



April 2009 Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Northwest Radiology, 4029 NW Ave. 1st, Bellingham, WA
Recording: Marie Gallagher
Attending: Marie Gallagher, Shannon Jacoby, Elaine Haser, Lorna Klemanski, Brenda Horat, Erica Hull, Judy Upham, Lorna McGowan-Smith, Diane Shelton, Pamela Davis, Juan Hernandez, Sandra Fusman, and Carl Roberge
Absent: Rachelle Verbarendse, Camille Gatza, Patricia Dye, Stacey Snodgrass, and Marian Exall
Guest: Jamie
Called to order: 5:40 am by Elaine Haser
Adjourned: 6:40 pm

TOPIC/WHO	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Meeting Called to Order: Elaine Haser	Confirmed agenda	
Approve Minutes:	March minutes were unanimously approved with submitted corrections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lorna K. made motion to approve as amended and Diane S. seconded the motion. 	
Public Relations: Elaine	<p>Elaine informed the Board that Patricia received an email last week requesting our attendance at the Spring Business Expo. The cost was \$50 a table. The matter was discussed between a few board members and they decided that it would be a good idea. Patricia agreed to be at the expo and put up a SHRM table.</p> <p>The expo was the day of the SHRM meeting, Patricia requested additional help if anyone could come to the expo after the SHRM meeting.</p> <p>Patricia is almost done with the table tents and will present them to the Board at the next meeting. Patricia is also ordering the free event tickets for new members. The sample business cards were presented to the Board.</p>	

	The Board is not sure about moving forward because they are not as inexpensive as originally proposed once you factor in shipping and a logo.	
Legislative Update: Elaine	In Marian's absence, Elaine informed the board of some legislative updates that Marian provided to her. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Washington Workplace Privacy Act is dead. - The unfunded Family Leave Act has not been repealed, but will likely be decided as a budget issue. - The Free Choice Act proposed legislation is taking comment. - COBRA has new federal subsidy changes. 	
Grants: Lorna K.	Lorna K. presented information to the Board about the grant available to current professionals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the application form is complete - applicants can apply on a rolling basis - this grant is rolling out with good timing given the fact that many companies are cutting their training budgets <p>The Board discussed getting an updated SHRM learning system. The Board approved spending to purchase a new system. In addition, Elaine will make an announcement at the luncheon next week that members can donate their old SHRM learning systems to the Board if they would like.</p>	
Programs Lorna M.	Lorna reported to the Board that the April speaker is certified and ready to present next week. The October speaker for diversity month will be from Hartford. The athlete has not been assigned at this time, but they are looking for an athlete with experience working with a disability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juan, Carl, and the Hartford representative are working together on this event. 	
Student Conference: Jamie	Jamie provided a status report regarding the upcoming student conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WWU expects 50 – 70 participants - Central, Portland State, and UW are confirmed - The opening speaker will be either the dean or the chair of the business school. - The keynote speaker will be Larry Healy - The diversity speaker will be Renee Larson - The Global speaker will be Patricia Dye - Diana Gould will speak about networking. - Volunteers are still needed (about 5-10 more) 	Elaine will contact Carrie to confirm who has volunteered and exactly how many more volunteers are needed.
Workshop: Shannon	In Stacey's absence, Shannon provided an update on the workshop. Stacey has sent out vendor letters. If anyone has ideas for new vendors feel free to email Elaine	
Miscellaneous	The Board has been experimenting with Linked In (a social networking site). The Board has created a SHRM	Judy will send Elaine the article for 100 Business

	group and several of the Board members have joined it. Elaine would like to wait to open it to the members until we have figured the site out. Judy is familiar with the site and thinks it will be fine to open it up for members at this time.	Reasons to use linked in.
Next Meeting	5:30 pm - May 7, 2009	
May Refreshments	Juan Hernandez	
Adjourn	6:40 pm	