**MSCSW Board Meeting Minutes 1/13/2018**

**The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM.**

Present: Board Members Nan Karl, Steve Franklin, Susan Vanous, Linda Pevnick, Jenny Voss and Executive Director, Jodi Hogue

Absent: Shelly Justison, Jesse Berg, Julie Warren

Jodi highlighted action items and reviewed the context of the last meeting. The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as distributed by email by Linda Pevnick.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Steve presented the Treasurer’s Report and proposed budget.

**Motion: Steve moved to establish a budget at 2017 levels with the adjustment of increasing the CSWA budget to $3,000 as based in 2017.** Jenny seconds. There was some discussion as to what level of participation in CSWA would take place. **Motion carried unanimously.** In clarification, Steve stated that the CSWA contribution level of $3000 is not presumed at this time.

**Special**

**Non-Profit Status**

Nan met with two CPAs at Conner Ash LLC for an initial consult. Immediately after that, at Nan’s request, Shelly Justison requested an email vote of the Board to authorize a $150 payment for Bob Klutho, who is a non-profit specialist with 30 years of experience at the firm, to do some telephone research regarding tax-exempt vs. non-profit status. In a subsequent phone call, Bob indicated that his internal tax director did not recommend calling the IRS at this time.

**Motion: Nan moved to allocate the $3,000 we spent this past year as a contribution to CSWA to hiring a tax attorney and helping to resolve tax exempt status**. The motion was seconded and after discussion, **Nan withdrew her motion.**

Linda Pevnick agreed to call Al Barton to ask about IRS participation in the past.

Jenny Voss and Jodi Hogue will go through old records looking for any correspondence from the IRS.

Steve will contact the MO Division of Professional Registration to find out what would be entailed in changing our name to more accurately reflect our geographical area in terms of our ability to sponsor CE events.

Jenny agrees to look for a tax attorney specializing in non-profit tax issues. Funding will be requested via email when a suitable attorney is located.

Nan agreed to check out Rubin Brown and Goldstein for a Tax Attorney and to research online as well.

**Liability Insurance**

The CPA Nan met with recently strongly suggests obtaining Directors and Officers Insurance. Linda agreed to look into this ASAP. Susan Vanous provided the name of the organization that provided the insurance in Atlanta to her organization there.

**Membership**

Nan reminded the Board that a new membership chair is needed inasmuch as she has taken over the role of secretary. Jodi presented some statistics on current levels of membership as follows:

Membership – 43/29 LCSWs, 6/3 LMSWs, 4 students, 64 lapsed (2016 & 2017)

A decision was made to postpone the March membership meeting, no new date set. Jodi will make an announcement at the trainings and will send out an email.

**Collaboration - Jesse, Chair**

No report.

**Advocate – Steve, Chair**

Steve presented a report from the most recent State meeting. Some of the items included discussion on state audits identifying noncompliance, a House bill which would waive fees for needy, military and under 25 applicants. There is ongoing consideration of combining behavioral health boards but no legislation for that at this time. There is a bill specifying the duties of peer support specialists. Technology standards have been incorporated into NASW standards as of January 7, 2018.

**Education – Jenny, Chair**

Jenny reported that we are all set for this year. If anyone has any ideas for 2 hour presenters next year, please contact Jenny. Regarding the September Event, Jenny will look into a speaker for MAT (Medication Assisted Treatments for substance abuse) for September. She recently attended an outstanding presentation and it was agreed by all that the subject is very relevant. She will pursue the organization that provided the training she attended to see if we can make it an all-day training for September.

The next workshop, on February 10th, is on Ethics. We will not be bringing desserts as we did the last couple of years. Jenny agreed to help Jodi out with registration and setup.

**Next Board Meeting: February 10th at 12:30. Bring your own lunch or eat beforehand.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Nan Karl, Secretary**