

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2009

PRESENT on conference call: Maryruth Glogowski, Sandra Susman Palmer, and Katrina Zalatan

The Conference Call Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

State Coordinator Maryruth Glogowski facilitated the meeting, addressing the following key agenda items:

1. Reviewed, edited, and approved minutes of December 5, 2008.
2. Conference Report: Maryruth reported that she had been working with Marguerite Busetti, Clara Wajngurt, and the local arrangements committee for our April 3, 2009 Dance of Change Conference. They are very concerned by the costs of the keynote speaker (travel & lodging from California plus a large speaker fee), the costs of food, and (more importantly) the travel freezes popping up on campuses across the state. Even if travel is not frozen money is very tight. We would need at least 100 attendees at \$70 per person and that might not even cover expenses. They unanimously feel that we should postpone this conference until the fall. We might then be able to offer a videoconference component to unite regional groups. Maryruth emphasized that this decision to cancel is not because we are behind in planning. We do have the conference planned and we have a verified mailing list. We feel strongly that the fiscal situation would compromise the success of our efforts this April, and we do not want to bankrupt our group or waste funds that could be used more productively.
3. It was agreed to cancel the conference. Maryruth will send an email to those who could not attend this meeting.
4. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.