

Consortium of US WAIMH Affiliates Meeting
December 5, 2009

Joy Browne welcomed the group and introductions were made. Joy invited the group to provide updates.

Colorado: Ayelet Talmi reported the Stacey Bromberg is the new president.

Alaska: Christy reported that they are working to form an affiliate.

New Mexico: Deb Harris reported that they have just set up their endorsement process and that they will soon have an election.

Indiana: Angie Tomlin reported that they are working toward endorsement.

Texas: Marnie Stone reported that they have moved from an operating board to a governance board and that they intend to add board members from the community with the idea that they may increase access to funding.

Michigan: Sheryl Goldberg reported that she has just changed from endorsement chair to training chair.

WAIMH Updated:

Debbie Weatherston reported about WAIMH activities. She stated that the WAIMH offices were recently moved to Finland due to financial support available that allowed for space and a staff member. The resource library will remain at MSU, however. The transfer is taking some time, so this is why WAIMH may be slow to respond to some requests. Debbie indicated that WAIMH is small and that most of the work is done by volunteers. Board members pay their own way to meetings, for example.

Debbie explained about the upcoming WAIMH Congress, Signal (newsletter) and IMHJ and encouraged participation in all of these. Mary Karin from Israel will be the new board president and the Signal editor. Send your conference information to the Signal for advertising.

The WAIMH Board met in Israel at a conference that was attended by 100 people. During the meeting the Board established a training committee and made plans to give awards at the Congress.

The board is considering and interested in:

Increasing participation of affiliates

Going to a 2 year membership

Increasing members

Starting several study groups

Connecting with other like organizations (such as ZTT)

Next two WAIMH congresses: 2012-Capetown and 2014-Edinburg.

Consortium Activities:

Joy shared the new issue of the IMHJ. She explained that the Consortium is not a membership structure, so there are no dues, etc.

She discussed the reason for the meeting of the US WAIMH affiliates. She noted that most WAIMH affiliates are countries. Australia also has individual affiliates and they recently have joined and agreed to have 1 affiliate representative to WAIMH. The US has 21 state affiliates (with more coming) and we have been working to join and have one person represent us at the WAIMH affiliate meeting. The intention of this joining is to increase our voice with WAIMH

Joy addressed our attention to the Consortium statement. In reviewing the proposed activities, many have been accomplished. Joy agreed to serve as our representative to the Affiliate meeting that will be held at the WAIMH Congress in Leipzig, pending approval by email of those who could not attend this meeting.

Action Steps:

Joy will submit our proposal about the Consortium of US WAIMH members to WAIMH.

Joy will continue to provide coordination and information to the US Consortium members.

All member will send their website addresses to Joy.

Joy will prepare a list of the current presidents, executive directors, and other interested members. This list will be updated each year on or about the time of the NTI meeting.

Joy will represent US Consortium members at Leipzig Congress.

Lorraine is serving on the NTI planning committee and will also represent the Consortium.

Angie will write some paragraphs about the Consortium to submit to the Signal.

Deb Weatherston will make sure that the US Affiliates are listed in the IMHJ.

Next meetings:

We will connect by email. The mechanism of contact with US Affiliates is through the president and/or the executive directors.

Conference call to be scheduled prior to the WAIMH Congress, in early May 2010.

Face to face meeting at the 2010 NTI.

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