

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of South Dakota RehabAction
by Teleconference, February 21, 2006**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board President, Alan Vandenberg.

Roll Call of Members Present: President, Alan Vandenberg; President Elect, Margie Helgeson; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Linda Lockner; Board Members, Lisa Pearce and Nikki Moir. Past President, Rich Gardner, was absent.

Reading of the Minutes: The agenda was reviewed, and the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2006 were reviewed. Nikki moved, and Bernie seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Bernie presented the treasurer's report. He explained that he had put in a couple of thousand dollars for Mid-Winter Conference that is not reflected in the report. The actual balance is a little higher than last month's balance of \$25,983.57. Some of the Mid-Winter Conference speakers needed to be paid in advance. Bernie also said that he got in several membership renewal dues that he just deposited this morning.

Membership Report: Bernie said that the membership is now around 100 members. He expects that there will be some new members added at Mid Winter Conference and some renewal dues collected at that time.

ARA N Consortium Meeting Conference Call: Margie reported on the ARA N Consortium conference call held this morning. She said that a lot of the discussion centered on difficulties with finances. They will be asking the state organizations for donations again. Audrey Butterworth will be putting together a report showing income and expenses, so we will have a better idea of what is needed and how much South Dakota's organization might put into the effort. Right now, the Consortium has enough money for about five months. The largest expenditures are lobbying fees for Catriona McDonald for production of the newsletter, *In the Public Interest*. We previously kicked in \$1500 and will revisit this issue when we have more information. The newsletter editor is asking for news about what is happening with the state organizations. There will be another ARAN Consortium meeting in March, as there was insufficient time to cover all the business in today's meeting. Margie will present a report of ARAN Consortium business at the annual membership meeting on March 6.

Board Membership Nominations: Margie said that she has some candidates for the election of officers to take place at the annual meeting in March. The slate of candidate will include President elect, secretary, board member and member at large, and treasurer (a three year term.) She is accepting more nominations. Nikki and Lisa said they would like to serve on the board again, if elected. There was discussion of the procedure for reporting the results of the election. They will be posted the morning following the meeting and will also be announced at a general meeting the next day.

Annual Meeting at Mid Winter Conference: Bernie said that the annual SDRehabAction meeting will be held March 6 in Gallery B&C. Bernie is working on certification awards to be given during the meeting. Nikki said that she will be bringing the door prize. This will go to a member of SD RehabAction.

2006 Fall Conference: Plans are being made for the Fall Conference in Spearfish October 17-19, 2006. It will be a 2 ½ day conference. The keynote speakers will be Denise Bissonnette, Kathy West Evans, Betsey Valnes, and Mike Callahan, who will speak on the last day. They are working on breakout sessions and looking at local talent for possible speakers. There will be a social the first night. Lori Linco and Lisa Whirlinger are the local arrangements coordinators. RehabAction will present provider awards. Discussion was held on having Catriona McDonald give a legislative update by phone or video transmission at a general meeting.

Other Agenda Items: Alan asked if there were other business items to add to the agenda. Rich had requested additional funding for the ARAN Consortium. Margie suggested that we bring this up to the membership at the annual meeting. Linda said that we need to stress the importance of what Catriona is doing for us in Washington. Margie will put together a report and the item will be added to the General meeting agenda.

Adjournment: Alan asked if there was other business. Being none, Linda moved, and Margie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda J. Lockner, Secretary