



WISCONSIN SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 1st, 2006 –June 30th, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Paula Hintze, President	Eastern District
Christy Mancl, President-Elect	North Central District
Kevin Loef, Past-President	Southeastern District
Denise Jeffers, Treasurer	North Central District
Linda E. Sweet, Secretary	South Central District
Jaci Fuller, Parliamentarian	West Central District
Kathy Brown, Historian	North Central District
Stephanie Gagnon, District President	Eastern District
Chris Hanten, District President	North Central District
Vacant – District President	Northland District
David Zeller – District President	South Central District
Faith Valenti – District President	Southeastern District
Vacant – District President	West Central District

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

Committee met the following dates and Places:

August 15 th , 2006	Holiday Inn, Stevens Point (Executive & Organizational/Informational)
October 6 th , 2006	Sauk County, Baraboo
December 1 st , 2006	Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake
January 26 th , 2007	Columbia County, Portage
April 19 th , 2007	Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake
May 30 th , 2007	Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR:

1. Increase individual memberships by 20% and agency memberships by 30%.
 - a. This objective was not obtained, however many contacts have been made and we believe that people are interested in being involved in a statewide professional organization and believe in our mission.
2. Explore possibilities of collaborating with other organizations.
 - a. The organization that we have been able to connect with this year was the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP). NAWDP is a national workforce development organization with over 300 members in WI This organization is providing us with a workshop and will be having a vendor table at this year's conference. NAWDP is also offering new members who join through the WSSA conference a 20% discount on their annual

membership. They also permitted us to send conference booklets to all of their WI members in attempts to increase attendance at our conference.

- b. Income Maintenance Advisory Committee (IMAC) Jackie Bennett of Racine County continues to be our liaison to this committee.
- c. Marketing for our conference were made to the following organizations:
 - i. Wisconsin School Social Workers Association
 - ii. Child Welfare Training Partnerships in WI
 - iii. Wisconsin Employment and Training Association (WETA)
 - iv. WCHSA
 - v. Social Work Departments at UW- Oshkosh, UW- Green Bay and UW- Milwaukee

3. Complete handbooks for each committee/position.

- a. We have put together new handbooks for each committee that will be provided to the committee chair.(If you are in possession of any of WSSA handbooks and are no longer participating please return them)

CHALLENGES

Supporting District involvement

Encouraging Committee participation

Marketing the annual Conference and Training Institute

How to increase county and individual membership?

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Organizational Meeting was held on 8/15/07 to give all members an opportunity to share ideas about the area of: Conference Planning, Association Website, Update- Associations Newsletter and the Association as a whole. Many ideas were generated.

True Colors Regional trainings were held in the fall at several locations throughout the State: Richland Center, West Bend and Shawano.

Committee handbooks have been recreated and are available to committee chairs..

WSSA Economic Support/Elderly, Blind and Disabled Committee began meeting again on April 20th at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Mary Grell-Waukesha County agreed to be the Chair this committee and Ann Oven-Waukesha Co. agreed to be Secretary. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5/30/07

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW COMMITTEE

More discussion on how to get counties/individuals to be members of WSSA. Continuing working to keep EBD committee going strong. Work towards getting other members interested in joining this committee as well as taking leadership roles in becoming active in other committees.

Respectfully Submitted By:

WSSA Executive Secretary
May 31st, 2007