



Washington Counseling Association
Board Meeting
February 16, 2016
8:00 p.m. – 9:25p.m.
Skype

Washington Counseling Association board meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., February 16, 2016 through Skype. President Becky Rudd presided. Governing Council members present for all or part of the meeting were as follows:

Brooke Lundquist, Graduate Student Representative
Terri Schwartz, Bylaws and Ethics Chair
Morgan Watson, Publication Chair and Social Media
Kristina Li, Secretary
Mollie Schweitzer, Past president

Samantha Renner was not in attendance.

Announcements

i. Financial health

Email scam was received by previous treasurer requesting \$8000 wire transfer from Becky Rudd's email address. Wire transfer was made initially. As soon as it was discovered to be a scam it was canceled and complaint to FBI was made. Money has not come back into WCA bank account at this time. WCA's bank is working on the case.

WCA current balance is approximately \$32000 including \$8000 loss.

Board made the decision to inform WCA members of recent events to remain transparent. Becky Rudd will send out email about the situation.

ii. President-elect and treasurer positions

There are currently two potential candidates for President-Elect position and one candidate for Membership Chair.

iii. Samantha Renner resignation

Samantha Renner has resigned from President-Elect position.

Position was created to increase board's stability and will not be replaced at this time.

New business

i. Dr. David Kaplan's ethics presentation

Becky Rudd has reserved Dr. Kaplan to present on topic of ethics. WCA will pay \$1600 for travel and board, plus per diem.

Dr. David Kaplan will fly to Seattle on June 16th to present at Northwest University. The reserved room seats up to 100 people. He will fly to Spokane on June 17 and present on June 18th. Becky Rudd will try to reserve Riverpoint auditorium that can seat up to 120 people. Maximum price for the auditorium is estimated to be \$300.

Attendees will earn 6 CEUs. Admission prices: \$95 for professionals, \$65 for new professionals and \$35 for student. Members will receive a \$15 discount.

It was moved by Brooke Lundquist and seconded Terri Schwartz to approve event costs and admission prices. Motion passed.

ii. Newsletter

It was previously discussed to start an electronic WCA Newsletter to engage and contribute to members. Newsletter may include policy changes, internships, board progress, as well as members' contributions. First issue is planned for May.

Becky Rudd will email WCA members asking to contribute their written material.

iii. Research opportunity for members

Becky Rudd received several requests for research and call for participants amongst our members. There is no current policy on research participants requests. In order to keep it from junk mail it will be included in the newsletter.

iv. Board members benefits

Multiple board members have resigned from the board since the beginning of 2015 term. Stable board is important for stability and continuation of the WCA.

Terri Schwartz, Kristina Li and Becky Rudd will form a committee to discuss leadership and board benefits.

Old business

i. WCA 2016 conference

Discussion about location for the conference Seattle (Brooke, Morgan, Terrie) or Spokane (Mollie, Kristina). Brooke Lundquist moves and Terrie Schwartz seconds to plan 2016 WCA conference in Seattle. Motion passed.

Overwhelmingly good response on both speakers this year. Quality speakers appear to have better responses. Potential speakers Robert wobelding, Steven Hase, Laura Jones (neuroscience and CBT), Kristina Conte, Brene Brown.

Potential themes for 2016 WCA conference are neuroscience, youth, MI.

Becky Rudd and Kristina Li will put together Seattle based committee and quotes from potential speakers and will check other competing conferences and events in the area to set up dates.

Washington Counseling Association Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.