

NHSCA Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2012 4:00 - 5:30
Dinner follows
Common Man Restaurant, Concord NH

Board Members in attendance: Lynn Merlone, Robin Hogan, Susan Theberge, Kim Lavoie, Mitch Taranow, Adrienne Backer, Paula Frank, Kathy Hoppa, Bill Hughen, Celia Salson, Becky Russell, Colleen DesRuisseaux, Holly Vieten, Annette Blake, Brent, Marianne Gfroerer, Beth Harrington, Sarah Jo Merriman, Melinda Avellino

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: Approval of March Board meeting minutes

Motion: Mitch Second: Lynn **Accepted**

Treasurer's Report and approval of 2012-2013 Budget

- A scheduled audit will take place at the end of June
- Questions answered about the upcoming audit and the budget
- Reviewed monthly report and annual budget for 2012-2013 total expenses the same, but there were increases and decreases in certain categories to reflect how money was spent in 2011-2012

Motion: Kim Second: Mitch **Accepted**

President's Report

no report

Lynn, Robin H, and Celia will be attending the ASCA Delegate Assembly in Minneapolis to represent NHSCA; a draft of the new ASCA model will be discussed.

President-Elect report

- no report
- Draft of next year calendar presented, board members like alternating day of week meetings, looking to continue to have meetings at NHTI
- Fall conference committee will continue to plan, Robin H. will contact current committee members about upcoming meeting. Please contact Robin H. If you would like to be a part of the committee.
- 1st meeting of 2012-2013 year is a summer meeting August 15th 9am NHTI

Past President's Report

Holly recently attended the NH Scholar Board meeting. She presented impressive data regarding the number of schools and students that are currently participating in NH Scholars. Currently 54 out of 84 High Schools in NH are a part of NH Scholars.

VP REPORTS

Elementary

Beth Harrington and Celia Sloan attended the Massachusetts School Counselor Association conference May 1. They heard a presentation from Mark Kuranz, ASCA Representative for Professional Development. Most important was attending two presentations by Karen Harrington.

Karen Harrington from CSCORE (Center for School Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation)- presented on Early Warning Indicators and Program Evaluation: Knowing We Make A Difference.

Both presentations were *very* informative.

Beth and Celia met with Karen to discuss plans for her presentations for NHSCA, Oct. 26th. Karen will prepare a Memorandum Of Understanding to formalize and contract for her appearance.

New Business:Celia was contacted by a member of the state coalition for Women's Crisis Centers. Apparently there is a move to form a bill from the basis of Erin's Law. The concept is to have NH require that schools offer curriculum and programming on Personal Safety and Abuse Prevention. Celia hopes to get more information on the bill and it's sponsor.

Middle School

no report

High School

no report

Post Secondary

An article written by our research group can be viewed at the link below.

<http://www.mindful.org/the-mindful-society/education/mindfulness-for-schoolchildren—see-how-it-works>

Feedback on a current draft of the supervision document would be appreciated. Please let Susan know if you would like to see a copy.

REGIONAL CHAIR

Seacoast

position will be open for next year

Greater North Woods

Great North Woods collaborated with White Mountains to offer a spring regional meeting. See report from White Mountains for further information.

Monadnock

No report

Lakes Region-vacant

White Mountains

White Mountains and Great North Woods hosted a spring regional meeting at White Mountain Community College with Brian from NHHEAF. Brian Walker gave a presentation about the importance of promoting college at the elementary level. Grade

level sharing and discussion about possible ASCA model changes also occurred. Feedback from the regional meeting was to have fall and spring regional meetings, counselors like to attend the NHSCA fall conference, and those in attendance are current NHSCA members.

Capital - vacant

Dartmouth/Sunapee - vacant

Merrimack

The new regional representative, Amy Jo Muscott, will be connecting with Merrimack area counselors to determine how to best serve the area.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Nominations and Elections

- 2012-2013 vacancies are outlined in newsletter: Elementary VP, Treasurer, Seacoast Representative, Lakes Region Representative, Capital Region Representative, Dartmouth/Sunapee Representative, Professional Recognition Chair
- The ballot is in the newsletter

Technology

The SCENE has now been replicated within our web-driven membership database (wildapricot). Members can access this by logging in using the login box in the lower left hand corner of the home page and choosing from available member forums. Forums are visible based on membership status and personal subscriptions. Groupsite forum postings and shared files have been archived and are accessible there. We have paid for one more month of Groupsites (\$93) to give the board one last opportunity try the new setup. After that Groupsites will suspend access. Further monthly extensions are not available. We strongly urge board members to explore the new forums.

- Mitch and Lynn will discuss what timeline to create for renewal notices to be sent out to board members.
- Send request to upload files to Mitch and he will post the files

Public Relations

- Resource toolbox for the website is being created.
- Kathy will be sending out press releases regarding Counselors of the Year

Professional Recognition

Ed"ies Award Ceremony will be on June 2nd. Our table seats 10 and the attendees will be: Michelle Farrar and her husband (middle school winner), Lorna Watkins-Barth and her husband John(High School Winner), Lorna's Principal, Jed Butterfield and his wife Kate, Melinda Avellino (Professional Recognition Chair) and her husband, Mike, Beth Harrington and Robin Hogan.

All New Hampshire School Counselor Award winners have been nominated for the ASCA School Counselor of the Year award. Notification has just been sent by ASCA signifying that the application site is now live. Nominees must submit all of their requirements by August 1, 2012.

Melinda will send information to Mitch to post Counselors of the Year information on the website

Newsletter

- Beth spoke with ASCA regarding having a generic newsletter, ASCA would keep revenue for the ads and only the NH president message would go into the ASCA: board discussion occurred
- Determined that the NHSCA newsletter is well received and it will be kept as is.
- Brainstormed article ideas for upcoming year

Advocacy

no report

Fall conference

see president elect report

Scholarship

Lynn will continue as the committee chair for next year

Liaisons

Guidance Director's Liaison

Welcome to Colleen DesRuisseaux our new Guidance Director Liaison

Department of Education Liaison

NH Rules for Education are up for renewal. A committee will be formed to revise the Ed 306.39 Guidance and Counseling Program NH Rules for Education and will include a student representative, College representative, NHSCA board member, guidance director board member, a school counselor from the field and a director from the field. Anyone can send comments about the Guidance and Counseling Program NH rules for Education to be discussed by the committee. The Committee will begin work in late fall and include a one year commitment to meet monthly in the Concord area. It will be a process oriented committee.

Student Intern Liaison

Continue to generate interest for students to become a part of NHSCA

New business

ASCA new model being proposed is posted on website to review. More information will follow after representatives return from the ASCA and delegate assembly.

Discussion regarding possible policy change to be proposed to allow board members from long distances to have lodging for meeting dates. Follow up discussion to occur at the next board meeting.

Adjournment: Dinner