

**WISCONSIN SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Jaci Fuller, President	West Central District
Dave Turk, President Elect	South Central District
Christy Mancl, Past President	North Central District
Sherri Arnold, Treasurer	Southeastern District
Theresa Hannes, Secretary	Southeastern District
David Zeller, Parliamentarian	South Central District
Kathy Brown, Historian	North Central District
Denise Jeffers, District President	North Central District
Fran Snippen, District President	Northland District
Kevin Loef, District President	Southeastern District
Christy Duhr, District President	South Central District
Jaci Fuller, District President	West Central District
Vacant District President	Eastern District

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

The Committee met on the following dates and places:

July 10, 2008	Sauk County Human Services, Baraboo
October 10, 2008	Sauk County Human Services, Baraboo
December 5, 2008	Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake
January 23, 2009	Sauk County Human Services, Baraboo
March 27, 2009	Sauk County Human Services, Baraboo
May 26, 2009	Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake

**OBJECTIVES AND CHALLENGES:**

The challenges were many, as the year started out with the office of the President vacant. Christy Mancl, Past President, filled in to lead until Jaci Fuller volunteered in October to be President of the Association and was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Committee. Because of the late start, no specific goals were identified. However, as in past years, the Executive Committee explored ways to increase membership of individuals and counties. An increase in agency memberships was accomplished. Another focus was more participation of members on committees, however with higher caseloads and agencies facing

budget cuts, many committees remain inactive. Contacts were made to members interested in serving on a committee, and the ES/EBD Committee was one that was able to meet. This will be an ongoing challenge each year.

The list of agency liaisons, by district, was updated. The majority of the positions are now filled with individuals volunteering to post material sent to them by the Operations Committee. This is an ongoing project.

Districts were represented by district presidents with the exception of the Eastern District. District meetings were not held due to low participation in the past. Discussions were held regarding having regional trainings again and plans have begun to have them in the fall, 2009.

The web site continues to be a good source for information and is updated as needed. Agency liaisons receive posters usually on a monthly basis to inform members and potential members of training, award information, state office elections and other pertinent information. The UPDATE, the Association newsletter, was only published once this year and provides members of the Association news. Members were asked if they would like to receive the UPDATE by U.S. Mail or by e-mail.

The mid-year training held at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, in December, 2008, was a success. The Conference Planning Committee has worked diligently to provide a successful Annual Training Institute and Conference for 2009.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations include continued communication between committees as they do not meet every month nor in the same location. It would be beneficial if all the committees met at the same location, at least most of the time, in order to facilitate better communication.

It is recommended having committee meetings in a central location, so that there will be less travel time for all. WSSA is a State-wide Association, and more members might be able to participate if meetings were scheduled in a more centrally located place in the State.

The Association should be aware of State issues and policies and express opinions via resolutions and letters to appropriate State departments and/or legislators in order to have a voice in changes that occur. WSSA has been and can continue to be an influence on policies and changes.

The Executive Committee should strive to continue providing excellent training opportunities at regional trainings, mid-year and the annual training institute and conference for everyone working in the social/human services field.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaci Fuller  
2008/09 WSSA President

