

WisconsinAIRS
27th Annual Conference
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2006
Held at The Heidel House, Green Lake

President's Welcome (Ginger Ayres):

- ❖ Ginger welcomed the membership and highlighted the achievements of WisconsinAIRS over the past year. These achievements included:
 - ◆ Hosting the annual AIRS conference in Milwaukee;
 - ◆ Participating in the development of the Wisconsin 2-1-1 Business Plan;
 - ◆ Rewriting the WisconsinAIRS Bylaws; and
 - ◆ Introducing and implementing the new National/State dual membership structure, developed by AIRS, in Wisconsin.

Secretary's Report (Teresa Halverson):

- ❖ Teresa passed out copies of the minutes from the September 9, 2005 annual meeting. There were no corrections or changes to the record. Barb Maskell moved to approve the 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes. Matricia Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Lynn Scheinoha):

- ❖ Lynn passed out the 2006 Treasurer's Report and the WisconsinAIRS 2007 Estimated Budget.
 - ◆ One change on the Treasurer's Report was noted. The current balance for WisconsinAIRS is \$23,717.56.
 - ◆ Lynn pointed out the 2007 Estimated Budget included an expenditure of \$100.00 for the WisconsinAIRS portion of the 2-1-1 Board liability insurance. This is a new item.
 - ◆ Jan Braby moved that we transfer \$1,900.00 from our reserves to meet the expected expenditures of \$7,400.00 for 2007. Diane Allgood seconded the motion and it was passed.
 - ◆ Steve Peterson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Maurine Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conference Committee (Maurine Strickland):

- ❖ Maurine thanked the committee members. She noted that the national response to the 2006 AIRS conference in Milwaukee was very good. They expected a turnout of about 500 and actually got around 700 attendees. She acknowledged and thanked the volunteers who worked to make that conference a success. She also thanked all those who worked on the 2006 WisconsinAIRS conference.
- ❖ Members were reminded to complete their conference evaluations.
- ❖ There was a general call for people to be on the conference committee. Those who are interested should contact Ginger Ayres. It was also noted that Maurine Strickland will no longer be chairing the conference committee and the WisconsinAIRS membership expressed with enthusiasm their thanks for her many years of successful leadership on this committee.

Membership Committee (Ginger Ayres):

- ❖ Luann Teige was unable to attend the conference. Ginger Ayres made a couple of comments regarding membership. The WisconsinAIRS membership totals are up a little from last year. Luann Teige is also working to create a new brochure.

Communications Committee (Ginger Ayres):

WEB SITE/LIBRARY

- ❖ Because the Oshkosh Library will no longer be providing I & R services they will no longer be members of WisconsinAIRS. This brings up the questions of a host for the WisconsinAIRS web site and a house for the WisconsinAIRS/IRPW library; both of which were kept by Janice Dibble's office in Oshkosh. Janice has stated that they can keep these through December of 2006. Ginger put a call out to the entire membership to contact her if their agency could host the web site. If this is not a possibility for any of the WisconsinAIRS members we will hire an agency and pay a fee to continue the web site.

NEWSLETTER

- ❖ Ginger Ayres agreed to take the lead in producing the newsletter after Judy Olmanson moved (and, therefore, left the WisconsinAIRS Board).
- ❖ All WisconsinAIRS members are encouraged to join the ListServe, which is now the main vehicle for the newsletter distribution.

By-Laws Committee (Ginger Ayres):

- ❖ The new By-laws were presented to the membership. The major changes made by the WisconsinAIRS Board in 2006 were:
 - ◆ New membership wording to accommodate the changes made when AIRS introduced the dual membership structure;
 - ◆ The process for filling vacancies that occur on the Board were clarified;
 - ◆ The roll of Past President was clarified;
 - ◆ A new position, the President-Elect, was created and described; and
 - ◆ The process of voting by Email was introduced.

AIRS Affiliate Council (Jayne Mullins):

- ❖ Jayne explained the role of the AIRS Affiliate Council and highlighted the following:
 - ◆ They are looking at training needs and options for training. AIRS will begin to make online trainings available to their membership at a reasonable cost (some as low as \$20 or \$30).
 - ◆ Since AIRS has revamped the membership structure Wisconsin has the 2nd largest membership. California has the largest membership at this time.
 - ◆ The Affiliate Council meeting notes will be posted on the WisconsinAIRS ListServe.

2006 Election of Board Members:

***Board Members are elected for 3-year terms and are allowed to serve two consecutive terms.**

- ❖ The following people are leaving the Board:
 - Judy Olmanson (actually moved during 2006 and left the Board mid-term)
 - Ginger Ayres (has completed two 3-year terms, however, will continue with the Board for another year as Past-President)
 - Julie Grip (has completed two 3-year terms)
- ❖ The following people have completed one 3-year term:
 - Teresa Halverson
 - Jane DeGeorge

***The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of candidates to the Board for approval:**

Susan Piazza, Oneida County Department on Aging
Lisa Clark, Brown County United Way
Jane DeGeorge, CIRS; Mental Health Association in Waukesha
Teresa Halverson, CRS; Great Rivers 2-1-1

***Ginger Ayres nominated the following:**

Janell Keeter, Northern Area Agency on Aging

***Steve Peterson moved to elect all five nominees to the WisconsinAIRS Board. Barb Maskell seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Maurine Strickland moved to adjourn the 2006 Annual Membership meeting and Jane DeGeorge seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.