

SCAAIDD

Executive Committee Meeting April 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Manning. In attendance were: Jim Manning, Terry Schilling, Sims Lynn, Sherill Holder, David Rotholz, Jay Altman, Grady Evans, Teresa Ricke-Kiely, Rufus Britt III, Jason Tavenner, and Renee Staggs. Also attending: Bryan Jackson, self-advocate.

The minutes for the March 23, 2007 Executive Committee meeting were presented for approval. (Copy available upon request.) Mr. Evans moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Schilling seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Tavenner, Treasurer, stated he had received a \$3000 check from DDSN. It was confirmed that the check represented last year's grant for the conference. Mr. Tavenner also asked for clarification regarding an outstanding bill for Winyah Pharmacy of \$750. Mr. Evans stated that the committee had previously approved writing off this bill. Mr. Evans also suggested setting up a profit / loss statement by fiscal year as he had found that helpful. He also mentioned that a tax return needs to be filed for 2006. Ms. Staggs raised the issue of how to register the chapter's name change with the Secretary of States's office. Ms. Staggs had contacted the Secretary of State office and obtained the necessary form. There were still a number of questions regarding the completion of the form. Mr. Altman stated that he would check on it. It was noted that the registered agent for the organization is currently Mr. Evans. This also needs to be changed to the current Chair, Mr. Manning. There is a \$10.00 fee for filing the form. Mr. Tavenner then presented the treasurer's report for approval. (Copy available upon request.) Mr. Evans moved to accept the report. Dr. Ricke-Kiely seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Committee reports were provided as follows:

1. Membership –Ms. Schilling sent a letter out to all past members who had not yet renewed their membership and to all of the county board Executive Directors inviting them to join. Ms. Schilling reported current membership is 96 with 15 new members since last month. This is a higher number of members pre-conference than in previous years.
2. Webpage / Historian – Mr. Britt reported that a webmaster has been secured. His name is Aaron Craven. He has already updated the website with the new name and a conference promo. His rate is \$40/hour. Mr. Manning has already approved the agreement with Mr. Craven. Dr. Rothlotz suggested getting the new national logo for the site. Mr. Britt also noted that Aiken County / TDC has been paying for the domain for the website. This needs to be changes to AAIDD. AAIDD will offer to reimburse Aiken County for the costs. Ms. Staggs will contact Mr. Courtney regarding this issue.

3. Education – Dr. Ricke-Kiely is continuing to develop a list of potential topics / presenters for this year's training. Dr. Rotholz has provided some additional contacts for presenters. Dr. Ricke-Kiely will miss the next two meetings but will send information to Mr. Manning before the next meeting.
4. Legislation – As Mr. Barfield was absent, Mr. Altman provided an update on legislation. The budget for fiscal year 07-08 is out of the senate budget committee and will now go to the full senate. Each major area in DDSN's budget request did have some money allocated in the proposed budget. The senate version funded Greenwood Genetics center, increased money for the PDD waiver, and annualized the previous year's one time expenditures. Mr. Manning stated that last year when the joint house / senate committee met to reconcile the two versions of the budget they approved all the expenditures from both versions. This may happen again this year as it appears that the financial situation for the state is good. Both versions include a 3% pay raise and increases to fund health insurance.
5. Direct Support – Ms. Hart was not present. She emailed a request for suggestions of the best dates for a DSP counterpart meeting with a suggestion of late June or July. The committee recommended the end of June. A room will need to be reserved at Central Office. Contact person is Sandra Delaney. Mr. Evans also provided a copy of a letter from Jackie Robey thanking SCAAIDD for co-sponsoring the Disability Advocacy Day events at the State House on March 7, 2007. (Copy is available upon request.)
6. Newsletter – Mr. Manning provided a report on behalf of Mr. Grimball. A review of previous year's newsletter indicated the focus has generally been on the conference. Since a conference theme has now been finalized, work can begin on the newsletter. This issue could include the call for papers, call for nominations for officers, and nominations for awards. Mr. Altman will forward the call for papers to Mr. Grimball. Mr. Evans will also send him the call for nominations. Ms. Schilling will send him a membership mailing list.
7. Nominations – Nothing to report at this time.
8. Conference – No new business to bring to the Executive committee.
9. Constitution and By-Laws – Mr. Manning reported that the constitution and by-laws have been updated to reflect the name change. No other changes were made. Ms. Staggs will maintain a copy of the old constitution and by-laws and the newly revised ones.
10. National Happenings – Dr. Rotholz reported that the national organizations budget is in good shape at present. One reason for this improved financial situation is the profit from the sale of the Supports Intensity Scale. A number of states have adopted it as an assessment tool. Dr. Rotholtz also mentioned that the second edition of the Carolina Positive Behavior Supports curriculum is coming out soon. There are some revision s based on how the program is actually being used in South Carolina. He stated that some money from the sale of the program comes back to South Carolina to fund behavior supports. He mentioned an article in the Intellectual Disabilities Journal that defines the term “intellectual disabilities” and explains the organizational name change.

He also stated that the next issue of the DSM due for release in 2009 will use "Intellectual Disability" in place of mental retardation. A new adaptive behavior scale is also in development (Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale).

The national conference is next month. Dr. Rotholz noted that this is the first time that a self-advocate will be part of a Plenary Session at the national level. It was also noted that there was a program on autism on Nickelodean (Nick news) that did an excellent job presenting basic information about autism.

Mr. Britt will be attending the National conference in Mr. Manning's place next month. Ms. Wannamaker will purchase an item to represent South Carolina in the silent auction. Mr. Britt will deliver the item at the national conference. It was also noted that Mr. Britt will serve as a moderator for a session at the conference.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Renee Staggs, Secretary