

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of South Dakota RehabAction
August 24, 2005**

Call to Order:

Roll Call of Members Present: Alan Vandenburg, President; Marjorie Helgeson, President-Elect; Richard Gardner, Past President; Bernie Grimme, Treasurer; Linda Lockner, Secretary; Lisa Pierce, Member at Large. Nikki Moir was absent.

Review/Approval of Minutes of Last Board Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of June 29 were reviewed. The motion was made by Richard and seconded by Margie to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer: Bernie said that the SDRehabAction web page has a detailed treasurer's report for the calendar year. He summarized the report for the group. There is a total of \$27,733.39 in the treasury. The Peer Support conference was allocated \$616.21, but they haven't said whether it was for a break or what. On the subject of membership, Bernie said that it stays at around the 100 mark, we will have some who don't renew, but then we will get a few new members.

South Dakota RehabACTion Treasurer Report 1/1/2005 to 08/21/2005			
Category	Payment	Deposit	Difference
Marketing	\$40.00		-\$40.00
Memberships	\$115.00		-\$115.00
ARAN Donation	\$1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Membership	\$2,150.00	\$2,650.00	\$500.00
Office Supplies/Charges	\$79.00		-\$79.00
MidWinter 2005	\$7,839.08	\$10,815.00	\$2,975.92
Fall Conference 05	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Peer Support	\$465.79	\$1,082.00	\$616.21
Shirts	\$2,000.44	\$480.00	-\$1,520.44
Training	\$74.45		-\$74.45
	\$15,263.76	\$15,027.00	-\$236.76

Cash on hand at beginning of Year	\$27,970.15
Profit/Loss during Year	-\$236.76
Balance	\$27,733.39

The motion was made by Margie and seconded by Richard to accept the treasurer's report and membership report. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Fall Conference: This item was moved back on the agenda, while attempts are made to contact Nikki Moir.

ARAN Consortium: Richard said that ARAN has offered another contract to Catriona McDonald as our legislative liaison. Texas just donated \$12,000 to ARAN, which makes us solvent through spring. Catriona gives an excellent review of information at all ARAN board meetings. The suggestion of inviting Catriona to present at the Fall Conference had been made, and we are hoping for an update from Nikki, who was going to make the contact.

Richard said that the ARAN board is looking for a new president-elect, as Kyle Walker resigned from the board because of a change in his job duties. Dennis Kutach from Texas was appointed to take over the remaining five months and will serve as president of ARAN. Therefore, they are looking for a president-elect.

Richard said that Oregon was the third strongest of the states in ARAN, but the organization has fallen out of favor with their state director, and membership in Oregon has plummeted. This becomes a national issue, as \$10 of every membership goes to funding the national organization. Our legislative liaison is paid through these funds.

Richard said that some of the state organizations are smaller and cannot afford to send anyone to the National ARAN Conference in Texas in November. There was a discussion of helping to support the Vermont chapter so that they can send a representative to the conference. Bernie said that he does not have a problem with helping with some membership efforts outside of South Dakota. The motion was made by Richard and seconded by Margie to donate \$200 to the Vermont Chapter to help send a representative to the conference. All in favor.

Discussion continued concerning the National ARAN Conference in November. Richard said that he has requested that Social Security Administration to kick in some money to pay for him to travel to the board meeting in Texas. Alan said that he is looking for support from SBVI to attend the meeting and Bernie is also seeking support from DRS.

Discussion continued on the idea of Catriona McDonald coming to the Fall Conference in Brookings and speaking in a general session. Bernie and Rich will discuss this and work on it with Nikki Moir.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Alan Davis Recognition: Bernie said that Alan Davis has done a lot for the Master's Program and staff development. He suggested that Alan be recognized for his efforts by SDRehabAction. Bernie offered to look around for a small engraved name plate or other such token of recognition. The motion was made by Margie and seconded by Linda to purchase a small item for recognition of Alan Davis. All in favor.

Provider Awards: These awards will be given out at the Fall Conference and are in two categories: *Outside Provider* and *Outstanding Leadership and Program Development*. Bernie said that individuals eligible for the Provider Recognition Awards must be RehabAction members for at least a year and must be nominated by a RehabAction member. Bernie said that he would send out the nomination forms and that the deadline for nominations is September 23. We will need to have a quick Board meeting to review nominations and make a selection of awardees. There was discussion on the cost of awards. The motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Richard to allot up to \$75. for each of the two awards. All in favor.

Calendars: Bernie asked if the Board would like to offer RehabAction calendars once again as a membership promotion tool. He said that the Fall Conference would be a good opportunity to distribute the calendars, if we placed an order soon enough. The motion was made by Richard and seconded by Lisa purchase 2006 calendars in last year's quantities. All in favor.

Sponsorship of Members to Attend National ARAN Meeting: Discussion resumed on the National ARAN Conference November 21-22 in The Woodlands, which is North of Houston, Texas. Rich, Alan, and Bernie are seeking support from their agencies. Bernie guessed that airfare would be in the neighborhood of \$500-600. The trip cost might total \$1200. He said that we will need to do more research to get a more accurate estimate of the costs. Margie said that she thought it would be good to go to the meeting to learn more and become more involved. Linda suggested that as president-elect, Margie should have the support of SDRehabAction to go to the meeting. Further discussion on this was tabled until the next meeting when more will be known about costs and other sponsorships of the travel to the meeting.

Other Items:

Fall Conference: Bernie and Alan expressed that they are available to assist Nikki with any help with conference arrangements. We need to find out the plan with Catriona McDonald coming. Richard said that he will contact Nikki. Lisa said that she will help find out where they are at with the Fall Conference.

Region 8 Meeting: Bernie said that the next meeting of Administrators at Region 8 agencies is in November in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Bernie said that about thirty-five people will attend. Bernie asked if RehabAction could sponsor something, such as a break. This discussion was tabled until the September meeting.

Next Meeting: This was set for September 26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the motion was made by Richard and seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Lockner, Secretary