

STSW Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2014
Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA, USA

Reports:

Secretary's report

Laurie McDonald, President, 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

Pat Voorhes, Treasurer, presented the 2014 report. This year's per person cost for the conference totaled \$612.35.

Exhibitor chair's report

Mary Beth Callahan, Exhibitor Chair, presented the 2014 report. This year, there were 18 exhibitors and \$67,846 in income this year. A program called "Lead Retrieval" was also piloted this year.

Membership report

Laurie McDonald presented the 2014 membership report. STSW currently has 253 paid, active members, plus 4 more who are waiting to be instated. 67 non-member conference dues were received and 20 people received scholarships this year.

Election

Janet Stevenson, Historian and Nominating Committees Chair, presented a slate of officers running this year: President: Jan Hart; Vice President: Noelle Dimitri; Secretary: Denise Alloway (incumbent); Treasurer: Pat Voorhes (incumbent). There were no nominations from the floor. After discussion, the slate was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Victoria Waterfield was appointed by the board as the Liver Transplant Member at Large. Molly Dugan was also appointed by the board as the Pediatric Transplant Member at Large. Requests for nominees for Kidney Transplant Member at Large and Living Donor Member at Large were submitted.

Year in Review:

Laurie McDonald presented a summary of activities from this past year. Goals identified during the retreat in 2012 in San Francisco were reviewed. These included developing a mission, building connections, building infrastructure and building professional standards.

Mission Review:

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 patients and their families.
- Connect with and motivate each other.
- Promote professional growth.
- Collaborate to advance social work in our field

Building Connections.

Laurie presented information on how the Society worked towards building connections. 29th Annual International STSW Conference with 243 attendees from 5 countries was held in Boston. We enjoyed the Annual Celebration last night. Tonight, there will be an opportunity for attendees to go to dinner with a board member. There were organ specific lunch tables yesterday for networking ease.

The Society launched a newly designed website, with a new address: STSW.org. A forum for discussion about clinical issues was developed. You can sort the member list by organ group. If needed, there are volunteers available to provide help logging on and subscribing. This task force was headed and managed by Dawn Temple, Laurie McDonald, Mary Fisher and Melody Bowman. Plans for the future include to build a resource site.

Pat Voorhes began sending an email based newsletter called "Society Pages."
We are piloting a new mentoring program; task force includes Nancy Arnold, Lisa Claudel, Katie Peoples, Dawn Temple, to assist with clinical questions, assistance with website, etc.

A new brochure was developed by the marketing committee, including Denise Alloway, Jan Hart, Karen Weingart and Lisa Claudel. UNOS transplant center mailing list was assembled by Kim Ansley & Melissa Skillman and a welcome letter plus brochure will be sent out in January.

OPTN/UNOS committee participation (terms ended in July). Annette Humberson: Patient Affairs. Dorothy Rocha: Minority Affairs; she will be on ethics committee in 2015. Noelle Dimitri: Kidney Transplantation.
If someone attends a UNOS meeting, they were encouraged to identify as an STSW member

Mary Beth and Laurie McDonald collaborated with Michele Walton at CMS on language re: SW interns in transplant settings. This effort is still in progress.

STSW submitted comment advocating to CMS to maintain protected class for immunosuppressive drugs. Medicare did not change the class as a result of public input.

Mary Beth Callahan commented on and presented news briefs & advocacy alerts on the website

Mary Beth Callahan served on the National Quality Forum risk adjustment and SES panel. After considering the panel's recommendations, The Forum recommended a "robust trial period" of evaluating the effects of including socioeconomic factors in risk adjustment formulas

World Transplant Congress (July 2014, San Francisco). There was a joint meeting of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), The Transplantation Society (TTS) and the American Society of Transplantation (AST). Kay Kendall was invited speaker and went to conference

STSW was invited by the American Society of Nephrology to participate in the 2014 US Kidney Summit & 2015 Kidney Community Advocacy Day. Mary Beth Callahan to attend. The Society was also invited to Washington, D.C. next spring for the 2015 Kidney Transplant Summit.

Jan Hart was invited to speak at the Transplant Financial Coordinators Association annual conference (September 2014, San Diego).

Build Infrastructure:

Laurie McDonald presented updates on how the Society continues to build infrastructure.

The Abstracts Chair position was developed to have someone consistent who will take the lead on continuing education approval to increase consistency and take burden off planning committee.

New website was developed that is easier to maintain (no custom code needed) for our volunteers.

Pat Voorhes, Treasurer, continues to monitor the budget and ensure healthy spending.

Mary Beth Callahan was appointed to the new position of Exhibitor Chair whose role is to provide consistency to keep connections each year for the conference.

Build Professional Standards:

Beth Mosele presented an update on the MCS psychosocial evaluation tool. They will be adding a separate caregiver interview and body image assessment with patient.

Conference offers 16.5 CEUs with targeted education to present to CMS

CCTSW Credentialing committee members: David Cooper, Christine Hines, Jan Hart, Sandy McMath, Susan Davis-Long

David Cooper presented the New CCTSWs:

Amy DeCarlo Frepan	Kathleen Abbott Artin	Emily Mathews	Jane Gerber
Jessica Bruneau	Catherine Chappell	Kendelle Miller	Bernice Wolfson
Molly Dugan	Dawn Burroughs	Marlene Goldstein	Erin Matsunaga
Maricel Floresca	Jennifer Mize	Jennifer Henderson	Clifton Hill
	Rita Langlois	Allison Harter	Kristina Teran Alice Chang

Gloria Chen

Jody Sweeney

CCSW-MCS Credentialing Committee: Alice Chang, Susan Davis-Long, Marty Edwards, Jan Hart, Beth Mosele

Alice Chang presented an update from the CCSW-MCS credentialing committee. Applications will be accepted beginning January 2015.

Awards:

Kay Kendall presented the 2014 Lee Suszycki Memorial Award to Annette Humberson.

Jan Hart presented the 2014 Judy Midelfort Memorial Award to Dawn Temple.

Laurie McDonald was appreciated by Jan Hart as our exiting President, acknowledging all that she did to elevate STSW in status and in the community.

Board members exiting this year were thanked - Anne Lawler, Dave Cooper, Lisa Claudel & Melody Bowman.

The Boston conference was acknowledged and presented with gifts.

Conference co-chairs: Noelle Dimitri & Anne LaFleur

Program Chair: Barb Levine, with lots of help from Annette Pimenta

Local Exhibitor Chair: Nancy Edgington

Annual Celebration Chairs: Tony Lee & Maureen Doherty

Volunteer coordinator: Barb Luby

Committee Members: Emily Holman, Kristen Devoe, Lori Cragan, Lynne Helfand, Mary Buckley, Paula Wood, Roberta Hoffman, Soyun Kwan. Stacey Salomon, Cheryl Gaffney, Lenore Hammers, Diane Wuerth, Jennifer Stook, Nancy Tauscher

New STSW logo was presented and unveiled.

Laurie presented ideas from the board meeting for 2015 & beyond, asked for volunteers for these task forces:

Mentor program

New member packet

Speaker's bureau

Develop our own journal

Exhibit at other conferences

Promote use of website

Education to members about the importance of exhibitors

Develop a library of resources

Offer free CEUs online

Expand eligibility for grants

Create pediatric psychosocial assessment tool

The Columbus conference planning committee welcomed everyone to Columbus, Ohio, in 2015, and showed a video. The 2015 conference is October 7-9, 2015.

The annual conference will be held in San Diego in 2016. Members were encouraged to consider hosting the conference in their city in 2017.

Laurie McDonald introduced Jan Hart as the Society's new President and passed the gavel.

Meeting adjourned.