



California Association of School Social Workers

March 9, 2023 Monthly Board Meeting 7pm

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Meeting ID: 848 7462 1030

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Prior to Meeting Please Review:

- [February 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Review Robert's Rules of Order](#)
- [CASSW Bylaws](#) Updated 2020

Objectives:

1. Time for Committees to Plan for the Year

Time	Items	Actions (who/when)
7:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Approval of February Minutes 	<p>7:04 opened mtg. Katie moved to approve agenda. Cherie second. Unanimously passed. Essy made a motion to approve the February minutes. Tam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
7:10 Votes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Graduate Student Rep Letter of Interest 2. AB483 Letter <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bill Text 3. SB551 Letter <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bill Text 4. Appoint a Nominations Committee of at least 3 people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Application Form b. Draft Message 	<p>Tam Moved to approve Katelyn Fitzgerald the new student rep. Maria seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Maria made a motion to sign on to AB488 letter. Kimberlee seconded. Motion passed, with one abstention. Tam made a motion to sign on to SB551 letter.</p>

		<p>Kimberlee seconded. Motion passed with one abstention. Patrick reviewed the updated google form for nominations for board membership and asked for a nomination committee of 3 people. Cherie and Kimberlee offered to be on the committee.</p>
<p>7:25 Financial</p>	<p>Visibility Opportunities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsorship Opportunity: NASW-CA Lobby Days- Deadline March 16, 2023 VOTE NEEDED 2. Sponsorship Opportunity: Table at SSWAA Conference which has 50 CA folks attending - cost is \$150 VOTE NEEDED <p>Other Conference Things to Consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virtual Attendance for Someone? 2. If Tabling, Reimburse half of Patrick's hotel? <p>SWAG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notepads, pens, magnets, drinking vessels, fidgets, stressball 	<p>Motion to approve up to \$800 NASW CA Lobby days sponsorship (logo) and one ticket for a CASSW member to attend in person was made by Maria and seconded by Kealani. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to support a table at SSWAA Conference and cover the cost of half of Patrick's hotel up to \$600 total was made by Cherie. Seconded by Kealanit. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion to approve sending one CASSW board member to attend the SSWAA virtual conference was made by Katie and seconded by Kimberlee. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion to approve \$ for swag for up to \$500 the SSWAA conference</p>

		was made by Maria and seconded by Tam. Motion passed. Ideas included: stress balls, magnets, water bottles, pens, note pads
Partnerships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invited to CASP Spring Institute Event Volunteer Needed- Friday March 24 at 1-2:30- sharing about our partnership 2. Thank You Cherie for representing at the Phi Alpha Honor Society Research Symposium Event on March 25 	Perhaps Michelle Santiago could help with this.
Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bylaw Change Proposal Retreat 2. MiniGrants 	Retreat plans are under way. June 16, 17, 18th. Potentially in SD, which will host the next conference. Hopefully we will be able to form a conference committee made up of SD folks. We plan to intentionally incorporate Juneteenth celebration and/or service into our retreat.
Conference	<p>Conference Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check to see if you have recordings please • One Financial Dispute • Evaluations <p>Next Up: Conference November 2023! Volunteers Needed and a location booked by May 1</p>	<p>Patrick and Cherie have compiled info about disputes and Patrick is managing it.</p> <p>For fall conference, perhaps ask MSW interns to help with the event.</p>
Suicide Presentation	<p>Feedback from Evals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Increase in culturally competent presentations (specifically noted a lack of this in the Suicide training)” • “More suicide prevention with accurate data” • “Specific to the “What We Know and Don’t Know about Youth Suicide”~ I appreciated the speaker’s perspective, however the video’s were religious, particularly the last one shown (LDS). The video’s offered no tangible help to youth, i.e. therapy, medication, youth mentorship, peer group support, 	Patrick will draft a letter, starting with the CASSW stance, and Julie, Maggie, Chaun, Kaelani and Maria will support by reading and helping with the draft. The goal is for the letter to be

family support. I also thought the data was skewed and did not reflect accurate data for Latino, African American or Indigenous youth. I understand the speaker was from Utah and his myopic view was solely his experience. Going away to one's vacation home during the pandemic and being with family and playing games was not the experience of most people. I was dealing with student suicide, families losing their housing, employment and for many of them having food insecurity for the first time. I guess I would have appreciated a more nuanced approach to this information. I appreciated some of the comments afterwards by other participants."

Letter to Conference Attendees:

Stance first then going into acknowledging what we are doing.

The California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) Board of Directors would like to acknowledge that there were multiple statements made during the presentation titled *What We Know and What We Don't Know About Youth Suicide: Lessons Learned in the Pandemic Challenges* that were harmful to participants and communities. Several participants spoke up with comments and questions, and they were not acknowledged. As a board, we collectively apologize for the harm that was caused by elements of this presentation. We have written a collective letter to the presenters to express our concerns and give constructive feedback. Additionally, the Board will be reviewing and improving our call for proposal application prior to our next conference by adding additional questions that support applicants to self-reflect and to ask how the presentations will address equity. If you have any questions or feelings/comments/concerns you would like to share around this, please reach out to casswpresident@gmail.com. Given that some of the language and content was harmful to members of our CASSW community, we will not be distributing the slides or recording.

- Add our stance
- Take responsibility for the oversight

Letter to Presenters:

Start with our stance and then go into the feedback

The California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) Board of Directors would like to provide some feedback regarding your presentation titled *What We Know and What We Don't Know About Youth Suicide: Lessons Learned in the Pandemic Challenges* that you presented on Friday February 24, 2023 during our virtual Spring Conference.

Some attendees as well as Board Members attempted to bring up some of these concerns during the presentation. While reviewing the Conference evaluation feedback, we noticed additional concerns about what was presented and how it was presented.

ready by Monday.
Patrick will also have a conversation with the presenter.

	<p>We feel that the way the presentation was delivered and the way that questions were handled caused harm to participants and communities.</p> <p>Long Term Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edit the RFP ● Request the slide deck prior to the conference and ensure that it's the one that they are using ● Hold space for the difference between white and whiteness because we need co conspirators in the work; there's a benefit of owning that identity and speaking from there 	
<p>On-Going Business</p>	<p><u>Budget Letter Sign On Opportunity for Budget Proposal on Domestic and Sexual Violence</u></p> <p>Policies and Procedures Manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patrick will research existing promising promises on how/when to sign onto letters such as this one. <p>Reminder of Upcoming Collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 20, 2023 in person at the capital the CA PTA Association Student Wellness- Cristina - March 24-CASP Spring Institute - ?? - March 25-USC Phi Alpha Research Symposium-Cheri 	<p>Kimberlee said she would reach out to NASW-CA</p> <p>Motion to adjourn made by Julie and seconded by Maria. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27</p>

Membership Numbers

Total Members as of 01/30/23: 536- Up 4 members from last month (all students)

Non Student Members as of 01/02: 223

PD Numbers

New SSW: 19 registered and some districts paid for it!

September: 12 registered

October: 24 registered

November: taking a break

December: 10 registered

January: 11 registered