

# **The Society of Transplant Social Workers**

**Annual Membership Meeting, September 6, 2012**

**San Francisco, California**

**Meeting called to order:** by **Laurie McDonald, President**

**Secretary's report:** **Anne Lawler**, Secretary, asked for a motion to accept last year's minutes sent by email. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report:** **Nancy Arnold**, Treasurer, gave the annual report on overhead screen. The report was unanimously approved as presented.

**By-Laws Committee:** **Pat Voorhes** presented changes in the bylaws. The changes were discussed and unanimously approved as summarized below:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) immediate past presidents.

All members-at-large will be eligible for appointment for three years with the possibility of renewal for three additional years.

Officers shall be eligible to serve for two (2) terms of two (2) years.

All officer nominees should have served on the Board of Directors or a committee and elected by a majority of the membership.

With the exception of the Treasurer, the term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected/ appointed. The Treasurer's term begins in January of the following year he/she was elected.

The President shall appoint all committee chairpersons and those chairpersons shall appoint the members of their respective committees with all such appointments subject to approval by the Executive Committee. These are for three year terms with possibility of another 3 year term renewal.

**Elections:** **Kay Kendall**, Past President, presented a slate of officers for President- **Laurie McDonald**, Vice President- **Jan Hart**, Secretary-**Denise Winkowski** and Treasurer- **Pat**

**Voorhes.** There were no nominations from the floor. After discussion, the slate was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Acting on Survey Results:** Laurie announced that a task force formed last year to address the highest priority request of the Society by the membership: creation of a standardized Psychosocial Assessment Tool. Co-chairs **Annette Humberson** and **Barrett Gray** and their committee worked all year to develop a new tool. They will be presenting their work tomorrow in a general session.

**Mayo Clinic Tragedy:** The Society sent two donations in memory of the transplant professionals who were lost in an organ retrieval trip plane crash, Luis Bonilla (Bonilla Children College Savings Fund) and David Hines (the Donna Hickens Foundation).

**Pro Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act:** STSW was one of 30 groups to sign onto a letter requesting cosponsors for HR 4091 and S 1878. These bills create a grant program that would employ many social workers to coordinate medically recommended dental care for low income children and adults. The dental care will be provided by volunteer dentists at no cost to patients who have medical conditions—like those who need transplants.

**Regional CEUs:** In affiliation with STSW, The Great Lakes area organized a local conference in June 2012, providing 6.5 CEUs. STSW endorsed the event and contributed our membership list and conference calling resources.

**UNOS Meeting Partners:** We have contracted with UNOS Meeting Partners, a commercial arm of UNOS, to assist with the future planning of our conferences. They will help our conference planning volunteers with some less pleasant, but very important, work.

**UNOS:** Four society members are now serving on UNOS committees: **Annette Humberson, Kay Kendall, Noelle Dimitri** and **Dorothy Rocha**.

#### **Many Thanks To:**

Departing Board Members: Cheryl Hille, Membership; Rosemary Lann, Lung; Mimi Miller, Legislation and Political Action; DeLana White-Carter, Multicultural Issues

Deb Gordon: Creator of our first website and forum, heart member at large for 15 years

Barrett Gray: Website Chair for five years: Oversaw building of current website, transition to electronic membership & conference registration, set up PayPal; psychosocial assessment committee co-chair

Anne Lawler: Secretary 2005-2012, abstract co-chair, annual presentations

**CCTSW:** **Jan Hart** and **Sandi McMath** reported that 114 social workers now have CCTSWs. Thirty have renewed. David Cooper brought up the new recipients for pictures. Each was given a congratulatory pin and present.

**Scholarships:** **Jan Hart** reported that there were 42 scholarship applicants. 21 scholarships were awarded, 10 were donations from Help, Hope, Live.

**Website:** **Barrett Gray**, chair, recalled that the current, expanded and updated website was launched two years ago along with the Website Committee. The Website Committee will be renamed "The Technology Committee." Barrett highlighted the Forum, encouraging all to use it. He invited volunteers to join this committee.

**New Board Members:** Laurie introduced the new Board members and announced the new Board positions:

Development, **Lisa Sutkus** as chair;

VAD Member at Large, **Dorene Scolnic**; She will work on development of a VAD credential;

Heart Member at Large, **Alice Chang**;

Lung Member at Large, **Anne LaFleur**;

Multicultural Issues, **Dorothy Rocha**;

Bylaws, **Tobie Le Roux**;

Public Policy and Technology are calling for volunteers to chair. New Board members were acknowledged with applause.

#### **Awards:**

The **Lee Suszycki Award** was presented to **Mary Beth Callahan**.

The **Judy Midelfort Award** was presented to **Nancy Arnold**.

#### **Appreciations:**

**Debbie Gordon, Barrett Gray and Anne Lawler** were acknowledged with gifts for their many years of service on the Board.

The San Francisco Planning Committee was acknowledged for creating such an excellent conference.

**Mission and Vision: Mission & Vision:** STSW hired a consultant to help us redefine our mission, dream about what could be over the next 3-5 years, and create a strategic plan for

how to get there. The board and some folks who volunteered in Tampa to help with the process have been working with the consultant over the last couple of months to do the groundwork for a vision retreat. Members helped with this process through their survey responses. The group had a retreat on Tuesday, 9/4/2012. **Laurie McDonald** read a “working draft” of the mission:

The Mission of the Society for Transplant Social Workers is to inspire and support our members as we:

- \*Make a difference in the lives of our transplant patients and their families.
- \*Connect, motivate and develop ourselves.
- \*Collaborate to advance the transplant field.

Key Vision Themes are:

- \*Connections for operations, advocacy and professional development
- \*Infrastructure
- \*Professional standards

**Planning the Future:** Laurie McDonald presented plans for future conferences: 2013 in Dallas, Texas; 2014 in Boston, Massachusetts; 2015 in Columbus, Ohio.

**Mary Beth Callahan** rolled out the red carpet to Dallas with a big “Howdy”, Chamber of Commerce video and a list for speaker topics.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anne B. Lawler, LCSW-R, CCTSW, ACSW, BCD**

**Executive Secretary**

