



LAKE MICHIGAN FEDERATION

GREAT LAKES LEADERSHIP NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MARCH 11, 1994

AGENDA

Comments on February meeting minutes: Jeanne felt good about the discussion moving the Network away from a formal organizational structure. Bea explained that this moving away from a formal structure was not unanimous and still open for discussion. Although, she does support a less formal approach.

Steering Committee: This was a short discussion on the low level of participation from steering committee members between the awarding of the grant and now. There was agreement that present members, excluding those added at the first planning meeting, would be asked to either become more involved or step down. Karen Murphy recommended that GLU only have one representative. She agreed to play that role. **NOTE TO KAREN, JEANNE and SARA:** I forgot to mention this on the call. In reference to Karen's comment that Jeanne and Sara were representing GLU, they are actually on in their other professional capacity. So we would appreciate them both staying involved as themselves.

We will add new members from the planning meeting in March, if there is interest.

Conference call with Jessica Kovan: Jessica, at the request of Rebecca Shriner, has agreed to talk with members of the steering committee on a conference call in April (date to be determined). The agenda for this meeting has also not been set. We will get back to you all the week of March 21.

Conference Planning: This was a bit of a brainstorming session to be continued at the March meeting. However, some suggestions were given in terms of program ideas. Topics included **developing leaders, "What's going on with women in the Basin," "How to work together at a regional and international level," initiation (enormous)- there is a wealth of people who don't know each other or see themselves as part of a larger movement, mentoring to encourage potential leaders, skills training - facilitation, computers, public speaking, organizing, etc.**

Other ideas were to develop a clear Great Lakes consciousness, provide a bibliography of information, and provide names of people to obtain assistance from.

Various facilitators were named as possibilities - Marty Fluharty, Dianne Russel, Shar Elasia (Bea, I don't think I got the spelling right). We are looking for other possibilities. Bea volunteered to put together a list of questions to be given to candidates to help us choose the team.

Kathy listed a series of things that need to be done to pull off the conference to be scheduled for September 9-11, 1994. **Compile list of participants, identify speakers and facilitators, identify location, set up program, mail out invitations, do media work, and carry out registration.** The group suggested that the March meeting group should talk in more detail about this. Bea suggested we "video document" the conference and also video document work being done in the communities represented at the conference. The group also agreed we are targeting approximately 150 people. The best locations in terms of travel would most likely be Chicago or Detroit. Karen suggested we set up subcommittees to carry out the responsibilities.

At the March meeting we will address facilitator criteria, develop a draft agenda, identify people to video tape, etc.

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