

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of South Dakota RehabAction
January 5, 2005, by Teleconference**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board President, Rich Gardner.

Roll Call of Members Present: President, Rich Gardner; President Elect, Alan Vandenburg; Past President, Kim Crossan; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Linda Lockner; Board Members, Margie Helgeson and Nikki Moir.

Review of the Minutes: Minutes were reviewed of the previous meeting have been posted to the web site. Alan made a motion to accept the minutes, and Margie seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted as posted. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Bernie presented the treasurer's report and explained that he will provide a detailed report at the business meeting held during Mid Winter Conference. Bernie reported that all money is in from the Fall Conference and bills are paid. He explained that expenditures for the ARAN meeting in Texas are in the ARAN meeting item. Bernie presented a tentative Mid Winter Conference budget. Registration will be \$75.00. Bernie recommends that SD RehabAction pick up the cost of the social. He said that people commented to him that they liked Mike Grimme at the Fall RehabAction social. Bernie said that he and Janet Ball can work on the hors d'oeuvres. Rich asked if we might project a profit of about \$2,000. Bernie responded that this would be after all expenses are made. Alan asked if service providers would be asked to pay \$75. Bernie said we are shooting for \$150. People. This would include all the V. R. counselors, rehab teachers, D.D. people, MSRW people through the Coop, and forty to fifty people through the provider systems.

Bernie went to someone in West River to see if they could provide shirts for a better price, but he hasn't heard anything back yet. Shirts cost \$10 for a member and \$20 for non-members. They will be promoted at Mid Winter Conference. Bernie said that they have a couple of polo shirts that they are going to get orders for the shirts.

Nikki moved, and Kim seconded to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor.

Gifts for ARAN People: The ARAN Board will be having a meeting during the time of the Mid Winter Conference, and it is expected that between ten and fifteen people will be present. Rich asked for a committee to select and purchase some kind of favor item. Margie will chair the committee. Linda volunteered to serve on the committee.

Report on ARAN Board Meeting in Texas: Bernie said that the ARAN organization is making some changes. They lost their executive director in Washington and some of the larger state ARAN organizations have professional staff who can take on more of a role in ARAN. Bernie said they are still looking at having someone in DC to do more of the lobbying efforts, especially when reauthorization comes up. Another change is to pull together more of the existing information from organizations, such as National Rehabilitation Association. Bernie suggested finding one individual who can funnel information to the SD RehabAction

membership. Rich volunteered to find out more about the cost of NRA membership. Bernie made the observation that some of the states are more solid than the national ARAN organization. Massachusetts will take over the accounting for the National organization. Texas is doing more organizational things. Another state will do the web page, and another the newsletter. Rich is the vice chair and someone from Texas is the chair. Rich said that the National RehabAction Board is comprised of people from each of the member states. Rich suggested that we adopt a policy that the past president of the state organization would represent the state on the ARAN board.

Fall Conference: Nikki said that Fall Conference dates are October 11-13, 2005. There will be a block of seventy rooms at The Brookings Inn. They are looking for suggestions of speakers and ideas for a conference theme. One possible speaker is Scott Miller, a local pastor who presents on personality types. BJ Smith from SDSU could be a resource. A resource forum was suggested so that teachers and parents can learn about resources for their students. This would need to be offered on the schedule in a timeframe to enable teachers and parents to attend. Alan suggested that Fall Conference information be sent out before the end of the school year and also at the Catch the Wave programs. Nikki said that she was looking at hospitality and entertainment ideas, such as Gordy Pratt. She asked for feedback from the Board by the end of the month.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Rich entertained a motion to adjourn. Alan moved, and Nikki seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda J. Lockner, Secretary