I. Rick Magner called the annual business meeting to order.

II. The minutes from last year’s annual meeting and the treasurer’s report were made available to the attendees.

III. Mr. Magner announced the results of the election of officers for the coming year and they are as follows:

- Chairman: Renee Staggs
- Chair Elect: Nikki Bramlett
- 1st Vice-Chair: John Hitchman
- Secretary: Terry Schilling
- Treasurer: Lois Park-Mole
- Members at Large: Jay Altman
- Crystal Wright
- Kevin Wright

IV. Mr. Magner announced the winners of the self-advocate and direct support professional of the year.

Direct Support Professional: Gail Jennings – Babcock center
Gail has worked for the Babcock Center since 1990 and is currently a house manager. She works tirelessly on behalf of people with lifelong disabilities and her motto is “team work.” She is always willing to do whatever needs to be done to ensure that her homes run smoothly and is frequently presented as a role model to her peers. She leads by example and as a result, her staff members are competent and committed to providing the best possible supports to the people who reside in her homes. For more information, please refer to her nomination submitted by Dr. Judy Johnson.

Self-advocate: Mr. Dee Carol Green – Williamsburg County DSN Board

Mr. Green is the Vice-President of the self-advocate club for Williamsburg County DSN Board, “Independent Voices” and has been involved with this group since it started in 2005. Mr. Green is taking classes at the Community Adult Education
Center where he is working toward his GED. He has been employed by the Williamsburg County Library as a janitor since 2004 where he receives bonuses and raises for his dedication and work skills. He is loyal, dependable, and is a joy to be around. He serves as a voting member of a Protection and Advocacy group which meets quarterly. Mr. Green also talks with Senators and Representatives about different issues e.g., the budget, jobs for people with disabilities, etc. He is a true advocate. In his leisure time he enjoys traveling, dancing, playing basketball, shopping, listening to music, and watching his videos. For more information, please refer to his nomination submitted by Faye Dozier.

Each of the award winners received a plaque and a check in the amount of $200.00.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Terry Schilling
Membership Chair