

## **South Carolina – AAIDD**

### **Executive Committee Meeting January 26, 2007**

The Executive Committee met on January 26, 2007. IN attendance were: Jim Manning, Sims Lynn, Rick Magner, Sherill Holder, Jason Tavenner, Jay Altman, Grady Evans, Debbie Walsh, Rufus Britt, III, Hester Wannamaker, Bill Barfield, and Renee Staggs.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Manning. An invocation was led by Ms. Lynn. The minutes for the December Executive Committee meeting were presented. Ms. Lynn moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion to accept was passed.

Mr. Magner presented the treasurer's report and provided an itemized transaction list for the last two years and a balance sheet as of January 25, 2007. Mr. Magner reported that the bank account has \$10,000 more at present than it had at this time last year. An additional \$3000 are still due from the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The current balance is \$48, 512.79. Mr. Britt suggested that some of the funds be used to maintain and update the website. The organization has been relying on a volunteer to update the site and changes have not always occurred in a timely manner. If it was updated regularly information on available training, conferences, and officers could be included. Ms. Sims made a motion to hire someone to maintain the website. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. Motion was passed. Ms. Wannamaker stated she has a contact who might be interested in providing this service.

Mr. Evans suggested that establishing a sub-committee to consider developing a grant program for self-advocacy within the state. The committee has also previously discussed providing scholarships for self-advocates to attend the SCAAIDD conference. The possibility of paying for award recipients and a guest to attend the conference was also discussed. Mr. Manning advised Mr. Britt to look at these expenses as line items in the conference budget for the 2007 conference.

Mr. Evans made a motion to designate Mr. Tavenner (as the newly elected treasurer) as the authorized signer for the organization's account. The chairperson is the alternate approved signer. Mr. Barfield seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Manning also noted that the organization needs to amend the charter and by-laws to reflect the name change from SC AAMR to SC AAIDD. This information will also need to be filed with the SC Secretary of State Office, the IRS, and the bank. Ms. Staggs will look into the necessary forms to submit to the SC Secretary of State's office. Mr. Tavenner will provide required information to the IRS and the bank. It was also noted that Mr. Tavenner will need to file the annual 990 with the IRS. Ms. Wannamaker will locate the charter and by-laws computer records so they can be updated and send them to Mr. Manning.

Ms. Staggs moved to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Altman seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Committee reports were provided as follows:

- A. Membership report – will be provided at next meeting due to Ms. Schilling's absence.
- B. Web page / Historian – Ms. Wannamaker has agreed to serve as the historian. She has a large number of pictures from previous conferences that can be used. Ms. Lynn made a motion to purchase a digital camera for use by the historian with the amount not to exceed \$500. Motion was seconded by Mr. Altman. Motion passed.
- C. Education / Training – Ms. Ricke-Kiele was unable to attend. She submitted a summary of training expenses from the fall, 2006 and a report of the training needs survey responses for review. Ms. Ricke-Kiele requested the committee consider the number of training and possible topics. Suggestions from the committee were for 4 trainings to be held with one held in each region. It was suggested that if there is a regional difference in the training needs identified in the survey each region could have training tailored to their needs. Possible topics and presenter included Richard Ferrente / Conflict Resolution, Johnny Brunson / supervisors-management, and Princess Davis / medical issues.
- D. Legislation – Mr. Barfield provided a copy of the latest budget proposal by Dr. Butkus and the Governor's proposed budget. New money is being requested for services under Traumatic Brain Injuries (post acute services) and to fund the Greenwood Genetics Center. It was noted that the Governor's budget again includes a proposal to restructure state agencies. There are some bills related to restructuring and issues related to behavioral health before the house and senate. Other actions of interest include efforts by families to require insurance companies to pay for intensive behavior services for children with pervasive developmental delays. Mr. Barfield also noted that some families are starting an effort to find an agency to be responsible for services to people with Cerebral Palsy. DDSN has been suggested.
- E. Direct Support – Mr. Manning reported that Selina Hart (committee chair) is no longer working in the DDSN provider system. It was recommended that Ms. Hart be contacted to determine her interest in remaining involved. The possibility of paying her \$500/quarter to coordinate direct support efforts was previously approved. Mr. Britt also suggested asking Ron Lofts to assist in this area.
- F. Newsletter – Nikki Grimball has agreed to handle the newsletter. One issue will be completed soon to go out to members only. Another issue will be sent later to everyone on the mailing list regarding the conference.
- G. Nominations / Awards – Mr. Evans will chair this committee for the year. Mr. Manning asked that Mr. Evans let him know when he is ready to have committee members appointed.

- H. Conference – Mr. Britt reported that the conference budget for this year will include funds designated for scholarships for self-advocates. Mr. Holder will assist Mr. Britt in seeking motivational speakers for the opening and closing keynotes.
- I. National Happening – No report due to the absence of Mr. Rotholz.

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

As Mr. Manning, Chairperson, is unavailable in February he raised the possibility of waiting until March for the next Executive Committee meeting. There was no dissension to the suggestion. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Renee Staggs, Secretary.