

SCAAIDD Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2008

In attendance: In attendance: Debbie Walsh, Rufus Britt, III, Grady Evans, Jason Tavenner, Ron Lofts, Hester Wannamaker, Nikki Bramlett, Dean Redd, Sims Lynn, Jay Altman, Rick Magner, Bill Barfield

Mr. Britt called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Sims Lynn.

Mr. Evans took a moment to recognize and thank Mrs. Lynn for her contributions to the organization. She has given dedicated service to the organization and has been positive, uplifting and is special to each one of us ~ thank you Sims!

The January minutes were reviewed and approved with two spelling corrections: Sims Lynn and Jamey McCue. Ms. Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes as noted. Ms. Lynn seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Tavenner gave the budget update. (See budget attached). Mr. Tavenner noted that at the last meeting the budget was adopted for the conference but not for operations. Mr. Tavenner asked the committee to review the operations budget, and make any recommendations for changes. There was discussion about how well the SCAAIDD sponsored training sessions are being received and whether there was a need to increase the Education and Training budget. A motion to increase this line item to \$1400.00 was made by Ms. Lynn and seconded by Mr. Lofts. Motion carried. Also regarding operations, Mr. Britt shared a request he received for \$2,000 to support the self-advocacy conference. The request had not been received in writing as of the meeting date, but he was informing the committee that it was forthcoming.

Committee Reports:

Membership: In the absence of Terry Schilling, Mr. Britt shared that current membership had increased from 69 to 83. Ms. Schilling will be sending out letters within the next month reminding folks of renewals.

Website: Ms. Wannamaker reported that the website can now be easily accessed through most major search engines. There is still a need to locate newsletters from 2005 and 2006 so they can be made available on the website. Ms. Wannamaker noted that she and Mr. Craven will be working on including a "From Our President" page on the website that will feature news from Dr. Rotholz. Also added to the website, were comments from the SCAAIDD sponsored training sessions. Lastly, Ms. Wannamaker noted that the 2002 conference photo album had been added to the site. If anyone has any pictures from other conferences, please forward to Ms. Wannamaker.

Direct Support Professional Development: Mr. Britt shared ideas on holding a one-half day event for direct support staff. Mr. Britt noted how well received the QMRP training

sessions have been in District II and expressed the desire to do similar training for direct support staff. Ms. Bramlett will coordinate these efforts and will be assisted by Ms. Wannamaker.

Newsletter: Mr. Lofts gave committee members a draft of the upcoming SCAAIDD newsletter. Several recommendations were made for changes; Mr. Lofts will make the corrections and release the newsletter.

Nominations – Ms. Wannamaker made a suggestion that in the future, the number of votes received by nominees not be made public. Committee members agreed. No further report nominations report is due at this time.

Conference: Ms. Walsh stated that the conference theme had been narrowed down to a Stages of Life type theme, but that no specific conference title had been determined. Keynote speaker options will be discussed at the April meeting. All other conference activities are on schedule.

Legislative: Mr. Barfield gave the legislative update and noted that DDSN received 2.2 million dollars to move Rehabilitation Services to a new waiver. However, the \$729,000 requested for the cost of the proposed changes to Service Coordination was not funded. If the federally mandated changes to service coordination are enacted, DDSN will have to fund. Further, 4.5 million was annualized for the continuation of the Pervasive Developmental Disorder waiver and 3.5 million was awarded for the construction of the center for treatment of genetic diseases on the campus of Greenwood Genetic Center. Additionally, Mr. Barfield noted that DDSN was very fortunate to receive 3 million, of the 5.6 million requested, for continued in home community supports.

There were no old business items, nor new business items presented for discussion. Mr. Britt reminded the committee that there will be no March meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2008.

Submitted by:
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