STSW Annual Business Meeting

 Wednesday October 20. 2021 – 12:00 – 12:15 PM EST

 Via Virtual Platform

Molly Dugan opened the meeting by greeting attendees, sharing general announcements and thanking the membership for their attendance to the 2021 STSW conference. Molly explained that the Business Meeting is held yearly and this year it would again be shortened to 15 minutes versus an hour due to the virtual conference format. Molly let the membership know that the full power point presentation will be on the conference website and the STSW website for review later in the day.

REPORTS

Secretary’s Report—Molly said that STSW Secretary, Dawn Warfield, would be posting the minutes from this meeting on the STSW website. Molly explained that minutes from past STSW Annual Meetings are available on the STSW website for review.

Treasurer’s Report—Moly reviewed the income and expensed for the year, reporting that the monies generated from Credentialing fees amount to only a small amount (about 5%) of the income generated and that the conference remains the Society’s largest expense and accounts for the largest revenue received.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

On behalf of STSW, Molly thanked the 2021 Virtual Conference Committee for their hard work and dedication to allow STSW to offer another amazing conference this year. Molly acknowledged the generous support from the conference exhibitors who helped to make the conference possible and thanked them for their continued support. Molly encouraged conference participants to connect with the Exhibitors through the conference website.

Molly briefly shared the results of the annual survey and encouraged conference participants to review the report for further details. Molly said that of 502 surveys sent, 180 responses were received. She attributed the lower response rate to electronic fatigue associated with the pandemic.

Molly said that STSW was planning to be an Exhibitor again at the Transplant Management Forum this year in Denver, CO. Due to the COVID-!9 pandemic, the forum changed to a virtual conference and the Executive Committee decided to defer STSW’s registration until 2022. The plan is now to exhibit at this conference in 2022.

Molly shared that STSW is working with UNOS Connect to offer additional transplant related Social Work CEU’s. Molly also said that she was pleased to announce that transplant-specific contact hours will now be offered through the quarterly educational calls with the Chairs of the various organ specific committees. Molly said that these contact hours can be applied to STSW credentialing both for new applications as well as re-certifications.

Molly said that she was pleased to announce that STSW now has 565 members an 18% increase from last year. Molly advised STSW members and conference attendees that membership is renewed annually on the date of that a member joined or renewed in 2021. Molly said that three emails reminders to renew are sent. (two prior and one after the renewal date).

Molly reported noted that STSW awarded 14 scholarships to the 2021 STSW virtual conference.

Molly provided a brief update on credentialing noting there are now 284 STSW members who hold credential’s (CCTSW, CCSW-MCS, CCTSW-MCS). Molly said the number of STSW members credentialed continues to build with approximately half of STSW members holding a credential. Molly shared that the list of those credential can be found on the STSW website.

Molly said that STSW has 15 active committees with every board position having a committee to support their work. Molly advised members how to join a committee on the STSW conference and the STSW website.

ELECTION

Molly explained that the Treasurer and Secretary role is due to be re-elected this year. The candidates are Kristen DeVoe and Dawn Warfield. Molly explained the election process to attendees and the membership voted using the electronic poll during the Annual Business Meeting. The voting results were subsequently announced after the votes were cast. Kristen was re-elected to the role of Treasurer and Dawn was re-elected to the role of Secretary.

APPRECIATIONS

Molly expressed her deep gratitude and appreciation to Laurie McDonald and Jan Hart, both past presidents of STSW, who will be competing their terms on Board at the end of this year. Molly spoke of both Laurie and Jan’s immeasurable contributions to STSW.

Molly also expressed her appreciation to Board Members whose terms are ending this year and introduced the new members who joined the STSW Board this year.

Molly thanked all members who have served on the STSW Board, a committee, or task force this year.

AWARDS

Katie Newton was presented with the Lee Suszycki Memorial Award.

Rebecca Bathon was presented with the Judy Midlefort Memorial Award

2022 CONFERENCE

Molly announced that next year’s conference is again scheduled to be held in Orlando from October 10-13th, 2022. Molly encouraged conference participants to consider hosting a conference in their city. Molly said that a local committee is needed to join with the National Conference Committee and Exhibitor Chair to make the conference a success.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15PM EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Warfield, STSW Secretary