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MAINE WELFARE DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

July 20, 2018

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MMA - AUGUSTA

9:30 Sharp

Roll call: Jay Feyler, Stacey Parra, KaTina Howes, Harrison Deah, Rindy Fogler, Judy Fournier, Kristen Barth, Christine Landes, Melissa White (MMA), Sara Russell

Absent: Suesan Packer

Guest: Linda Fossa

President Jay Feyler called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

1: Welcome new Board members:

- KaTina Howes (Ellsworth)
- Judy Fournier (Sabattus)

2: Administrative Guide Updates (Copies will be there for everyone)

3: Review Officers duties

- Newsletter discussion. Sara Russell will work on the upcoming newsletter

4: Spring Seminar Review

- Discussion of 2019 location

Motion made by Stacey Parra, Seconded by Rindy Fogler, all approved to go to Hollywood Casino for the 2019 Spring Seminar.

5: GA Basics/Advance GA workshop in September 2018

- Discussion of presenters and staff
- Finalize to begin marketing
- Who will be teaching GA Basics:
What is GA – Jay Feyler & Stacey Parra
GA Application- Jay Feyler & Stacey Parra
Fact Patterns-Kristen Barth & Sara Russell
Reimbursement-Sara Russell

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- Who will be teaching Advanced GA:
Rindy Fogler will be the staff person. Jay Feyler will return the materials.
Intermediate Fact Pattern –Sara Russell
Fact pattern Dis qualification and denials – Sara Russell
Emergencies: Power Disconnect & Evictions – Harrison Deah & Rindy Fogler will help with emergencies
Burials: Kristen Barth
- Discussion of catering for day 1, we will order Subway. Jay Feyler will bring breakfast items, coffee for both days. Outside catering will be secured for day 2. Kristen Barth will need overnight accommodations for Monday night.

6: Review profit/loss from each class last year

- The group discussed the profit and losses from 2017.

7: Set dates and create agendas for 2019 workshops

- The group created a proposed 2019 training calendar

8: Legislative Committee reports

- There was no new legislation to discuss

9: Finance Reports

- The group reviewed the May 31st financial statement of expenses and revenues

10: Certification

- Discussion of the creation of a re-certification for Welfare Director
Fundamentals certification discussion of adding year of service to the criteria

Motion Made by Sara Russell, seconded by Jay Feyler to add a requirement of the 6 months service in a GA position prior to being able to apply, all approved.

Motion made by Rindy Fogler to add deputies & assistants to the Welfare Director certification, all approved.

Discussion of creating a re-certification application for the Welfare/Director.

Motion made by Stacey Parra to start a re-certification program which will mirror any changes the group has approved for the original certification, seconded by Rindy Fogler, all approved.

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11: Other business

- Discussion of the MWDA session at the MMA Convention in October.
- Discussion of raising dues for the 2019 to 2020 year.
Motion made by Christine Landes to raise the regular rate to \$40.00 and the professional rate to \$50.00, seconded by Rindy Fogler, 6 approved, 3 opposed.
- Christine will draft a letter to send out to GA Administrators, Key Officials, Clerks, Town Managers, Chair of board for MMA to email to solicit for membership. Melissa will cross check against membership.
- Motion made by Christine Landes to provide new members with a \$10.00 coupon in their new member packet for a workshop, seconded by Harrison Deah, all approved. This will be good for the membership year only.

Motion made by Stacey Parra to adjourn the meeting at 1:27pm, seconded by Kristen Barth, all approved.