy Rodenhiser, Mary Rogge, Louise Simmons, Cynthia Rocha, Tracy Soska, Lee Staples, Marilyn Sullivan-Cosetti, Marie Weil, Michael Wright (another 20+ folks attended but part of the attendance list has been lost)

Tracy called meeting to order after a short networking reception.

1. New Business

- a. Minutes of 2009 were accepted unanimously
- b. Financial Report (Tracy Soska) reminded everyone that there is a positive cash flow this year and a \$40,000 CD which is investment but will need to be reinvested. Any ideas for possible investment please let ACOSA know. Motion to accept report by Jerry Marx and seconded by Lee Staples. Report was unanimously accepted

2. Chair Report (Tracy)

Tracy reported that over his tenure as chair of ACOSA, ACOSA has seen significant changes including the transition to a new Journal editor Taylor and Francis. Tracy extended thanks to Dee Gamble for her presentation on teaching “Half the Sky” and Steve Burghardt for his presentation on his new book.

He also reported that the membership campaign has been moving along successfully and that new officers are in place, including incoming chair, Sondra Fogel. Tracy received a standing ovation from the members.

3. Report Journal Community Practice editor (Louise)

Louise has reported that this has been a successful year for the JCP which as it has just completed the last issue of volume 18. A special issue on service learning has also just been completed. Subscriptions are maintaining and hits and downloads are very high as they are over 1,000 per month. Dee Gamble has agreed to be co book editor. Scott Harding has moved from associate to full editor. The editors will suggest to ACOSA that they will work on a process for editorship. Louise asked that when an article from the JCP is used in a class to please SEND STUDENTS THE LINK RATHER THAN A PDF AS IT PROVIDES MORE ACCURATE DATA ON DOWNLOAD AND USAGE.

Jessica McDonald from Taylor and Francis reiterated the positive data regarding the “excellent” usage of the JCP. Additionally she noted that if a library is thinking about stopping the JCP ask them to call T& F so that T& F can work with them.

For citation index it is important that JCP articles are cited in manuscripts submitted to JCP and beyond.

Other suggestions included listing journal on Macro Syllabi.

For more information please review minutes from the Journal of Community Practice Editorial Board Meeting.

4. Committee Reports

a. Communications report (Michelle Kelley)

Michele reported that the committee been successful in implementing the goals of last year which included

- Development of a Facebook page.
- Members only web portal to include syllabi and information on competencies.

b. International Committee (Lee staples)

The international committee has developed three subcommittees, which was based on a survey 2009

i. Subcommittee One-Sharing best International Practices (Dee and Shinichi)

This group hosted Half the Sky discussion. Additional ideas

- Include trying to plug into Social Work day at the United Nations
- Connecting with other international associations
- Identifying best practices region by region

ii. Subcommittee Two- Collaborative International Research (Yossi and Irene)

It was announced that there would be a Conference call regarding Cross national initiatives with International Association of Community Development.

iii. Subcommittee Three Mentoring non US scholars (Jerry Marx)

This subcommittee has developed a mission statement, vehicle for international authors seeking support, process for evaluation.

Lee indicated that he will be stepping down and there is a need for a co-chair of the committee (Sudershan Pasupuleti, agreed to co-chair with Yossi Korazim and Shinichi Murota)

Lee was thanked for his service.

Nominations committee (no report)

c. Symposium Committee

Butch – ACOSA was ranked seventh of the 40 tracks in the number of accepted papers.

Sondra encouraged membership to volunteer to be reviewers. .

d. Membership Committee (Terry Mizrahi_

As always the committee is working to support memberships renewal and will be determining a strategy to market to macro practice field instructors

5. Strategic discussion (Sondra Fogel)

Please review newsletter re NASW Congress and the National Network perhaps an ACOSA track.

Dee reported that there was an ACOSA meeting in which the EPAS competencies and practice behaviors were discussed. Two models of competencies were presented which included the model that the University of Pittsburgh was using, and work that Dee has been doing on competencies for a number of years. Dee, Tracy and Sondra will continue to work on models which will be provided to ACOSA members.

ACOSA was present at BPD in 2009 and will be again in 2010 and will also have a booth at SWWR in 2011.

With board support ACOSA will be co-sponsoring the EU-US Symposium meeting taking place at Pitt examining the state of the art of community development. May 5-7, 2011. ACOSA funding will be provided for travel for individuals in the U.S. with EU travel and lodging supported by Pitt's European Union Center.

Sondra Thanked Tracy for his support and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Beck ACOSA Secretary