



## **SCAAIDD**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

- I. Call to Order-Chair, Rick called the meeting to order. In attendance at today's meeting were: Rick Magner, Terry Schilling, Renee Staggs, Ron Lofts, Jay Altman, John Hitchman, Jay Altman, Jason Tavenner, Sims Lynn, Nikki Bramlett, Deborah Walsh and Heather Waddell.
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes- Review of Minutes from our March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting occurred. There was a motion made by Terry Schilling to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jay Altman. The minutes were approved and motion so passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report-Jason Tavenner, Treasurer, went over his notes regarding our budget with the committee. Jason stated that we have approximately \$5,000 worth of operating expenses each year. Jason stated that he would really like to see us as an organization at least break even for our one day conference if not generate some revenue. We did discuss increasing our total number of attendees at this year's conference as well as approach DDSN regarding sponsoring our conference. We would also like to increase the number of exhibitors and do feel confident that we can increase the amount of participation especially since the facility that we have agreed to hold our conference at this year can accommodate up to 16 exhibitors. Jason is going to prepare a conference budget and send out electronically to all members to review and approve and will be prepared to present our budget at our next Executive Committee meeting in June. Discussion was lead regarding our organization sending a representative to this year's National AAIDD Conference. Rick stated that he did not feel strongly about attending and opened it up for any other member to attend. We did agree as a committee to not send someone to this year's conference however, we would not want to fall into a pattern of not having a representative from the SCAAIDD association present at the national conference. The committee did feel confident that we would send a representative to next year's conference.
- IV. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership-Committee Chair is Terry Schilling  
Ms. Schilling reported that we currently have 65 members. Terry did stress that all committee members should renew their membership dues.
  - b. Education and Training-Committee Chair is Amanda Diaczenko however, the committee has not been successful in getting in touch with Amanda regarding her availability to continue to serve on our Executive Committee and Chair the Education and Training for

our chapter. John Hitchman has agreed to serve as Chair and David agreed to provide insight and guidance to John as he takes over as Chair of this committee.

- c. Historian/Website Development-Committee Chair is Hester Wannamaker. Hester was not in attendance at today's meeting. However, Rick did share that our association's digital camera is broken. We purchased a nice camera several years ago and the committee agreed for Hester to proceed in getting an estimate on how much it would cost to fix the camera. We agreed upon \$100.00 as the limit for the total cost of the repairs, if the estimate exceeds \$100.00 the association agreed to purchase an additional camera for future use.
- d. Direct Support Activities-Committee Chair is Nikki Bramlett-Nikki stated that she would like to organize some training sessions for direct support professionals and thought that maybe she and John could meet and develop some training ideas for staff.
- e. SCAAIDD Newsletter- Committee Chair is Ron Lofts  
Ron stated that he would send the next newsletter out in late May hopefully to include some information about our upcoming one day conference.
- f. Nominations/Awards-Committee Chair is Deborah Walsh  
Deb stated that we will need to send out nominations for Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer for our association this year.
- g. Conference Committee-Committee Chair is Renee Staggs  
Renee chaired the meeting today and let the committee know that we have agreed on a date of October 19<sup>th</sup> and the conference will be held at the Brookland Community Resource Center. Renee does have the deposit check however; she is still waiting to receive a contract from the facility. She stated that she is going to go to Brookland today after we have completed our meetings. We will be discussing Keynote Speakers and concurrent sessions at June's meeting.
- h. Legislative News-Committee Chair is Rufus Britt, III  
Rufus was not in attendance at today's meeting however, several of the committee member's shared various legislative news to the group. There was a recent memo that was sent out from Dr. Buscemi stating that the Senate Finance Committee completed their work on their version of the state budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. She stated that the SFC budget reduces the DDSN's base by \$21.9 million or 15% which is significantly less than the 28% base reduction in the House version. The SFC uses two provisions to appropriate matchable state funds back to the agency. All of the funding in the two provisos, Proviso 90.18 and Proviso 90.21 are important but this is one-time, non-recurring funding. So while the news is good it is not a permanent fix and our budget forecast for next year could be quite challenging in meeting the needs of people with disabilities in the State of South Carolina.
- i. AAIDD News/Development- Dr. David Rotholz stated that as of May 17, 2010 Dr. Margaret Nygren will serve as the Executive Director of AAIDD. She is focused on supporting the most forward-thinking government policies and best practices for professionals, and institutional research to ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live full, rewarding lives in the community. David stated

that she has already been in the process of becoming familiar with the organization and its overall mission and philosophy.

- V. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.
- VI. New Business: Rick asked Jason to prepare the budget and send out to all members to review and approve.
- VII. Adjourn: Rick adjourned the meeting. We decided to not have a meeting in May and we will meet again on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Prepared by Heather G. Waddell, Secretary