

WTRS OPEN MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, December 13th, 2006  
10:30 A.M.  
WPRA Office, Greendale, WI

All members and visitors are welcome to come and listen or participate in our meetings

- I. Call to order, roll call and introductions  
  
2006 WTRS Board Members  
Past Chair – Laura Mooney, Milwaukee Recreation  
Chair – Connie Geisthardt, Winnebago Mental Health Institute  
Chair-Elect – Kristin Ruprecht, Central Wisconsin Center  
Secretary/Treasurer – Deb Mielke  
Sandridge Secure Treatment Facility
- II. Acceptance of excused absences and proxies
- III. Additions to the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes (November 8th, 2006)
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Deb Mielke, Sandridge
- VI. Chairperson’s Report – Connie Geisthardt, WMHI  
A. Connie will discuss information in the Old Business/New Business Section of the meeting.
- VII. Past Chairperson’s Report – Laura Mooney, Milwaukee Recreation
- VIII. Region Reports
- IX. Old Business/New Business  
  
A. WPRA Website – Continue to utilize the site. The site is a great communication tool. Send information to be placed on the website to Juliene. You can renew your membership online, as well. We would like to have a designated person to be in charge of making sure the website is updated with WTRS information.

B. Future Conference/Workshop Ideas – The 2007 Conference “Riding the Wave to Success” will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort. WTRS will have the opportunity to provide 18 hours of educational sessions, between 2 rooms – which is what each section is being provided. Deadline for speaker information is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please contact a board member if you have ideas/suggestions for next year’s conference. The Board welcomes your input!! Registration for speakers is being done on-line for 2007. Possibly have one speaker lined up already – discuss with Juliene.

The Great Lakes Academy for Leadership Advancement is set for January 14-16, 2007. More information is available on the website.

Ideas for workshops in the next year? We are looking for WTRS members to help with planning of a possible workshop in 2008. The Park and Recreation Sections generally have a spring workshop together, and it has been held in Wisconsin Dells. Maybe we could join with them in 2008.

C. Scholarships are available to professionals and students to attend conferences and workshops. Please check the website for scholarships and grants. This is a great member benefit.

D. Fundraising Ideas for 2007 – possibly during TR week, which is in July. Connie will work on coordinating a Brat Fry from Pick N Save in Oshkosh during the summer of 2007.

E. Impact Magazine Articles – Connie will talk with the keynote speaker, Juliette Rizzo, to see if she would be willing to write an article related to her presentations at the conference. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in writing an article or know of someone who would be willing to write something related to our field. This is a great way to promote Therapeutic Recreation and share information with others.

(?) Chris Cavart article

F. The future of WTRS and the need for a replacement for the secretary/treasurer position. Discuss other open positions on the Board for 2007. Connie will be the Conference Committee member, representing WTRS for the 2007 Conference. We encourage members to come to the WTRS Board meetings and if you would like to host a meeting, please contact a board member.

G. Juliene will be working with Connie during the next year to develop a booklet with information about WTRS, expectations of Board Members, etc.

H. Medicare reimbursement information was presented by Dr. Navar during the meeting at the conference. If you have any questions regarding this issue, you can contact Dr. Navar at UW-L.

I. ATRA conference will be in Milwaukee next fall. Volunteers to room host, help with a hospitality room, have WTRS information (tri-fold) available, etc. Ideas include a city tour, River walk, etc. Any thoughts/ideas are welcome.

J. Other information

1. Legislative Alert regarding creating park districts
2. December member reminders
3. Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2007 – February 7, 2007
4. 2007 WPRRA Board of Directors
5. Park and Recreation Section Updates
6. WPRRA Foundation – A great way to support WPRRA. A Milwaukee Brewer Tailgate Party is being planned for Sunday, May 6, 2007

K. Set dates for 2007 WTRS meetings

X. Adjournment