

**SCAAIDD Executive Committee Meeting**  
**August 22, 2008**  
**Minutes**

**In attendance: Rufus Britt, Ron Lofts, Rick Magner, Jason Tavenner, Sims Lynn, David Rotholz, Renee Stags, Hester Wannamaker, Dean Redd, Bill Barfield.**

Mr. Britt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July 25, 2008 Executive Committee meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Lynn. Motion passed.

Mr. Tavenner provided a Treasurer's report (copy available upon request).

Committee Reports were submitted as follows:

- A. Direct Support Professional Development – Mr. Britt shared the results of the direct support survey conducted by Ms. Bramlett (copy available upon request). This information has also been shared with DDSN providers. Mr. Britt and Ms. Bramlett are working on a half-day DSP summit to be held late this year or early next year. Mr. Lofts noted that the Human Service Providers Association (HSPA) is also working on some activities for direct support professionals. Mr. Tavenner noted that he is on the HSPA committee. It was recommended that the two groups collaborate. Mr. Lofts noted the availability of state-wide teleconferencing through DDSN's Central office and Regional Centers could also be utilized to reduce the time and cost for DSPs to participate.
- B. Membership – No Report.
- C. Education – No Report.
- D. Historian/Website – Ms. Wannamaker will update the website in the next week with information on the conference's concurrent sessions.
- E. Newsletter – Mr. Lofts will send the next newsletter after the conference.
- F. Nominations and Awards – Mr. Evans reported that nominations have been received for all offices to be filled. Nominations for awards have been received for Self-Advocate and Professional/Manager awards. Nominations may still be submitted for Student and Direct Support Professional.
- G. Conference Committee – Mr. Britt chaired the conference committee meeting for Ms. Walsh earlier today. Planning is going well and is on target.
- H. Legislation News – Mr. Barfield reported DDSN has been mandated to make a 3% budget cut. This will be done through freezing expansion plans so that it will not become necessary to take away services, and through attrition of vacated funding bands/waiver slots. PDD waiver services will be reduced by 30 more slots to 370. The loss in state dollars is approximately \$5.7 million but the impact with the resulting loss of federal dollars is \$20 million. DDSN believes that the measures being implemented will ensure that no one will lose services but those waiting for services will have longer waits.
- I. AAIDD News/Developments – Dr. Rotholz mentioned a recent study conducted by UCP on inclusion for persons with ID/DD. South Carolina ranks 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation. AAIDD national office has added a new position (Director, Educational Services) and has one vacant position (Supports Intensity Scale Project Manager). The AAIDD board has been streamlined and is much smaller now with only 6-8 positions. The National offices are moving to a new location

(more space, lower cost). The organization's financial status is good. Dr. Rotholz also noted that his term as AAIDD President has concluded.

In old business, the committee returned to the issue of a request for support for the Carolina Self-Advocacy Conference. Mr. Barfield noted that the committee had addressed this issue several years ago and we needed to research this item to ensure consistency in the future. Discussion regarding the type and amount of support we should consider providing to the organization ensued. Mr. Lofts raised the possibility of providing support in the form of scholarships for self-advocates to attend. Mr. Evans noted that the structure needed to fairly determine needs in awarding scholarships was not available to the organization at this time. It was noted that while a single county self-advocacy organization coordinates this event, it is open to the whole state with self-advocates from many parts of the state attending. A motion was made by Dr. Rotholz to sponsor the self-advocacy conference at the \$500 level. Mr. Lofts seconded the motion. Mr. Magner moved to amend the motion to state a one-time donation of \$500 with a request that the Carolina Self-Advocacy group meet with us prior to any future participation. Issues to be addressed would include where does any profit from the conference go and what is in place for the distribution of funds in the event the organization disbanded. Motion as amended was passed. A one-time sponsorship of \$500 will be made. Mr. Britt will request the organization meet with us before any other sponsorships are provided.

Dr. Rotholz recommended for future discussion the issue of the amount we are willing to spend in sponsorship of other organizations per year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Redd and seconded by Mr. Magner. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2008.

Prepared by Renee Staggs, Secretary