SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORT 2017

This report is due electronically to Rebecca Kunkel at r.kunkel@sswaa.org by 5pm on 7/14/17. Please be prepared to share one item, from the report below, during the DA that you wish to receive to feedback.

STATE ORGANIZATION:
A. State Association Officers and Contact Information:
   Please list the names of the officers, legislative chair, website manager and social media manager their contact information, including email address, and length of term of offices.

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1. Permanent Committees within the State Association:
   a. IASSW has the following standing committees:
      i. Awards
      ii. CEU
      iii. Conference 2014
      iv. Conference Development
      v. Executive Committee
      vi. Finance
      vii. Job Clearing House
      viii. Journal
      ix. Legislative
      x. Member Relations
      xi. Membership
      xii. Newsletter
2. State Conference (Y or N and date for 2017):
   a. Yes, IASSW’s 2017 Fall Conference will be held in Lisle Illinois at the Sheraton Lisle Hotel October 19-20, 2017. Our theme is “Let’s Grow Together”

3. Organization’s Website address: iassw.org
4. Newsletter (Y or N, frequency and type, electronic or paper, of circulation): The IASSW Newsletter is published September through June on a monthly basis and is sent to members via email.

Facebook Page Address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address): Illinois Association of School Social Workers (IASSW)
5. Twitter Handle (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address): No
6. Blog address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address): No

B. Number of State Association Members: 1160

C. Number of School Social Workers in the State: Approximately 3700

D. Annual Budget and Dues Structure: The annual budget for the IASSW 2017 - 2018 fiscal year is $260,180.00 with most of income derived from the annual conference and membership dues. There is some income from the Journal, Member Relations and Regions. The yearly membership for IASSW is $75.00 for full members and $20.00 for retirees and students. The new budget was just recently approved.

E. State Evaluation:

1. Current Strengths of State Association:
   a. We have majority of our regional representative positions filled
   b. We are updated regularly regarding legislative news. We are very active in the legislative process.
   c. We communicate with members regularly by email, webpage and social media.
   d. We are in a stable position financially
   e. Regional workshops and webinars are facilitated throughout the state by our Regional Reps where attendees have an opportunity to earn CEU/CPDUs.
   f. Our state conference generates new members, reengages old members, and offer networking opportunities
   i. Coalition with other Type 73 Professionals (Nurses, School Counselors, School Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist). “Speaking for Illinois Children”

2. Current Weaknesses of State Association:
   a. We need more collaboration with NASW
   b. We need more collaboration with DCFS
   c. We need to grow our revenue streams
   d. We need to improve our membership
   e. We need to get our organization more recognized by school administrators, parents and graduate students pursuing an MSW
3. **Future Plans of State Association:** We plan to get re-engaged into writing position papers, educate administrators, legislators and parents on what we do, improve our social network and community presence, engage students at the undergraduate and graduate level, increase members and benefits, advocate for our profession and the families we serve legislatively and develop plans on how to celebrate our professional contribution to society during school social work week and month.

4. **Future Threats to State Association:** Decreased graduate student social work students pursuing school’s concentration? Political irresponsibility as it relates to finances and their priorities. Educational Administrators and Legislators not aware of what we do and how we are different from other professions. School Social Workers being hired as behavior consultants and not being paid according to contract. School Social Worker Graduate Students not passing the TAP exam or forgoing schools concentration because of test anxiety.

5. **How can SSWAA assist your state?** SSWAA can assist Illinois by lobbying against charter schools and supporting public education, educating the public, educational administrators and legislators on what we do and how we are different than school counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists. SSWAA can also help Illinois by offering sponsorship dollars to support our annual state conference. It would also be nice to see a collaborative effort to promote school social work week/month nationally.