

SCAAIDD
Annual Business Meeting
Crown Reef Conference Center
October 10, 2008
8:30am

- I. **Call to Order – Rufus Britt, III, Chair**
- II. **Invocation – Terry Schilling**
- III. **Review of Minutes for October 12, 2007 annual meeting – Renee Staggs, Secretary**
(copy available upon request.)
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report – Jason Tavenner, Treasurer**
(copy available upon request.)
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Membership – Presented by Terry Schilling**

Ms. Schilling reported that prior to the start of registration for the 2008 conference, there were 104 members. Eleven (11) new members have joined with the conference registration bringing total current membership to 125.
 - B. **Education and Training – Committee Chair Dr. Teresa Ricke-Kiely was unable to attend.** Her report will be submitted at a later date.
 - C. **Direct Support Activities – Nikki Bramlett**

A survey was conducted with direct support staff this year to identify concern and areas of interest for training. A concurrent session was offered at the conference to follow up on results of the survey. During this sessions participants shared ideas and suggestions to make their job and duties more efficient. Topics included data recording, behavior support, medication/medication errors, goals and assessments. Plans are underway for a Direct Support Forum after the first of the year.
 - D. **Historian/Website – Rufus Britt for Hester Wannamaker**

The website can be accessed at www.scaaid.org Pictures from the conference will be available on the website within a few weeks.
 - E. **Newsletter – Ron Lofts**

The next issue of the newsletter will be published in December. Suggestions or articles may be submitted to rlofts@ocdnsb.org
 - F. **Nominations and Awards – Grady Evans**

Nominations for officer were solicited and ballots mailed prior to the conference. Officers for 2009 are as follows:

 - Chair – Debbie Walsh
 - Chair Elect – Rick Magner
 - First Vice Chair – Renee Staggs
 - Treasurer – Jason Tavenner
 - Secretary – Heather Waddell
 - Members-at-large – Grady Evans, Jay Altman, Yvonne Salinger

Nominations for awards for Self-Advocate, Direct Support Professional, Management were solicited. The following awards were presented:

Self-Advocate: Shirley Robinson, "Our Voices Count Too", Florence

Direct Support Professional: Carol Grantham, Tri-Development Center,
Aiken

Management/Professional: Jerry Mize, Tribble Center, Oconee County.

G. Conference Committee – Debbie Walsh

This year's theme, Seasons of Life, provided an overview of challenges, services and characteristics of developmental disabilities throughout the life span. 254 people were registered for the conference.

H. Legislative News – Rufus Britt for Bill Barfield

SCAIDD was a co-sponsor of the Disabilities Awareness Day in March at the statehouse. Together with self-advocates, family members, providers, and the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, SCAIDD members informed legislative members and Governor's office staff of the tremendous need for services to individuals with developmental disabilities in our state. These efforts, along with others, resulted in additional funding for the agency and its consumers in a very tight financial year. The agency received \$2.3 million additional State dollars to maintain rehabilitation services for 2,159 consumers that will no longer be funded by Medicaid as of June 30, 2009; \$4.5 million to fund the Pervasive Developmental Delay Waiver for 300 additional children with autism; \$3 million for additional community supports for 665 consumers living at home, and \$3.5 million for a building at the Greenwood Genetic Center for the treatment of metabolic disorders that can cause mental retardation. There were budget reductions totaling \$1.3 million that have been absorbed without taking away a service from individuals currently receiving services. All of these increases were funded with no-recurring dollars. Most of this increase will be used by SCDDSN as matching funds for additional Medicaid funding.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Renee Staggs, Secretary