

## **APGSA Annual Business Meeting, Baltimore Maryland**

**July 9, 2015**

Present: John Hostetler OK, Jeremy Wampler CT, Jamie McCarville WI, Alia Lucas MI, Nicole Corbin OR, Kathy Scanlan APGSA, Quinetta Womack LA, Smith Worth NC, Steve Keel MA, Lori Rugle MD, Mark VanderLinden MA, Susan Storti RI, Stacey Frohnafel-Hasson OH, Hillary Dunaway KS, Cheryl Wilcox WA, Terri Sue Canale-Dalman CA, Eric Preuss IA, Helen Ghebre MN, David Geier NE, Jennifer Berg NY, Laura Rostolsky for Ken Martz PA, Steve Burton WV, Mary McMahon CO, Larissa Pixler AZ

8:30-9:15 Welcome and call to order

Lori Rugle

**ANNUAL REPORT FY 2015**

Mark VanderLinden

**June 2014-July2015**

### **APGSA ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Planning Committee for membership meetings assessed members' learning needs, revised the meeting format to meet those needs, and presented on the topic of prevention.
- APGSA contributed a response to SAMHSA's strategic plan that requested inclusion of gambling disorder.
- Members asked questions and received responses on several topics including self-exclusion practices, state ages for legal gambling, use of sliding fee scale for treatment payment, problem gambling prevention curriculum for adults, use of ASAM criteria for gambling disorder, credentialing of gambling counselors, and use of peer counselors for gambling disorder.
- Continued to build on relationships with SAMSHA, NASADAD, and NCPG; co-sponsored a webinar with NCRG on health care and disability laws related to gambling disorder.
- Survived two hackings of APGSA website and rebuilt website
- Transitioned to half-time executive director
- Developed a fiscal management plan; began use of Quick Books for APGSA fiscal recording and reporting

- Set aside \$10,000 toward cost of APGSA Survey of the States in 2016

**FY 2015 Fiscal Report:**

**See attachment**

Eric Preuss

**FY 2015 Data:**

Smith Worth

- 37 the total number of APGSA members representing 35 states (with 2 states with 2 members each). 22 are voting members and 15 are general members.
- 15 the number of states with no services for gambling problems (10) or no known contact (5) based on the 2013 APGSA Survey of the States.
- 4 the number of APGSA membership meetings held. One was an in person meeting in July, 2014, and three were through Go To Meeting/Zoom.
- 21 average attendance by members through Go To Meeting
- 6 number of APGSA Board meetings held
- 2 number of meetings of the executive committee of the Board

**Vote:**

Lori Rugle

By-laws changes: **Accepted as proposed**

Fiscal Management Policy:

- **Board amended section on Purchasing of Goods and Services “3. The bidding process will be used for expenditures over \$1,000.”**
- **Board agreed to investigate further the cost of an audit**

Budget 2016:

**Accepted (see attachment)**

Dues policy 2016:

**Accepted**

### **APGSA Dues Structure for FY2016**

#### Background

At the APGSA annual meeting in July 2014, it was noted that the current dues structure for APGSA was not sufficient to support the mission of the organization. The board was charged with revising the dues structure during FY 2015 for implementation in FY 2016.

In order to do that, the APGSA board surveyed its membership to better understand States' needs and the feasibility of increasing membership dues. While there was a diverse range of responses, there was a solid response from members with ability to increase dues. The board studied options throughout FY 2015 for a fair and equitable restructuring of dues, and concluded that it was not ready to present a plan that would achieve this goal. The board committed itself to continue in FY 2016 to work toward a restructuring of dues.

#### FY 2016 Dues

In the meantime, the board agreed that for FY 2016, APGSA would seek a minimum commitment from members to the same dues rate that was paid in FY 2015, while asking members to increase that amount where possible.

The Board clarified that membership in APGSA is open to state administrators of problem gambling services, and that dues of over \$1500 were required for voting membership and for eligibility for election to the board.

It was noted that while most states with problem gambling funding over \$2 million paid at the rate of \$2500, there were some that did not. Those states would be requested to increase their dues to \$2500.

APGSA holds an annual meeting (ordinarily in conjunction with the National Council on Problem Gambling national conference). APGSA members are eligible to apply annually for financial assistance to attend the meeting and conference. Assistance is based on need as identified by the state.

#### Membership in APGSA

The Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators (APGSA) is a national organization, formed in 2000, to help state governments facilitate an informed and unified voice for the development of state-of-the-art publicly funded problem gambling services.

In the absence of Federal coordinating efforts, the APGSA assists members to maximize the effectiveness of the services they fund through information sharing, advocacy, research and peer consultation.

**Adjourn Annual Business meeting**

Lori Rugle

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9:15-9:30      **Introduction of Members**

Larissa Pixler

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9:30-9:45      APGSA 15 Year Anniversary

Mark VanderLinden

- Milestones

### **Milestones      2000-2015**

2000	Founded by Tim Christensen, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Christopher Armentano, Connecticut Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Joanna Franklin, Maryland Council on Problem Gambling
2006	Conducted and released first national survey of public funding for problem gambling services in the United States
2006	First website launched
2008	Released second survey, <i>State Funding for Problem Gambling Services</i> Incorporated in Connecticut as a non-profit agency
2010	Third Survey released: <i>2010 National Survey of Publicly Funded Problem Gambling Services</i> Received 501©3 letter from IRS determining exemption from Federal income tax
2014	Fourth Survey released: <i>2013 National Survey of Problem Gambling Services</i>

1<sup>st</sup> president: Tim Christensen 2000-2011

2<sup>nd</sup> president: Mark Vander Linden 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> president: Joanna Franklin 2012-October 2013

4<sup>th</sup> president: Lori Rugle October 2013 –present

1st executive director: Christopher Armentano (2008- 2014)

- Greetings from Tim Christensen, APGSA Founder was not able to attend due to time constraints; (letter attached)
- Remembrance Joanna Franklin

Mark, Lori

9:45-10:30      Rob Morrison, Executive Director, NASADAD

Kathy Scanlan

Discussed consensus building; delivering a product; sell what you do; the product are the members; product you believe in and that helps people; know who you

want to be; defining what you want based on the resources you have; defining who the members are; how to leverage information on a shoestring budget; state by state what you want to tell the world; build on what is selling; emergent issues; monitoring literature; trends

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:00 Presentation of Board Goals Lori Rugle  
APGSA Mentoring Program, new website (not able to get to these items due to time constraints)  
Membership was asked to consider which goals they would be willing to work on and contact the point person assigned to each. The goals are as follows:

1. Mission/Policy/Planning (Terri Sue)
  - a. Create “living” Strategic Map/Plan by June 2016
    - i. What do we want to be about?
      1. Support State Administrators
        - a. State Survey (every three years)
        - b. Create platform for Technology/Information Dissemination/Transfer
      2. Mentoring (John Hostetler)
      3. Other (World Café)?
2. Fiscal/Legal/Compliance (Eric)
  - a. Explore fiscal/legal reporting requirements
  - b. Accountability to the membership
3. Resource Development/Fundraising (Lori)
  - a. Develop Dues Policy supporting the ongoing mission/vision of APGSA
  - b. Develop alternative funding for state survey
4. Executive Supervision/Support (Mark)
  - a. Develop Personnel Policy
    - i. At least Annual Review Process
  - b. Develop Executive Director transition plan
5. Community Relations (Larissa/Lori)
  - a. Explore partnering/connecting with other like organizations
  - b. Launch enhanced/updated APGSA website and evaluate/improve
6. Board Development (Nicole)
  - a. Explore staggering board terms for nominations for July 2016 Annual Meeting

11:00-11:30 APGSA “world café” - leading to a common vision for APGSA

Helen Ghebre, facilitator

Collectively know what product/vision is.

Warm up question:

- Why is problem gambling important?
- Why do you care?

What do you see the role of the association?

What will it take to move towards this vision?

11:30- 12:30 State Reports:

**See attached**

- In reviewing this past year, what stands out for you in overseeing problem gambling services in your state?
- And a hope for FY15-16?

Closing

Lori Rugle

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