

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of South Dakota RehabACTion
January 5, 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; Not Present: Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held 9/15/08 were reviewed. Eric made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, and Dawn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS:

Membership Report: Bernie provided us with the membership report. Currently there are 95 RehabACTion members in SD which includes the 4 students. Membership numbers tend to fluctuate between 90 and a 100.

Treasurer's Report: Bernie presented the Treasure Report. Final report is not yet finalized as December statements still need to be reconciled. The current balance in the RehabACTion checking account is \$31,274.84. We continue to have one \$5000 CD earning interest. Over \$1000 was earned from Fall Conference. Mary made a motion to accept the Treasure Report and this was seconded by Cindy R. All were in favor.



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ARAN Consortium Report: Steve informed us that there hasn't been much to report from ARAN lately. Due to the Presidential election, there hasn't been much action in the Legislature. Steve informed us of the talk of future VR order of selections possibly focusing more on serving transition students first. Separate funding for WIA and Rehabilitation was also a topic.

Report: Appreciation/thank you gifts to Ancillary Support Entities: Eric reported that a basket with SD made products was given to Deb Thiry with the Aurora Clerk of Courts to show appreciation for doing all of our criminal background checks in a timely manner for no fee. An I-Shuffle was donated as a door prize at the SD Association for the Blind conference in October. SDAB maintains an account for emergency maintenance funds for consumers who need services on a short notice. Eric gave a report and circulated brochures on RehabACTion to those in attendance at the conference.

Report: Annual Disability Awareness Day: Eric reported the Coalition and Disability Advocacy Network will be sponsoring the Annual Disability Awareness Day in Pierre on

2/11/09 at the Capitol. Discussion was held on the possibility of RehabACTion assisting with some of the preparations or purchasing a table to display RehabACTion materials. A RehabACTion member who is not a state employee could man the table. Eric will check with Shelly Pfaff from the Coalition and see what the options are and then get back to us.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

2008 Fall Conference: Bernie informed us that a little over \$1000 was earned by RehabACTion from the fall conference. There were not as many employers in attendance as what was expected or hoped for.

2009 Fall Conference: Dan Rounds and Bernie have been scoping out East River locations for our 2009 Fall Conference. A strong possibility is Huron's Crossroads Convention Center. They have the Oct. 13, 14, and 15th dates open and have the space to accommodate a large crowd. There is a VR Counselor, Transition Liaison, and staff from the ATC locally who could assist with planning and preparations. Cedar Shores at Oacoma is still being considered as a possible site for the conference also.

Annual RehabACTion meeting : Our annual RehabACTion meeting which includes an election of new board members is usually held at our Midwinter Conference in early March. Since this conference has been cancelled, alternative methods for our meeting, election, awards, etc., were discussed. The group agreed that a video conference combined with teleconference during a lunch break would be a good option. Voting for new board members could be done following the meeting via email.

RehabACTion assistance with Region 8 meeting: The Region 8 meeting will be held in Keystone, SD the first 3 days of June 09. Bernie proposed that RehabACTion assist with the initial \$200 down payment fee to hold the facility. Cindy R. made the motion to approve this assistance with the fee and Eric seconded it. All were in favor. Further discussion will be held at future meeting regarding the possibility of assisting with the hospitality activities at the Region 8 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Electronic Votes Prior to Board Meeting:

The following requests were approved by electronic vote prior to the board meeting:

1. 10/6/08: \$50 and an honorary membership given to Angela Podhradsky for all her assistance with Fall Conference. Motion by Bernie and seconded by Cindy R., and carried by majority.
2. 11/6/08: \$16.84 for door prizes at the Ft. Yates Career Days which involved SD students. Motion presented by Bernie from Kim Crossan, seconded by Eric, and carried by majority.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tentative plans were made for our annual RehabACTion meeting to be held sometime in the first week of March via DDN.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cindy R. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Mary. All were in favor.