**WSASEA Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2013

5pm-7pm

Board Meeting

**Present:** Mike Grosso (incoming President), Diana Baker (outgoing Vice President), Kamara Brooks (Treasurer), Eric Bender (Member-at-Large), Victoria Hill (outgoing President/Past President), Lauren Hardin (Secretary)

The President called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**Fall Town Meeting:** The board began the planning for the annual Fall Town Meeting. The following potential dates were discussed: 10/4, 10/11, and 10/15.

**ACTION:** Kamara will check with Gayle about reserving a room at CWU.

**ACTION:** Someone will ask Robbin Guarvera from Gonzaga to do the session on SEOTY programs.

**Summer Board Meeting:** The board discussed August 12th as a tentative date for the next meeting to occur at CWU.

**New Board Members:** Consensus was reached to send out the nomination forms for new board members by May 17th with a due date of May 31st. The goal is for the elections to be done by June 7th.

**2013 Conference Feedback:** The following feedback was received from attendees of the conference:

* The first day was too long.
* Some of the federal updates were not relevant.
* Maybe have a split session with separate information pertinent to 2 year and 4 year schools.
* Longer round table discussion with people bringing resources with them.
* The networking session was positive and useful.
* Veterans feel like the I-9 session has happened too many years in a row but the new members really benefited from it.
* Better time management is needed for the sessions.
* Invest in clicker for PowerPoint presentations.
* Board needs to provide better explanation of why WSASEA has so much in savings i.e. even if the conference can’t be booked, WSASEA is still obligated to pay for the lodge.
* Board should put together an annual budget in addition to the semi-annual budgets.
* Next year could include a community service project like donating a router to the lodge.
* Ask each school to contribute prizes to be raffled or given as prizes for games.
* Send out a reminder email for early bird registration and an earlier overall message about the conference.

**Ideas for 2014 Conference**: The following ideas were discussed for next Spring’s Student Employment Conference:

* Have a casino night.
* Have a Cinco de Mayo theme with virgin pina coladas and margaritas.
* Use Game of Thrones or Harry Potter as themes so that people can be split into “houses.” Have a tally board for each house so the winning house wins a prize at the end of the conference.
* Do Office Olympics such as beer pong, wizard’s staffs, flip cup, king’s cup, horse racing, bingo, pub quiz, etc.
* Build games or tournaments into each session and have small prizes.
* Do a conference pumpkin search (?).
* Session topic ideas: discuss developing leadership opportunities for student employee positions, innovation in cost of education, developing a balance between work and life, how to create a flexible workplace, the impact of the Dream Act on student employment, veterans in student employment, career services approach to preparing students for employment, federal employment laws surrounding working, etc. Guest speaker ideas – Rich Nafziger or Beth Kreitel
* Session activity – complete missing items on a SWS contract and a JD as though on the game show The Feud.
* Do a scavenger hunt.
* For an Ice Breaker, put people in pairs and then have them share with the group.
* Do thank you cards for members at the end of the conference.
* Make the Federal update and the I-9 training mini-sessions.
* Invite class from Columbia Basin College to be honored for developing new website.
* Ideas for second evening fun activities – movie night, bowling, shopping, hiking, etc.
* **ACTION:** Contact Tim at the UW to ask if he will do a VA presentation.
* **ACTION:** Ask WSAC to do a session on communications strategies.

**The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.**