

WCRA Annual Fall Business Meeting Minutes
October 6th, 2011
Wausau, WI

Call to Order:

Thank you to Shondel Hansen and Janet Wyrick for organizing a great meeting! Thank you to Nancy Sonnleitner and Sara Biese for the presentations on Collaborative Staging.

Old Business:

WCRA Membership Types- Active/Associate to Active only

Discussion took place regarding active and associate memberships and the effects that having one membership type would have on the association. Definitions of active vs. associate membership were opened for discussion. Working status, voting rights, student status were considered. It was stated that we currently do not have any associate membership, so there may or may not be a need for this membership type. With quorum rules and voting rights the associate membership can become confusing. A motion was put forth to have one membership type. Wording will be written up and sent out electronically prior to the next meeting. WCRA will vote on this issue at the next annual meeting.

Committee Reports Review

Committee reports were handed out and opened for review and questions. No questions were asked. The motion was made to approve executive committee minutes. These were approved. Membership dues were addressed, these are to be paid by December 31st but will be accepted until February. This element has been added to the membership form and will be sent out in an e-mail. Payment will go up after December 31st.

New Business:

Congratulations to New CTRs:

Lizbeth Best-Gell (was missed last year).
Laurie Kiel
Jennifer Cook
Patty Wettstein

Membership Dues:

We will try to stick to the timeline in coming years.

Executive Committee:

Money is available from past silent auctions for meeting funds, and a procedure will be set up for written assistance requests. That money has not been kept separate in the past. WCRA has funds, the amount will need to be discussed.

WCRA Fall Meetings:

Thank you to Wausau Aspirus for hosting a wonderful meeting. A drop in attendance was noted, with possible reasons noted as budget cuts, national meeting attendance, and higher attendance in urban areas. The format of the meeting was reviewed and opened for discussion, this format was still preferred. The cost of conferences is a concern with low attendance. Advertisement through WCRA was brought up to attract more people. Recruitment from non-approved facilities was considered. Brainstorming ways to promote WCRA was discussed. We would also let people know in advance as usual with "save the date" mailings. Ideas for mailing surveys and recruitment of college students and WHIMA were considered along with website changes. For the meeting materials in future years, copy costs were considered. Other options discussed included e-mailing power points to attendees ahead of time, based on discretion of speaker. The cost is about 300-400 dollars for host facility, building this into the cost of the meeting was discussed. This question will be added to a survey which will be sent out to the membership. Next years meeting will take place in Green Bay. WRCA is looking for volunteers for following years.

Executive Committee Participation:

WCRA would like to encourage people to join! Ways to encourage this was discussed. Thoughts included rolling positions into the next step (example: serve first year as Vice President then serve as President).

With no other items to discuss the meeting was adjourned.