

September 2008 Minutes

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**ROCHESTER AREA GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY****BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 10, 2008  
**Present:** Ann Betz, Kate Fisher, Candace Sorensen, Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque, Amanda O'Hearn, Elizabeth Driscoll, Howard Markus  
**Absent:** Wendy Sullivan, Amy Lyons  
**Called to Order:** 7:00 PM  
**Adjourned:** 8:15 PM

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks Kate for bringing the pizza!</li> <li>• Amanda announced that she is running a 1/2 marathon.</li> <li>• Details of the pot luck dinner at home of Ann Betz were discussed, to be held Friday September 12 at 7pm.</li> </ul>	
<b>Review of Minutes (Ann Betz)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes from the July board meeting were reviewed by board members and passed via e-mail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes were then posted on the web site.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report (Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque discussed the current budget and with group input started to adjust some budget line items that could be changed to reflect accurate expenditures by committees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynn will continue to revise this for review at the next board meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>President's Report (Ann Betz)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Nominating Committee Report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Education Committee (Amanda O'Hearn)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the workshop next Friday, Kate will help with registration table and will enlist help of Ann Betz if necessary. Committee chairs will give annual report at</li> </ul>	

... will give annual report at 1:45 before the workshop.

- Elizabeth agreed to take over leadership of the Education Committee when Amanda finishes. Amanda said that she will stay as leader through the 2008-9 calendar that the committee has established.
- Candace reported that she received 27 new member applications as a result of the August membership drive, which is consistent, if not somewhat better than in recent years past
- Amanda O'Hearn reported that she submitted for the second time information about the upcoming September workshop to Casey Sullivan, RAGPS Webmaster, and has not yet seen the announcement posted. She also requested that he sent another e-mail reminder notice to the membership.
- Ann Betz will follow up with Casey about changes with the website.

### **Advanced Studies**

- Nothing to report at this time.

### **Annual Conference Committee (Kate Fisher & Howard Markus)**

### **Membership Committee (Candace Sorensen)**

- Nothing to report at this time.
- Kate Fisher raised an idea related to membership. She proposed that RAGPS institute a discounted package as a way to cope with the repeated issue of what to do when someone new to RAGPS attends for the first time the last workshop of the calendar cycle. She proposed that for someone who attends the final spring workshop of a cycle, they will have the option of paying \$60 which will gain them access to the workshop (40) and then for
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the additional \$20, membership for the next year. There was discussion and vote. All present were in favor. This discount package will be advertised on the workshop flyer of the spring workshop each year.

**Communication  
Committee  
(Kate Fisher)**

- Kate Fisher reported that she is working on the newsletter and reminded committee chairs and president to submit articles for the newsletter to her by September 15. She reported that Sherry Smith, LCSW, CGP submitted an article for the newsletter.

**New Business**

- Board meetings for 2008 – 2009 will be posted at the next meeting.

**Nominating Committee**

- Discussion of transitions on the board and need for board members to make greater efforts to connect with participants at workshops as a way to personally invite attendees to participate more in the organization. RAGPS Board needs a new secretary for January 2009 term, a president elect to be in place by the end of Ann Betz's term in December 2009, a treasurer to train with Lynn Chauvin Bezinque in during 2009.

**Executive Committee Meeting:**

E-mail agenda items and concerns to Ann Betz and Barb Falk by Monday, November 9th.

**Board of Directors Meeting:**

November 12, 2008 at Rochester Rehab 7:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by Amy Lyons, MS, ATR*