

# WISCONSIN GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION

STRIVING TO IMPROVE GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES

## Minutes

November 14th, 2017

10 am to 2 pm

Jensen Community Center

487 N Main St, Amherst, WI 54406

- **Attendance:**

- Ruth Zych, Chris Klemme, Jean DeBauche, Lisa Crandall, Mary Hammer, Tricia Wilkinson, Kau Nhou Vang, Laurie Thompson, Robin Peeters, Julie Archiquette, Ramona Bader, Michelle Bolger, Jennie Farmer, AJ Drumm, Jeff Ott, Erin Wester, Lori Killian, Monica Saippa, Jessica Compton, Rachel Henn, Christine Hackfort, Lisa Trembley, Jodi Bednar, Marit Waack, Bonnie Struska, Judy Thoma, Pete Weidner, Sharon Helke, Howard Helke, Amanda Flater

- **Call to Order and Introductions**

- Meeting called to order by WGA President, Chris Klemme

- **Approval of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes**

- Motion to Approve made by Mary Hammer, Seconded by Marit Waack
  - Motion Carried

- **Treasurer's Report and Approval**

- Reviewed membership list and who needs payment and updated contact info
- Profit for Conference \$1358.09
- Balance \$17,605.01 in account
- Motion to approve Pete Weidner, seconded by Mary Hammer
  - Motion carried

- **Old Business**

- Website Update: Pete Weidner
  - No new updates to report, list to review info sent around.
- Workgroup Updates
- Committee Updates
  - NGA Affiliation
    - Conference in Colorado – Mary Hammer attended an affiliate meeting
    - NGA has hired an individual to be in contact with all the state affiliates. This person will help with legislative and lobbying activities.
    - Changes to the UGCOPAA legislation and changes NGA would like more states to adapt – Handout to be mailed to the group.
    - Many new progressive presentations at the conference
    - New Books available “The Essentials of Guardianship” has been putout by NGA and available on the Bar Association Website.

- **New Business**

- Speaker-Fil Clissa—Supportive Decision Making
- Summary of Conference
  - Feedback
    - 48 People that attended returned their survey

- Reviewed those results. Most attendees felt all areas were above average. A handful of results showed they enjoyed the day.
- Speakers
  - Order of preferences: Hoarding, Sensory, Sexuality, and Social Security
- Next Year
  - Looking for a Chairperson for the conference
  - Suggestions include: offering ½ day credits for those that drive (4 hours vs. 8 hours)
- Board Nominations will be at our next meeting in February
  - Treasurer position will be vacant; current treasurer is at the term limit.
- Member Case Study-Group Discussion
  - Discussion about Protective Placement by Counties if there is not other funding.
  - Question: How to handle an individual that is familiar with the court system and they continue to review it year after year and question the guardian's conduct. Consensus is to tough it out but be aware that sometimes it doesn't always work, and you may need to help them find another guardian. Often as well, the individual just 'wants their day in court' because they have the right to it.
- **Adverse Childhood Experience Training May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting 4 hours**
- **Adjournment:**
  - Motion to adjourn by Pete Weidner, second by Jean DeBauche
    - Motion Carried
- Next Meetings: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018