

Minutes for WALC meeting of January 21, 2005  
From Ruth Sweet, WALC secretary

Carol Cox began our meeting at 9:30 with introductions of members and announcements.

**Educational Content:**

Sue Morrison shared her photos and her memories of a trip to South Africa sponsored by People to People with ILCA affiliation.

**Announcement:** Dane County Public Health Dept is sponsoring the fifth annual Breastfeeding Symposium at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Thursday, April 21, 2005 from 5 to 9 pm, a light meal is served. Contact Alice Meyer 608-242-6348 for additional information.

**Business Meeting** called to order by Carol Cox at noon.

Minutes for Nov 16, 2004 were accepted. Everyone will have a mailed copy this month because a ballot is contained. Always check the web site for information. Soon we will have an email reminder when minutes are posted.

**Treasury** (Teri Funk) contains about \$5000 but there is a lot of money moving in and out relevant to our upcoming conference and dues payments.

**Program:** Donna Bisbee

There was a discussion of how to deal with cancellations cause by weather problems. The website cannot be updated quickly enough and officers are unlikely to be near their home phones. Therefore, if one suspects that an event will be cancelled, call the site where the event is to occur. However, remember that cancellation is very unlikely and that you must make choices that are safe for you.

**Future Dates for your calendar:**

ILCA Conference- July 8-12, 2005 Chicago, IL

WALC Clinical Day- May 17,2005 Hess Memorial Hospital, Mauston, WI

Topics: BF & Adoption, Other two unconfirmed at this time, ILCA

ILCA Conference Update- September 16,2005 Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI

Speech Therapy and the LC-November 15,2005 St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee, WI

Breast Pump Review -January 2006 Location yet to be announced.

**WALC Conference March 10 & 11, 2005**

Sandy Testin reports that 22 registrations have arrived which is average for this time of year.

Becky Krumwiede was unable to bring conference brochures to the meeting. If you need several for your local site, please contact her to have them mailed to you. Otherwise, the brochure is easily available on our website. <http://walc.net>

Make your hotel reservation soon; the deadline for the conference special rate is Feb 9.

**Resources:** Kris Walleser

Contact Kris if you want to borrow any materials. She will bring it to the next meeting or mail it to you. The list of available materials is on the website. Only members can borrow materials.

**Scholarship Committee:** Winnie Mading

The scholarship committee is working on a proposal to offer \$500 to one person each year. The application form and guidelines for eligibility are being developed. The recipient can use the money for a CLC or CLE course in order to prepare to sit for the IBCLE exam.

**Distribution of Conference Profits:** There was a request for clarification of this policy and a request that there be a cap on the amount that is given to a member. The present policy is to pay the entire conference fee for our president and one half the conference fee for all other board members. One half of the conference profits are then used to reimburse ILCA conference expenses for all members who have attended the required number of business meetings and who will report at a WALC meeting the following fall. The other half goes in the WALC treasury for education and outreach.

**Old Business:** Ellen Vojta inquired about the memorial that was started in 1994 in memory of Jan Tucker.

**Grant applications:** Terrell Brock's application for a grant to support Baby Friendly was refused. Mary Pesik's grant to support peer counseling at WIC sites was accepted and Winnie Mading will represent WALC for this project

**Meeting sites:** It was brought up that a large amount of WALC's meetings are being held in the Milwaukee/Madison area. We encourage outlying areas to have meetings but so far none have come forward. We use to go to Fond du Lac, Stevens Point, WI Rapids etc but without a place to hold the meetings we're unable to go. All that's needed is a room to accommodate about 40 people and a place where we could purchase food. Please let Carol or Donna Bisbee know if you could host a meeting.

**Note from the President:**

The board had a meeting and the by laws state that the board consists of the President, President elect, Past President (one year after her term), Secretary, Membership, and Treasurer. The board feels that the Program Chair should also be part of the WALC board since this person is responsible for getting us our CERPS and arranges the meetings and educational content. An amendment will be added to this years ballot with this proposal, the by laws have not been changed since 1998.

The board looked into the Jan Tucker Memorial that was set up in 1994. Terri states we contributed to it until 2000. It was felt by the board that this Memorial be discontinued since we haven't pay into it for 5 years.

The Board also discussed whether a cap should be put on the ILCA scholarship funds or not. It was felt by the Board members that no cap would be set. Instead each year it would be evaluated since the registration fee keeps going up. The registration fee, distance needed to travel, and number of members eligible will be considered each year. Eligibility means attendance at 2 business meetings and the conference or 3 business meetings. Signing in for a meeting then leaving soon after will be evaluated by the board.

We adjourned at 1 pm in order to get home before the heavy snow began.