

**Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL)  
Annual Business Meeting  
Sunday, October 3, 2010**

**Call to order**

Stuart Moss, AMHL President called the meeting to order and thanked Joe Tally, Brian, and Louise for their work in making the 2010 AMHL conference a great success.

**Financial Report**

AMHL treasurer Arlene Krizanic presented a report on the association's finances.

**Conference revenues and expenses**

Sponsorships (\$4,675) and meeting registrations (\$3,808) have been coming in and they total \$8,483, and hotel and other conference expenses have been tallied, and the total cost of the conference was \$11,468.

**Total on hand**

AMHL has a total of \$30,628.28 on hand, with \$17,705.64 in cash and \$12,922.64 in a Dreyfus Short-term Income Fund.

**Tax exempt status**

Treasurer Arlene Krizanic has been working on renewing the association's tax exempt status and this process will continue.

**Membership and Conference Trends**

Stuart Moss presented a summary of the trends in AMHL membership and conference events. Membership has generally declined over the past decade as fewer libraries related to mental health remained on the scene and membership has been at about 50-60 in the last few years. Meetings/conferences were held fairly regularly on an annual basis until 2002, when no conference was put on, and then conferences were put on in 2005, 2006, and 2007, but no conference was put on again until this one in 2010.

**Conference Options**

Stuart Moss presented options for future AMHL conferences. In general, we have the option of continuing as we have, organizing our conference independently as program chairs step forward from the membership, or we could explore returning to a model that AMHL has used in the past and hold the AMHL conference in conjunction with the APA IPS (American Psychiatric Association's Institute on Psychiatric Services). Meeting every year is somewhat of a burden as well, so maybe meeting less frequently would be a very good option, maybe every 2 years. One additional option would be to use APA facilities in Washington, DC.

And....Gary McMillan has stepped forward to host the next AMHL meeting, either in New York City or Washington, DC!

### **Meeting with the APA IPS**

One idea that has been discussed is to resume meetings held in conjunction with the APA's IPS meetings (American Psychiatric Association's Institute on Psychiatric Services). That meeting is focused on clinical topics and is a smaller conference that is popular among psychiatry residents and non-psychiatrist professionals partly because of its historical connection with community psychiatry. Other affiliated groups also have programming as part of the IPS meeting. There is no particular responsibility that comes with being an affiliated group, so there is nothing required except to plan the AMHL-specific program offerings that would be part of the IPS meeting program.

The next IPS meeting is in 2011 in...San Francisco! But if we decided to try for every 2 years, then it would be 2012, October 4-7, in New York City.

This option of meeting in conjunction with the IPS has the advantage of removing some of the burdens of organizing a conference, because the hotel, the conference venues, and the registration and other administrative infrastructure of the conference would be taken care of, and the AMHL program chair(s) could focus on programming content.

A disadvantage of this approach is the loss of the charm and feel of our AMHL conferences that are independently organized and programmed.

There is a fee for an organization to add programs to the IPS meeting, but Gary McMillan, at the American Psychiatric Association, has offered for the APA library to cover that fee. The usual individual registration fee for the IPS meeting is \$105-\$130, and AMHL could add a bit to that for AMHL-specific programming, dinners, etc.

The APA would actually like to have some library-related programming to serve the regular attendees at the IPS meetings, especially residents.

It's possible that the program chair could plan the meeting remotely, as meeting with the IPS might not require a local person on the ground for the AMHL conference.

### **AMHL Elections**

Joe Tally is the new AMHL president, Gary McMillan was nominated to be president-elect/program chair, and Brian Seguin was nominated to become the new Treasurer. Scott Hines and Pam Hastings will constitute a nominating committee and will run an official online election of AMHL officers/executive committee members.

### **New President Installed**

At the end of the meeting, Joe Tally was installed as the new President of AMHL and Stuart Moss was installed as Past-President.

## **Raffle Results**

The winner of the raffle and proud new owner of the Complete Mental Health Directory from Grey House Publishing is Kate Elder!