

JCICS Board Meeting
January 24, 2007
In Person

Attendees: R. Gibson, J. Sciortino, S. Pitkowsky, H. Stultz, L. Vollman, K. Wallace, L. Wetterberg, J. Peterson, T. DiFilipo, J. Ruben, J. Rolsky, R. Pearlman, S. Wu, A. Schlicht

Absent: D. Murphy-Scheumann (e)

Call to Order & Agenda: R. Gibson at 9:04 AM EST

2007 Conference Report: J. Peterson

Schedule

The conference schedule was reviewed. Staff has been working closely with Paul Singer regarding the keynote address. Sara Springer has been a great help in coordinating speakers for the medical day, especially given the change in the conference dates. Going forward Lisa Albers Prock will be the new Medical Day liaison.

Rooming Preferences

All board rooming preferences have been submitted. JCICS will be booking rooms for board members this week. Board members booking on their own should do so as soon as possible as the rooms are filling quickly.

Board Meeting

There will be a meeting to review board responsibilities on Wednesday of the conference at 4pm. Another board meeting will take place on Friday morning at 6am, staff will need to leave by 7am to have the hospitality desk open by 7:30am. A meeting with the new board will meet to elect officers on Saturday after the close of the conference.

Board Meetings: T. DiFilipo

Discussion was held regarding the cost and time involved in board meetings and how to reduce both.

It was suggested that the January meeting be eliminated. The meeting in June would be a strategic planning session and the one in September would be budget and conference planning.

MOTION: For the board to meet in person three times per year beginning in 2007. Meetings will be held in January, April and September.

S. Wu MOVED/ R. Pearlman SECONDED FAILED 3 yes -5 no -1 abstention

MOTION: For the board to meet in person three times per year. In 2007 meetings will be in January, April and August. In 2008 meetings will be in February, June and third month (September or October) to be decided.

R. Pearlman MOVED/ J. Rolsky SECONDED PASSED with 1 abstention

Nomination Committee Report: S. Pitkowsky & J. Sciortino

There are presently nine nominees for board candidates. Eight have verbally indicated that they will run and three have submitted the appropriate documentation. Sam and Jody will continue to encourage all nominees to submit their necessary paperwork by the deadline of January 31, 2007.

2010 Conference: J. Peterson

2007 – will be in San Antonio

2008 – will be at the Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill in DC

2009 – will be in Indianapolis, IN

2010 – Helms Briscoe is still working to get quotes from various hotels in several cities.

Several voiced concerns regarding the fact that groups the size of JCICS, ATTACH, etc. are getting priced out of inner cities, as hotels are not willing to even bid on the ability to hold smaller sized conferences.

Board Committees: R. Gibson

Discussion was held that it would be helpful to have other board committees in addition to the Standing Executive Committee. It was decided that committees will be formed based on existing work, rather than just topic area only.

New board committees include:

- Finance (Treasurer, Lynn, Richard)
- COA/Hague (Jared)
- Standards of Practice (Jared, Jody)

Legislative Update: J. Peterson

None of the adoption related legislation from the 109th Congress passed. There is speculation that ICARE will be resubmitted again. JCICS met with Brooke Roberts last year who was willing to incorporate any changes JCICS would like to see made. If ICARE is reintroduced, JCICS will begin new dialogue.

JCICS is working with CCAI to extend the adoption tax credit. If the bill does not pass, it is likely that it will not during the following year as it is an election year.

Psychological Testing: T. DiFilipo

Some time ago an agency posted contact information of a therapist who was willing to do a psychological testing over the phone. Upon investigation, the American Psychological Association indicated that this is not acceptable protocol within the professional field.

Information regarding Morris & McDaniel was distributed to the board. These management consultants are willing to run a pilot program at no cost with a few JCICS member agencies to demonstrate how their psychological testing works. Staff will investigate with members in the field who have expertise in this area to see if this firm would be worth presenting to the membership.

Review Committee Update: T. DiFilipo

One advisory member disclosed that she was previously on the advisory board for the organization that has brought complaints against other JCICS members involved with the AMREX bankruptcy issue. Since this was in the past and is no longer a conflict of interest, she will continue to work with the review committee on this complaint.

Next Board Meeting: The conference call will be on Wednesday February 14, 2007 at 3PM.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:56PM EST.

R. Pearlman MOVED/ J. Rolsky SECONDED PASSED Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Stultz, Secry

Action Items:

1. BOD – book hotel and airfare accommodations for the 2007 Annual Conference as soon as possible.
2. S. Pitkowsky & J. Sciortino – continue to encourage nominees to submit necessary documentation by the end of this month.
3. J. Peterson – email potential hotel contracts for 2010 conference once quotes are received from Helms Briscoe.
4. Staff – investigate feedback on Morris & McDaniel and report back to the board.
5. Staff – add national trainings to the events calendar on the JCICS website.