

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of South Dakota RehabACTion  
February 6, 2008 by Teleconference**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Cindy Ryan.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President, Cindy Ryan; Past President, Margie Helgeson; President-Elect, Steve Resick; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Mary Lesselyoung; VR Member at Large, Keith Rouse; and Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Minutes of the meeting held 9/17/07 were reviewed. Keith made a motion to accept the minutes, and Margie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Membership Report:** The membership report was given by Bernie. There are currently 90 SD RehabACTion members. This number is likely to fluctuate with the upcoming Midwinter Conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasure Report was presented and reviewed by Bernie. Margie made a motion to accept the report, and this was seconded by Steve.

**2008 Midwinter Conference:** The Midwinter Agenda at a Glance was distributed and reviewed by Bernie. The conference will be held at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre beginning at 1 pm on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. and wrapping up at noon on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Agenda includes a good line up of speakers and training sessions.

The Annual RehabACTion meeting will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

The meeting will include comments and updates from Shelly Pfaff and Grady or Gaye, and the annual election of board members. The current board member positions available are: President Elect(Vice-president), Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large representing a rehabilitation provider, and Member at Large representing the public VR program. Steve will gather the nominations and organize the election procedure.

A Social in the Courtyard sponsored by RehabACTion will follow the annual meeting. The Social will include hors-d'oeuvres, drinks, a door prize, and Certification awards for RehabACTion members. The RehabACTion members being honored for receiving certifications this past year are Bob Smith, OM Specialist; Mike Webb, CRC; and Jan Norby, CRC. Cindy R. volunteered to pick out a door prize for the event. A retirement gift/award will also be presented to Rich Gardner to honor his years of dedicated service in state government. Following the prizes and awards, a Comedian is scheduled to entertain us.

Bernie made a motion to accept the plans discussed and finalized for the Midwinter conference and the RehabACTion Social event. This was seconded by Cindy R. and all were in favor.

**ARAN Consortium Report:** Margie presented the ARAN update. ARAN will be having their board meeting tomorrow and will be discussing various proposals from Catriona Macdonald, Policy Advisor. The proposals involve laying out a clearly defined public policy program to maintain and expand its membership; and determining what steps the organization needs to pursue to carry out its 2008 agenda. The possibility of an ARAN 2008 Washington conference in April was discussed. Margie shared her plans for an ARAN newsletter article which will focus on the public VR assistance available for Veterans returning from war. Her article may include an interview with Grady.

Steve provided a report of the TRAN conference he and Margie recently attended in Texas. They were very impressed with the size of the conference as TRAN had approximately 800 members present. Steve and Margie both indicated that the speakers were great and they have come home with lots of new information and ideas from the sessions. Both Steve and Margie agreed that they were very impressed and energized from attending the conference.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** There will be training on self-employment held in May in Chamberlain for all Rehabilitation counselors. Discussion was held on sponsoring a break and an evening social for this event as well as a gift for the main speaker. The evening social would include a cash bar and hors-d'oeuvres such as Subway sandwiches. Bernie estimated it would cost \$750 for RehabACTion to sponsor the social and break and approximately \$75 for a gift to thank the main presenter. Cindy K. made a motion to accept this. Mary seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

RehabACTion received a request to sponsor a break at the upcoming Special Education Conference. Discussion was held and the members agreed that this would be appropriate as there will be a RehabACTion exhibit, advertisement in the materials, and a brief presentation at the conference on RehabACTion. Keith made a motion to provide \$650 to sponsor a break. Bernie seconded this motion and all were in favor.

A request has also been submitted to the RehabACTion board to sponsor a break at the 2009 International IAWP Conference. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the next fall conference which will be held in Rapid City. Bernie is hopeful that the NDEAM Chamber group in Rapid City will participate.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None  
**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** Our annual meeting will be held at the Midwinter Conference on March 3, 2008.

**Adjournment:**

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Steve. All were in favor.