Central Division and Southern Division Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Present: Karen Aikman, Ocesa Keaton (Chair Central Division) Heather Pudish, Randy Stetson

There was no meeting in February

I. Introductions

Karen- Karenaikman7@gmail.com Is an LCSW from Elmira, NY. She is semi-retired from clinical practice. She continues to do consulting work. She is a new grandmother and looking to spend time with her grandchild. She has been involved with NASW for a while and has served in different roles. She was previously Southern Division Chair.

Heather hpudish@wpcsd.org is an LMSW from Endicott, NY. She is currently working as a school social worker in the Whitney Point School District. She is interested in clinical social work and is currently looking for ways to get supervision. Heather has never held any NASW leadership roles but agreed to temporarily act as Southern Division Chair.

II. Brain Storming

Programing

* **Clinical Group-** Discussion around the possibility of starting a clinical group in May was explored. Everyone stated that the would be interested and will to attend. Karen would not be available until May.

Outreach

* **Meet and Greet-** Plans for have a “meet and greet” meeting during the month of March was discussed. Randy will send out an email to everyone to figure out a good date and time.
	+ Heather stated that she had a lot of connections where she works but not everyone is an NASW member. The question of whether nonmembers can participate in the meeting came up. Will check with Shakira
	+ Benefits of being an NASW member were discussed as they would be a good tool for recruiting.

Action Items

* Email everyone regarding date the meet and greet and inform Shakira (Randy)
* Check with Shakira about nonmembers access to meetings (Randy)

Next Meeting April 13, 2021