**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**
**of South Dakota RehabACTion**
**February 23, 2009 by Teleconference**

**CALL TO ORDER**:
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Steve Resick.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:**
President, Steve Resick; Past President, Cindy Ryan; President-Elect, Eric Weiss; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Mary Lesselyoung; VR Member at Large, Dawn Backer; and Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:**
Minutes of the meeting held 1/5/09 were reviewed by President Resick. Bernie made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, and Cindy K. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS:**
**Membership Report:** Bernie provided us with the membership report. Currently there are 94 RehabACTion members in SD which includes the 4 students. Membership numbers may increase in March around the Annual RehabACTion meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**: Bernie presented the Treasure Report. The year end balance for the RehabACTion checking account is $31,219.84. We continue to have one $5000 CD earning interest. A full report will be available during our Annual RehabACTion meeting in March 09. Dawn made a motion to accept the Treasure Report and this was seconded by Cindy R. All were in favor.

**ARAN Consortium Report:** The ARAN report was presented by Steve. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law on 2/17/09. Substantial funding has been allowed for Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, and Education. According to Steve, the ARAN Board is going through a concerning and difficult time. The Oregon RehabACTion chapter has been dissolved as it couldn't maintain memberships. The Chapter's treasury balance, most or all of approximately $30,000 will given to the ARAN board. These funds will assist with supporting our Lobbyist, Catriona MacDonald. The Board is working to narrow the focus of Catriona's services/lobbying. Discussion was held on SD's contribution to ARAN. $3,500 has been contributed in 2007 and in 2008. The new state board members will vote on the 2009 contribution and the amount will likely be dependent upon our membership numbers.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**
**Sponsor Social at Case File Reviews**: Case file Reviews will be held April 8th and 9th in Pierre and Sioux Falls. Dawn made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor a social at each event. The cost for the two socials would be about $200. This was seconded by Bernie and passed by a majority of votes.

**Electronic Vote prior to meeting:** 2/2/09 For the past several years certification awards and other recognitions have been presented at the Midwinter Conference and the costs rolled into the conference budget. The usual cost of these awards is from $125-$150. Eric made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor these awards this year since there is not going to be a conference. This was seconded by Cindy K. and all were in favor.

**2009 Fall Conference**: Bernie reported the fall conference will be held at the Huron Crossroads Center this year on October 13, 14 & 15. The primary speaker has not been selected yet but some of the smaller speakers are in place. There is an Employer Management group with the area Labor Dept. that may assist with some of the planning. 100 rooms at the motel have been reserved.

**RehabACTion as a fiscal agent**: Richard Pementel will be providing some training for the Brookings, Sioux Falls, and Yankton Employer Resource Networks. ERN has requested to use RehabACTion as their fiscal agent. Cindy K. made a motion to accept this request and this was seconded by Mary. All were in favor.

**Sponsor Door Prize:** Catch the Wave will be held this year on April 15th in Aberdeen for high school students interested in post secondary education. The Transition Liaisons have requested assistance with a $25 door prize for the event. RehabACTion brochures will be made available at the registration table. Cindy R. made a motion to accept this request. This was seconded by Eric and all were in favor.

**Annual RehabACTion meeting :** Our annual RehabACTion meeting will be held Thursday, March 12th at noon central time via video conference & teleconference. The agenda for the meeting was discussed. Items to be included: Approval of minutes from last meeting, Membership report, Treasure report, ARAN update, hand over gavel to new president, Eric Weiss, Federal update from Grady, and presentation of the ballots and nominations for new board members. Voting will take place following the meeting via email and this will be open through Friday. Eric and Cindy R. will tally the results the following Monday. Nominations for board members are still needed and will be accepted up to the time of the meeting. Bernie will send out a current list of all RehabACTion members to select nominations from. Bernie made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor pizza at the various sites for the annual meeting. This was seconded by Cindy R. and all were in favor.

**Counselor Day:** Counselor Day will be announced sometime in March. Last year the offices had a variety of goodies including breakfast pizza, rolls, donuts, cookies, etc. and invited in the area Providers to join the event. Cindy Ryan made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor a break at the area offices. This was seconded by Eric and all were in favor.

**Futures Group DDN Training:** Training will be provided by the Futures Group via DDN on the 16th of March from 1 to 5pm central time. Bernie requested the board consider sponsoring a break at the area DDN sites. Estimated cost would be $200. Mary

made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor a break at this training. This was seconded by Cindy K. and all were in favor.

**Appreciation Plaque for outgoing SBVI Board Member:** Eric requested the board consider sponsoring a $40 plaque for an outgoing SBVI Board Member to show appreciation for dedication and time served. Dawn made a motion to have RehabACTion sponsor this plaque. This was seconded by Bernie and all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**
None

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**
Annual RehabACTion meeting will take place via DDN and Teleconference on March 12th from noon to 1pm central time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
Cindy K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Eric. All were in favor.