

Rural Caucus Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2008
Destin, Florida

Members Present: President, Michael Daley, Roy (Butch) Rodenheiser, Steve Marson, Peggy Pittman-Munke, Wade Seibert, Ben Arellano, Paul Dovyak, Byron McKinney, Barbara Pierce

Meeting was called to order by President Daley at 7:45 PM.

Annual conference planning:

Butch Rodenheiser of Boise State University gave an update on the annual conference planning which will be held in Boise, Idaho this summer. The dates are July 24, 25, 26, 27 (Thursday through Sunday). The conference weblink is available on the Boise State website. Butch reported that there will be a historical tour of the area and tubing and rafting are possibilities. Peggy asked that Butch check on wireless availability and handicap accessibility. Butch stated that he was fairly sure that these were available since we will be in a brand new conference center which is part of the Boise State campus but that he would check to make sure.

Call for papers for this conference has been extended to the end of March.

Contemporary Rural Social Work Journal:

Editor, Mike Daley reported that manuscripts are coming in and that calls for papers are on the BPD and rural listservs. The journal needs notes from practice and poems or other creative writings.

Mike reported that he has talked with some publishers regarding putting the journal online with them. As part of this discussion, Wade brought up the issue of the Caucus needing more of a foundation or a more formal structure. We discussed the possibility of having a mission statement. Mike stated that the guiding principles would be available this summer at the conference.

NASW Delegate Assembly:

The Rural Policy Statement is up for review this summer. It has been reviewed by Caucus members and members will support it this summer at Delegate Assembly.

Rural Values and Ethics:

Appropriate articles on ethics should be sent to Peggy or Steve.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pierce