

AAIDD Executive Committee
April 28, 2008
Minutes

The Executive Committee met on Friday, April 25th at 11:00 a.m. at SCDDSN's Central Office and the following people were present: Sims Lynn, Debbie Walsh, David Rotholz, Bryan Johnson, Bill Barfield, Grady Evans, Rufus Britt, Jay Altman, Rick Magner, Nikki Bramlett, Dean Redd, Ron Lofts, Jason Tavenner, and Terry Schilling. Debbie said that Rufus had mentioned to her that he might be a little late and that she could go ahead and start the meeting, so she called the meeting to order. Sims gave the invocation.

Everyone reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Grady made a motion that the minutes be approved, Sims seconded the motion, and it passed. Bill mentioned that Legislative Audit Council is reading our minutes now that they are posted on our web site and he talked about two or three questions he had answered for them.

Jason gave a treasurer's report and said there hasn't been much activity. We have a balance of \$41,038.06.

Committee reports:

Membership – Terry reported that we have 87 members. She sent out 61 letters to people with expired memberships from 2007 and to some Executive Directors who were not members. Susan Johns, a former member, has returned to our system so Terry will contact her. We hope to have our numbers go up as a result of the letters. Terry also mentioned that she used to be able to pull up the membership list, which listed names, email addresses, and whether or not the person is active. Now the list comes up with a member number instead of a name, which is not very helpful when comparing names of people who have joined since receiving the previous list. David said that I should let the people at the National office know that this is not very helpful and why.

Education – Theresa has held two workshops on leadership and coaching, one in the Midlands area and one in the Piedmont area. They were very well attended and received rave reviews. The only suggestion was that next time people pay up front instead of at the door. She plans to have two more training sessions and has been in contact with Princess Davis who plans to do one of the sessions.

Historian/Web Site – No report

Direct Support Professional Development – Nikki has not been able to get in touch with Selena yet.

SCAAIDD Newsletter – Ron sent out a newsletter and got 10 back. He went over some of the names of those returned to see if anyone had updated addresses. The next

one will be sent out in June. He asked Terry to send him an updated member list.

Nominations/Awards – No report

Conference Committee Report – Debbie reported that the theme of our annual conference will be “Seasons of Life.” There was no further business to report from the conference committee.

Legislative News – Bill distributed the latest budget from the Legislature and reviewed it with the committee. He stated that overall it was a very good budget year, with some service expansion. There were, however, some across the board cuts. The restructuring did not go forward to the House, so it is over for this year.

AAIDD News/Development – David went over news from National AAIDD. The board retreat in December was very productive. The annual conference is in May in Washington, DC. Membership is up some, which is encouraging and the financial status of the organization is much better. They are now beginning to restore some of the monies taken from the reserves in past years. This is Doreen Croiser’s 20th anniversary as Executive Director and there will be a reception in her honor. She is probably two to three years from retirement. The SIS, which David played a role in developing, is growing in use. David said that he would send something to Ron for the newsletter.

New Business:

1. Rufus stated that we needed to discuss the status of Sherill Holder, 1st Vice Chair. Due to the following issues we feel that we must declare his office vacant and appoint someone to take his place:
 - No contact in four (4) months
 - Lack of participation
 - Failure to respond to calls/emails from Rufus

A motion was made by Sims to remove Sherill from his office and send a letter to him explaining the reasons for our actions. This motion was seconded by Debbie and then passed. Rufus will send Sherill a letter. Next Rufus reminded us that Sherill’s replacement must come from one of the members at large and he submitted Rick Magner’s name. Grady made a motion that Rick be elected to fill this position, Ron seconded the motion, and it passed.

2. Rufus reported that Renee had prepared the paperwork for our annual filing and passed it on to Jason to submit with our check.
3. The AAIDD annual conference is scheduled for later May and Rufus will be attending. He requested reimbursement. We will reimburse him at the state rates.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for:

Friday, May 23rd
11:00 a.m.
SCDDSN Central Office

Submitted by:

Terry Schilling
Membership Chairman