



SCAAIDD Executive Committee
May 27, 2011
Minutes

The Executive Committee met on Friday, May 27th at 11:00 at SCDDSN and the following people were present: Jay Altman, Kevin Wright, Lois Park Mole, David Rotholz, Crystal Wright, Nikki Bramlett, Debbie Walsh, and Terry Schilling.

In Renee's absence, Debbie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. David made a motion that the minutes from the April meeting be approved, Jay seconded the motion, and it passed.

Lois reported that she had reimbursed Renee for monies she had already paid for National conference expenses, sent the fee for annual registration to the Secretary of State's office, and paid Aaron for his work on the website. We have \$31,447.76 in our account.

Old Business:

A. Review/Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

Email List Serve options – Aaron has looked into this and given us several options. There was some concern that this is becoming more complicated than it needs to be. After some discussion about this, we determined that we really need only two lists: a member list and a list with all other contacts we discussed previously. The main use of the member list would be for voting. Aaron can do this through Google. We would still need to update the lists every six months. Terry will send Aaron an updated member list and Lois will get him other lists we discussed at an earlier meeting.

Member Survey – David made some minor changes to the survey and sent it back out to the committee. Most people had checked it out and thought it looked really easy to use. We hope to get it out within the next two weeks.

Recognizing Excellence in the Field – Jay said he would resend his request for information from the boards about their employee recognition programs and mention that we want to publicize the names in our conference program. We have several people we can start with from the previous request, plus our award winners from last year. These people can go in both the newsletter and on the website. Terry emailed Aaron the pictures for the award winners and he already had their nomination information. During this discussion Terry mentioned that Aaron wanted to know who

his contact would be now that Hester is no longer doing it. We talked about this and it was suggested that Renee try to contact Hester to see whether or not she was going to continue to be involved. She also has our camera and took pictures at our conference last fall. If she is not going to continue her involvement, we need to get the camera. We also feel that a newsletter needs to go out in June or early July that includes a “save the date” for the conference and the information/pictures of one or two of our award winners. A suggestion was made that Renee also try to get in touch with Ron to see if he can get a newsletter together to go out.

By-laws – David made the suggested changes to the by-laws and distributed the draft version. Next month we will vote on the changes.

New Business:

- A. Annual Finance & Leadership Report/AAIDD – Renee submitted the report.
- B. Annual Filing Secretary of State/990 – Terry submitted the registration by the May 15th deadline, but without the 990. Lois said that she had requested an extension for the 990. She said that she would have the 990 completed by the deadline next year.

Committee Reports:

- A. Membership – Terry reported that we have 57 members at this time.
- B. Education – Crystal said that she and John want to solicit input from management and direct support professionals for the type of training they desire. Crystal said they would also get with Kevin for ideas.
- C. Historian/Website/Newsletter – Ron was not at the meeting and Renee will be asked to contact him concerning the next newsletter.
- D. Direct Support Professional Development – Kevin reported on some of the ideas suggested for a breakout session at the annual conference.
- E. Nominations/Awards – Debbie will be handling the nominations and awards. The offices up for election this year are 1st Vice Chair and the three Members-at-Large. Her committee will be made up of her, Rufus, and three members appointed by the Chair.
- F. Conference Committee – Nikki reported that a conference committee meeting was held prior to the Executive committee meeting and that plans for the annual conference going well.
- G. Legislative News – Lois said that the legislation to remove the “R” word passed in the Senate, just received third reading in the House, and will be enrolled for ratification. She said there was a nice article about this in *The State* newspaper. She said the budget passed the Senate and would be going to the House next week and a conference committee. She expects that it may be ready for a vote by the week of June 13th and then will go to the Governor. She said that it looks like SCDDSN will come out well, especially with the \$11 million in non-recurring funds placed in the final budget. A question came up about the Baby Net monies going to First Steps.

Lois said that in the Senate version of the budget, SCDDSN keeps the money instead of it being given to First Steps.

- H. AAIDD News/Developments – David said that the National Conference looks really good this year and that both he and Renee will be attending. He also mentioned that if you go to Google and put in: Spread the Word – not acceptable, that it should take you to a You-Tube video about the removal of “retardation” from our language and literature.

Terry brought several old AAMR pins and stated that she had a couple hundred of them and wondered if she should just throw them away. We talked about saving them and maybe “throwing them out” at our annual conference. Terry said that she would see if she could find out how much it would cost to come up with a new pin and then we could have an “out with the old, in with the new” ceremony.

There was no further business, so the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2011

Respectfully Submitted By:

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