STSW Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Hilton Easton Columbus, Ohio

Kim Ansley, Conference co-chair, welcomed the attendees, gave announcements and turned the microphone over to Jan Hart, STSW President.

Jan Hart called the meeting to order at 12:45p.m.

Reports:

Secretary's report

Jan Hart, President, reported the minutes are posted on the website, corrections made and now are officially approved. Denise Alloway not present. Pat Voorhes, covering.

Treasurer's report

Pat Voorhes, Treasurer, presented the 2014 report. 2014 Ordinary income $196,611.72; 2014 total expenses $168,269.29, 2014 net profit $28,463.08. Checking account as of 10/2/15: $20,153.72. Money Market as of 10/2/15: $332,421.31. This year’s per person cost for the conference = $619.44.

Exhibitor chair’s report

Mary Beth Callahan, Exhibitor Chair, presented the 2014 report. This year, exhibitor’s income totaled $77,550.00. She encouraged gratitude towards exhibitors.

Public Policy report

Mary Beth Callahan, Chair. Mary Beth participated at the Kidney Community Advocacy Day September 10, 2015 representing STSW. She joined with 15 other organizations in advocating for the Living Donor Act of 2015 and increased NIH funding for kidney research. STSW continues to collaborate with CMS (Proposed Measure: Access to Transplantation), & UNOS and more recently with the Consortium of Health Care Social Work Organizations. Mary Beth asked those present to act now to prevent increases to 2016 Medicare Part B premiums and deductible.

Membership report

Kim Ansley & Melissa Skillman co-chairs. STSW currently has 282 paid, active members. Memberships are currently annual: January 1 through December 31. Members will receive 2 email reminders. One of the benefits of memberships is the Progress in Transplantation Journal. 19 people received scholarships this year. Special thanks to STSW and HHL for providing scholarships. HHL has announced they will provide their 10 annual scholarships in 2016.

Election:

Janet Stevenson, Historian and Nominating Committee Chair. Jan Hart reports this is not an election year. Next year all 4 offices will be elected. Janet Stevenson will announce the slate of officers when it is available.

Appointments of Board Members:

Jan Hart announced that Nancy Edgington is the new Kidney/Pancreas MAL; Laurie Shore is the Living Donor MAL. Liver MAL, Bylaws and Multicultural Issues are vacant. If you are interested in these positions please contact a Board Member.

Year in Review

Mission Statement: Jan Hart read the STSW Mission Statement in preparing for the Year in Review:

Build Connections

Tactics: Internal Connections

* 30th Annual International Conference
* Organ Specific Lunch Tables Wednesday
* Opportunity to gather for dinner with board members or organ specific fellow social workers

Tactics: Website

* Our public face
* Forum is gaining momentum
* Encouraged to subscribe to the forum

Tactics: Society Pages

* Newsletter editor is Laurie McDonald
* Desire to publish quarterly
* Expanding content

Tactics: Mentoring Programs

* Launching this week at conference
* Gratitude to Nancy Arnold and her committee
* Mentees and Mentor sign ups
* Updates will be received through Society Pages or Emails

Tactics: Annual Survey

* Developed by Laurie McDonald
* Tallies very important information
* Available onsite and at the STSW table

Build Connections

Tactics: External Connections

* All surveys must now go through Research for eligibility for posting on our site.
* New STSW brochure mailed to all Transplant Directors.
* Exhibiting at the UNOS Transplant Managers Forum Spring of 2016.
* Thoratec has invited us to participate in their Reimbursement Roundtable webinars to present the CCSW-MCS credential.
* Participated in the Kidney Community Advocacy Day.
* News briefs and advocacy alerts are on the website.

Tactics: Professional Colloboration

* STSW and CNSW will exchange speakers at each of their events. Noelle Dimitri and Colleen Satarino will speak for STSW at the CNSW conference.
* IHSLT has invited STSW to participate in their working group on components of a psychosocial assessment.
* SSWLHW has invited STSW to a collaboration of health care social work groups next week in Austin.
* Mary Beth will attend.

Jan asked if any member gives a talk anywhere to please inform us and we will post it on our website.

Jan asked that when TJC/CMS/UNOS come calling to be sure to point out you have CEUs from this conference and if you have a credential point that out too.

Build Infrastructure:

* CEUs: Kay Kendall was acknowledged for her tenacity in her quest for CEUs for this conference. The challenges are increasing each year as some states decide to not use NASW CEU’s.
* Cost cutting measures: Kim Ansley and Melissa Skillman negotiated a great price for the journal *Progress in Transplantation.* This was reviewed and approvedwith the Journal’s new CEO.
* A new committee is forming to consider methods for earning CEU’s in addition to our conference. Janet Stevenson and Beth Hyland are co-chairs.

Build Professional Standards:

* The conference offers a minimum of 15 CEUs each year. The education is relevant to our practices.
* A pediatric assessment tool was developed with a subsection to address the teenage client. Thank You to Molly Dugan and her committee.
* Add-ons to our adult assessment tool for MCS are being presented this week at the conference. Thank You to Beth Mosele and Janet Stevenson.

Credential: Noelle Dimitri

* STSW offers two credentials: CCTSW and CCSW-MCS.
* Some members have earned two, please list them as follows: *Jan Hart, LCSW, CCTSW, CCSW-MCS*
* Credentials expire 3 years from your approval date.
* 15 of the 30 CEU’s required for the credential must be transplant related.
* Credential update 2014 we added 17 CCTSW’s; in 2015 we are adding 19. There were no CCSW-MCS; 2015 we are adding 11.

Noelle acknowledged the CCTSW Credentialing committee members: Dawn Burroughs, Alice Chang, David Cooper, Christine Hines, Sandy McMath, Susan Davis-Long, & Beth Mosele

Noelle Dimitri presented the new credential recipients. Those that were present for the CCTSW picture included: Kaitlin Ray, Floyd Johnson, Merle Kushner, Eric Richman, Lauren Schmidt, and Karen Tanklow. Those that were present for the CCSW-MCS picture included: Jan Hart, Carol Lee, Beth Mosele, Jeremy O’Connor, Janet Stevenson, and Gayle West.

Awards:

Jan Hart presented the 2015 Lee Suszycki Memorial Award to Beth Mosele

Laurie McDonald presented the 2015 Judy Midelfort Memorial Award to Pat Voorhes.

Jan Hart acknowledged the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. She thanked those exiting the Board this year: Tobie Kleinhaus-LeRoux and Dorothy Rocha.

The OHIO conference committee was acknowledged and presented with gifts.

Conference co-chairs: Melissa Skillman & Kimberly Ansley

Program Chair: Megan Bowers and Kay Kendall

National Exhibitor Chair: Mary Beth Callahan

Communication: Lynn Deye

Melissa, Kim and Megan were presented with bouquets of roses from OSU for a job well done.

Jan Hart reviewed the Refresh Session the BOD participated in on Tuesday 10/6. She stated the BOD is on course and will be communicating with the membership soon.

Chris Hines, 2016 conference co-chair, played a video about San Diego and invited everyone to attend.

Jan Hart mentioned the BODs are looking for sites to host 2017, 2018, & 2019. She mentioned it is not as hard as it used to be because we hire professional help to help with some of the more intense jobs.

Jan Hart adjourned the annual meeting at 1:55pm.

Patricia Voorhes, Acting secretary in Denise Alloway’s absence.