

SSWAG Virtual Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

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District 6

Cory Lowe
District 7

Teri Hendrix
District 8

Mallory Hollis
District 9

Stephanie Taylor
District 10

Meeting called to order by Madam President at 9:00am

SSWAG Old Business:

SSW Scholarship Report by Pam Jemerson

- 15 applications received and reviewed
- Ms. Forman, advanced standing student at Savannah State University is the winner

SSW Evaluation Tool Report by Madam President

- Tool is nearing completion; additional feedback is requested to identify exemplars to support the Level 4 Exemplary status

SSW LEADS Report by Madam President

- Meeting scheduled March 29 with 7 LEADS participants; networking dinner scheduled

SSW Day at the Capital Report by Madam President

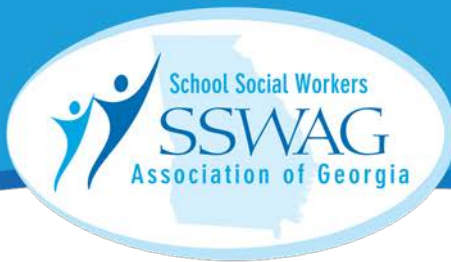
- Groups are not permitted at the Capital in March-event is cancelled

Spring Conference Report by Petrina Fowler and Rasha Portis

- Conference planning is nearing completion
- Westin capacity 205 thus registration was closed
- To date we have 215 registered participants
- All unpaid registered individuals may be cancelled if not paid by March 3 to allow opportunities for individuals on the waitlist
- Encouraged members to attend the Executive Board meeting scheduled March 28 at 6pm
- Rasha requested feedback for the Ethics session (feedback will support activities scheduled during the Ethics session)
- Petrina encouraged district presidents to share all information to their members in a timely manner

District Updates:

- 1- Keith Wilkey not present
- 2- Latrina Kendrix-Sims- not present
- 3- Maggie Brown: Reported by Ms. Simmons (Ms. Brown absent)
Meeting scheduled on March 3 to include 2 CEs
- 4- Lois Word:
Meeting scheduled on March 3 at Decatur Recreation Center; 3.5 CEUs offered



- 5- Kimberly Chinn: Not present
- 6- Maria Josey:
- 7- Corey Lowe:
- 8- Terri Hendrix: Reported by Dr. Bianca Booker
Meeting held a few weeks ago with speakers from RESA
- 9- Mallory Hollis: Not Present
- 10- Stephanie Taylor: Not present

Treasurers Report: Erin Woodcock

Balance= \$154, 368.26

Membership total dues= \$20, 930

Fall Conference Income: \$7790

Total Spring Conference Income= \$63,000 (once all Spring Conference Registrations are received and processed)

Sponsorships=\$14,400

Total income=\$43,020

Expenses-summer retreat, SSWAA etc. Please see full treasurer report for additional income and expenses

- Discussed the rate for Nelson and Mullins and the option to engage Inseparable (a non-profit agency who may provide lobbying support for free)
- Madam President along with Pam Jemerson, Dr. Ursula Harris and others met with the agency representative to discuss how they may assist SSWAG in reducing the SSW to student ratios and mandated school social workers in schools across the state

Awards Chair: Dr. Simmons not present

Community Relations/Legislative Chair: Dr. Ursula Harris

- Noted that the Inseparable rep will work with SSWAG to develop a letter highlighting SSWAG legislative priorities

GAE Liaison: Not present

GNETS Liaison: Not present

Historian: Not present

Journal Research Report: Dr. Cynthia Turner

- Sent request for SSW/SW Abstracts on February 8 to all university programs; one response received to date from Erlange Elisme (a doctoral student at Barry University)
- Solicited responses from Executive Board members as well

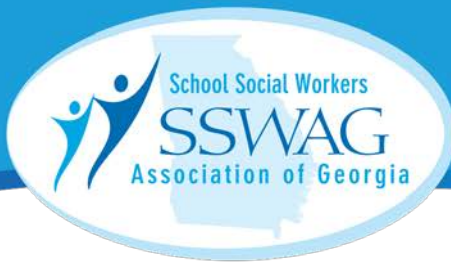
Long Ranch Planning: Petrina Fowler

- Spring Conference 2024 potential location identified-The Battery area in Atlanta; potential Marriott Hotel
- Also working to identify summer retreat location

Professional Learning Chair: Michelle Blackburn (had to sign off early)

NASW-GA Liaison: Pam Jemerson

- Working to finalize a MOU to re-engage NASW's collaboration with SSWAG
- Will attend their Board of Directors meetings; first meeting attended was held in January 2023



- NASW-GA Conference scheduled August 17-20, 2023

Nominating Chair: Not present

Parliamentarian: Not present

Procedural Guidelines: Mary Gail Lindsey has not updates

Membership Chair: Kashera Robinson not present

Public Relations Chair: Recarlo Williams not present

Retirement Chair: Ida Hafford Brown

- She continues to engage retirees regularly to keep them informed

SSWAA/GaDOE Liaison report: Dr. Lindsey Oliver

- Reminded all to invite her to the district level meetings
- Noted that SSW ratios were discussed during the legislative sessions; noted that a GEA lobbyist spoke about the “deplorable” ratios in response to a proposed mandate regarding a suicide screening
- A webinar is being shared for district leadership to ensure that all are maximizing the use of SSWs
- Shout Outs daily during SSW Week and SW Month
- Office of Whole Child Supports openings-visit GaDOE’s site to review and apply
- SSWAA National Conference is sold out for in-person attendance; virtual options available for both National and International

Vendor Consultant: Sonya Cruel

- 13 sponsors total
- 2 sponsors at \$4000 level and 11 sponsors specifically supporting the conference
- Sponsors will advertise during the conference and district meetings
- Working on a MOU

Webmaster: Jarod Anderson

- Will add the candidates for SSWOTY to the website

Past President: Dr. Katina Cooper

- Will install the new officers at the conference
- Petrina Fowler and VP Wright will facilitate the business meeting in the absence of Madam President

Secretary Report: Chrystal Gillis

- Encouraged all to send reports as a PDF or Word document

Other Business:

- A representative reached out to discuss how NASW, SSWAG, and GSCSW (Georgia Society for Clinical Social Workers) can collaborate
- Reviewed the proposed mission statement; change Who We Are to reflect Who are school social workers
- Dr. Drew proposal reviewed
- Madam President advised that a called meeting must be scheduled due to the lack of a quorum today; called meeting scheduled March 14 to vote on Treasurers report, secretary report and Dr. Drew proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am