

# Minutes

## IARP Washington State Chapter Monthly Board Meeting



January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

10:00 am to 12:00 am  
Auburn, Washington

### Meeting was held monthly @ Rainier Case Management

**Mission:** *The Chapter endorses the Mission and Goals of IARP, which are to enhance the competency of private rehabilitation professionals, advance the professional field, improve the effectiveness of state level affiliates, and lead in the resolution of public policy issues that affect private sector rehabilitation. To pursue this purpose, the chapter will work in concert with IARP.*

**In Attendance:** Bradley Ehrlich, President, Barbara Bengston, President Elect, Julia Maxwell, Sec-Tres; Kari D'Aboy, Erin McPhee, Todd Gendreau, Kari D'Aboy, Suzanne Wait Board Members **By telephone:** Cory Turner, Sheryl Cousineau

#### **Bradley's President's Report:**

Chapters Presidents Council Call

- Membership Committee Update-Dennis Funk - 13 out of 30 chapters added new members & there is a study to have corporate group of 10 or more.
- Silent Auction Initial discussion: May National Conference. Reported we spend more on items than received from auction payment. We would rather make cash donation – raffle.

#### **SAVE THIS DATE:**

- IARP Annual Conference May 15-18, 2008 **Los Angeles, WA**
- IARP Local Conference October 3 & 4

#### **Julies' Secretary Report**

- Review and Approve December's minutes. Bradley Moved & Suzanne Second – Accepted with minor spelling changes
- Kari has the box.

#### **Julie's Treasurer's Report**

- Savings: \$12,501.93
- Checking: \$6,106.20
- Scholarship: \$1,782.50
- Report approved
- Minutes forwarded to IARP National
- Have year end financial from IMG
- Julie will coordinate the year end financial with National

### 2008 Conference Planning

- Date: October 3 & 4
- Theme - **Tools of the trade**
- Speakers, RFP for speakers. Possibility: John Melton, Steve Duncan
- CRC CDMS, ABVE sell membership lists

### Kari's Education Report

- **Conversation with CDMS Representative**, Karla, CDMS Commission looking for resources for people taking the exam. Have changed the exam dramatically. Pass rate up to 81% all time high. More changes coming. Elliott Fitzpatrick prep guide is about to be published. It consists of more practice questions than study material. CDMS cannot ethically offer test prep information. Karla was not aware of the E&F study guide. Feedback is WA id doing a good job. This fall is the last paper and pencil test. Converting to electronic this Fall. Converting application process to one step and 3 exams per year: Sept, Feb & June. Wants to continue the dialogue. Would like to review our information.
- Continuing Discussion with Karla and Tim Field.

### Kari's Newsletter Report

- **Deadline and ideas – Deadline end of February 28 for a March 7 publication.**
- Bradley – President Message, Rich Wilson re: transition, Janice Orcutt; MAQ project, Julie Maxwell, Barbara Bengston – tools of the trade, Donna Spencer, National Conference, Karla re: CDMS changes.

### Todd's Membership Report

183 members. 4 new/renew members, not sure who dropped off. Todd will e-mail to renew/new members. Barbara will send e-mail new members. Welcome new members I newsletter. Update email list for non-renewing members.

### IMG – Kari & Bradley (01/23/08 next meeting)

True cost to Department of Labor and Industries. Open claims that are at or near cap. Discussion related o fee cap and “free” work. Steve to discuss with Vicki Kennedy. Chuck McReynolds from DSIDS to research fee cap. All CACO driven. Next IMG is 1/23.

### VTSG – Bradley & Barb (01/28/08 next meeting)

- Agenda item, "Feedback from VTSG on Implementation of Phase 1"
- Issues encountered in regard to implementing the changes.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Activity Prescription Form & Policy.
- Rosalie Ellgen Scholarship - Todd  
Clarify application process and criteria for future awards. Originally set up for 3 awards per year. We did this in 2008. What is the future of the scholarship fund. Change increments? Conference fees. Sponsor National Conference attendance. We are generally in agreement that we are in agreement that we will change the award amount and broaden our scope of eligible trainings.
- IMG pool for health insurance – Bradley. No benefit for IARP
- Renew Membership with WSIA? - Todd – Dave Kaplin felt it was a good idea to maintain membership. Lobbyist is a “player” good idea to support each other. Business issues not necessarily for the claimant. Bradley proposed renew our membership \$275.00 annually, Julie second. Did not pass.

## WAIARP – January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 Minutes

- Monthly Minutes & Annual Budget on National's website - Julie. Done
- NRA Ethics Training - Todd. 2/8 at the Double Tree Inn. Looking for sponsors to \$500.00 prominent display, goes down from there. Wanting to build a collaborative relationship with sponsor/cosponsor training. Proposed: Todd, Bradley Second. \$500.00 Conference Collaboration, one admission (Barbara Bengston). Passed
- Approved email vote - \$1,250 for the 01/17/08 PWC/IARP program. Kari and Julie will review Bi Laws 1. What currently can we do electronically. @. What is the procedure to change bi laws.
- Election in March – April results – May new board - Add to newsletter, other planning?
- One time only: Benefit to board member in the 2008 year. \$400.00 for Conference travel to the 2008 LA IARP National Conference – clarification of previous vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- eBallot for our Election & Election Schedule
- Publishing CPT Codes – Julie will forward info to Todd.
- Hearings: How/What/When to Testify (01/22/08 – Spokane & 01/24/08 – Tukwila)
- Bradley to represent IARP Board – 10 items (e-mail to Board) will be submitted in writing on IARP Letterhead
  - WAC name change to Vocational Services Provider
- **PWC** - 01/17/08 (SouthCenter) and 1/31/08 (Olympia) programs & assisting with payment of the meeting room. Proposal is to have WA-IARP co-sponsor the program is that IARP members who are not PWC members will not have to pay the \$20 for the meeting.
- Welcome Committee for New or Renewing Members
- Pension Study – email. Bradley being interviewed 1/17/08. Include “other” factors not just voc. Internal culture shift at Department of Labor and Industries. Leeper language “obtain and maintain”, CACO, Limited retraining benefit: discouraged time necessary to change an injured workers self-perception from injured worker to worker.
- Issues Roundtable

**Next Meeting: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - Hosted by Rainier Case Management – Thank You!**

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