**School Social Workers of Idaho**

**NASW Idaho Chapter**

**General Membership Meeting**

**October 3rd, 2014**

# I. October 2014 Conference

## Members felt there was some good information presented, but speaker appeared to be rushed.

## At times it was hard to follow the speaker.

## Members felt there was too much time spent on conduct disorder and would have liked more strategies to use with unmotivated students.

## Assignment for Professional Development credit is waived for SSWI members present at the SSWI lunch meeting.

# Advocacy

## Tod Gunter reviewed history of SSWI and current issues relevant to us.

### SSWI started in 2007. In 2008, SSWI worked to challenge the decision to eliminate our Pupil Personnel Endorsement.

### In 2013, members of SSWI among others worked to update Professional Standards for School Social Workers.  This same group also negotiated a waiver program for school social workers currently employed in a junior high or middle school setting to be able to remain in those positions.  These social workers would have lost their positions due to the change in definition of secondary and elementary grades.

### SSWI is still in the process of getting our Professional Standards approved through the Department of Education.

# Tiered Certification

## Robin Allen will look into this and let us know how it will impact school social workers.

# Recognition

## SSWI recognized Sherry Tipping for her hard work and dedication to SSWI.  Sherry has been in a leadership team position or served on the conference planning committee since the inception of SSWI.

# Spring 2015 Workshop

## Reviewed the difficulty from Spring 2014 (too focused on school social worker specifics - small audience, and not practical to put on)

## Discussed options: 1 day on site, offer a book study with Professional Development Credit, or offer no spring professional development.

## Results of members votes:

### 7 voted for a book study for a Professional Development credit

### 4 voted that we offer no Professional Development in the spring

### 3 voted for a 1 day on site workshop

# October 2015: 4th Annual Youth Issues Today Conference

## Discussed logistics and conference expectations from members.

### More schools are not recognizing October dates as “in service” days

### Friday is an unpaid day for most of us.

### Unlikely to travel very far for a 1 day workshop

### Discussed pros and cons of 1 speaker vs breakouts (more variety, high costs for more rooms, difficult to monitor/support more than one room, finding free speakers, etc)

## Discussed partnering with counselors, what that looked like in the past and the pros and cons.

## Discussed partnering with BEA and the pros and cons.

## Results of members votes:

### 13 voted for a 1 ½ - 2 day conference with professional development credit.

### 1 voted for a 1 day conference or book study.

## Social Thinking was suggested as topic

### Look into working with Lee Pesky Center in Boise for speaker/partner option

# Leadership Team

## Leadership Team positions are up for election next October

### Becky Jaynes is willing to continue to serve on Leadership Team

### 2 positions will need to be filled

### No volunteers/interest at this time

# Conference Planning Committee

## Valerie Haddon continues as Chair of committee

## Sherry Tipping is stepping down from committee

## Tod Gunter agreed to join committee

## Robin Allen agreed to join committee

## Becky Jaynes agreed to join committee

# Membership

## 2013-2014 SSWI membership: 21 (11 are also NASW members)

## 2012-2013 SSWI membership: 28 (20 are also NASW members)

## 2011-2012 SSWI membership: 30 (15 are also NASW members)

# Budget

## Balance as of 9/30/14 $15,869.30

## After paying for conference account balance should be $10,000 or more.