



SCAAIDD Executive Committee  
January 28, 2011  
Minutes

The Executive Committee met on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at SCDDSN and the following people were present: Renee Staggs, Jay Altman, Ron Lofts, Kevin Wright, Lois Park-Mole, David Rotholz, Crystal Wright, and Terry Schilling.

Renee welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Lois made a motion that the minutes from the business meeting at the fall conference be approved, Jay seconded the motion, and it passed.

Lois received the treasurer's books from Jason and reported that we have \$32,463.14 in the bank. She also has two checks to deposit. One check is \$500.00 from Laurens and the other is \$315.00 from Charleston. Lois has not had a chance to prepare a budget for 2011, but she and Renee will get together before the next meeting and prepare a budget. The web site needs to be updated and Lois said that she would talk with Aaron since his office is in this building. She will also ask him how he would like us to communicate to him any changes we have in the future.

Renee distributed a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws for us to review. We have not been complying fully with these documents and we need to decide if any changes are necessary. One thing that needs to happen is that people on the Executive Committee must be members of AAIDD (three people have not yet renewed their memberships). David suggested that Terry send out a reminder to those people who have not joined reminding them they need to join by February 15<sup>th</sup>. If we still have people on the Executive Committee who have not joined by our next meeting we need to discuss removal from office. David said that he would be glad to review the Constitution and By-Laws to see what changes might be needed and Ron agreed to assist him with that. Renee said that she pulled these documents from our website. Just at a cursory glance, we do know we may want to address voting by electronic ballot, as opposed to ballots sent by mail. Committees also should consist of more than one person. David will report to us at our next meeting.

We then discussed the committees and the selection of committee chairs. Terry agreed to continue to serve as membership chair even though she now serves as secretary. If it becomes too much, she will let Renee know. Many people feel we need to draw in more people, especially younger people. We need to find a way to increase membership. We also want to develop leadership, figure out ways to connect to people, inform people of the benefits of membership, and find a way to get the message out. Terry did say there were some new types of membership option now (some less expensive) and explained them. We would like to draw some people with ten years or less into the organization so that we can mentor them. Denis

Keyes at the College of Charleston used to have a student chapter, but there has not been one for a long time now. Renee said that she would contact Denis and David volunteered to follow up with him, if Renee needed him to. We discussed ways to provide more opportunities for networking. When we have a three day conference at the beach, we have more time for networking, but it is hard to make that happen with a one day conference. A suggestion was made to have some round table discussions on particular topics. We discussed how these work and how helpful they can be. One possibility would be to have a conference for round table discussions and then follow up with a one day conference that addressed things that came up from those discussions. Ron suggested contacting Judy Johnson about assisting with round table discussions. We still want to have training for direct support professionals at different time throughout the year in different parts of the state.

Nikki and John are still willing to work with direct support professionals. Lois will report on legislative issues, Crystal and Kevin will help with education. Ron will continue to do the newsletter and he suggested combining the historian/web site with the newsletter responsibilities. Rick is supposed to take care of the nominations and awards, but if he isn't able, it would fall back on Debbie and Renee feels that Debbie would be glad to handle that. Nikki is in charge of the conference this year. Renee suggested inviting Denis Keyes to come to our meetings quarterly and have him bring a student with him.

Renee said that she would like for us to do some strategic planning for our association and she suggested that our next meeting be a two hour meeting for this purpose (no conference committee meeting).

**New Business:** David said that the national AAIDD conference in St. Paul in June looks good this year. Renee will be going as SCAAIDD chair and David plans to attend. David said they are bringing in some other national presentations, for example, dementia and intellectual disabilities.

**Old Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at SCDDSN.

David made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Jay seconded the motion, and it passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Terry Schilling*