STATE ORGANIZATION: Indiana School Social Work Association (INSSWA)

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.

- **Patrice Uminski**, President – Archdiocese of Indianapolis – puminski@yahoo.com, 2 year term
- **Jane Zobel**, President-Elect, Retired – jezobel@att.net, 2 year term
- **Sarah Gould**, Secretary - Indianapolis Public Schools – Goulds@myips.org, 2 year term
- **Michele Whaley**, Treasurer - Indianapolis Public Schools – hudginsm@myips.org, 2 year term
- **Julie Rosier**, Website and Social Media Manager-Indianapolis Public Schools, juliemrosier@gmail.com, 3 year term

Legislative Chair currently vacant

1. **Permanent Committees within the State Association:**

   INSSWA has the following committee chairs that serve as board members:
   - **Terry Miller**, Greenfield- Central - Midwest (temiller@gcsc.k12.in.us)
   - **Legislation** – currently vacant
   - **Julie Rosier**, Indianapolis Public Schools – Website (juliemrosier@gmail.com)
   - **Scott Stroud**, Greenfield- Central – Communication (sstroud@gcsc.k12.in.us)
   - **Belinda Justus**, – East Noble School Corporation - School Social Worker of the Year (bmjustus9@hotmail.com)
   - **Nicole Wolfe**, Carmel Clay Schools – Membership (nfabwolfe@gmail.com)

   Additional committees: Audit, Conference, Mini-grants, Nomination, Scholarships

2. **State Conference (Y or N and date for 2017):** Yes

   INSSWA hosts 2 full day state conferences each school year and one half day conference in the summer. Regional conferences are also held throughout the year.

   The theme of our 2017 Annual Fall Conference held on November 10, 2017 is “School Social Workers as Advocates: Our Voice Counts”.

3. **Organization’s Website address:** insswa.org

4. **Newsletter (Y or N, frequency and type, electronic or paper, of circulation):** No

   Email communications sent out as needed

5. **Facebook Page Address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address):** Yes

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6. **Twitter Handle (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address):** No

7. **Blog address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address):** No

B. Number of State Association Members:

   There are currently 254 INSSWA members - 181 regular members, 26 Charter members, 6 Retired, 25 Students, and 16 Affiliate members.
C. Number of School Social Workers in the State: No accurate information on this, but DOE consultant is working on obtaining this information.

D. Annual Budget and Dues Structure:
Our annual budget for 2017 is $39,374.65.
Primary source of income: Fall Conference and Membership Dues
Membership dues are collected once a year. A discounted rate is offered to those who renew their membership prior to August 31st. Those who renew prior to August 31st also receive a discounted rate to our fall conference.

E. State Evaluation:

1. Current Strengths of State Association:
   - Strong Board and Leadership – meet 4 times per year
   - Consistent Membership with increase in current membership
   - Hosted our own LEAD initiative in February 2017
   - Recognition of 4 Legislators at our 2016 annual fall conference and will recognize 1 legislator at 2017 conference
   - Increased legislative activity
   - Collaboration with Indiana State Teachers Association on trauma informed care
   - Allowing retired members (President-Elect currently retired) to serve on board has increased timeliness in addressing needs
   - 8 Regions with Regional Meetings
   - Ability to offer CEUs
   - 3 Conferences with 2 free for members: Fall conference, spring seminar, summer seminar – seek national presenters
   - Offers a variety of ways for members to be involved
   - Mini-grants – two opportunities to apply
   - Scholarships (Midwest, SSWAA, Leadership Summit)
   - Updated Website
   - Good communication with members routinely making members aware of opportunities
   - Involvement in Indiana Student Services Coalition with School Counselors and School Psychologists
   - SSWAA and Midwest affiliations and participation
   - New law requires MSW in order to work as a school social worker

2. Current Weaknesses of State Association:
   - DOE State Consultant for School Social Workers does not hold a MSW or SSW license
   - Newly hired lobbyist lacks in depth knowledge of school social work and legislative concerns for school social workers in Indiana
   - Active participation of membership – number of members that serve on committees is low
   - Lack of webinar trainings
   - Lack of interest for Regional Representative positions and lack of good leadership in those positions

3. Future Plans of State Association:
   - Building stronger legislative committee to advocate for students and the important role school social workers have in trauma informed care
   - Collaboration with NASW
   - Collaboration with ISTA on trauma informed care working toward study committee
   - Dedicated lobbyist to our association
4. Future Threats to State Association:
   o Continued cuts to school service personnel
   o The disservice to students, families and school districts who use under/ differently qualified SSW’s and the potential for litigation in this regard.
   o The need for ongoing education to legislators about the difference between an MSW and MSW with School Social Work Certification and education.
   o Expenses increasing and keeping membership affordable

5. How can SSWAA assist your state?
   Continue to consult and send out up-to-date information regarding school social work and legislative concerns. Continue to offer conferences, legislative institute, and delegate assembly.