

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of South Dakota RehabAction  
June 29, 2005, by Teleconference**

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

**Roll Call of Members Present:** President, Alan Vandenberg; President Elect, Marjorie Helgeson; Past President, Rich Gardner; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Linda Lockner; and Board Members, Nikki Moir.

**Review of the Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 3/31/05 were reviewed. Bernie made a couple of corrections and points of clarification. Rich made a motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, and Nikki seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bernie presented the treasurer's report referred to a list of itemized categories. There is a balance of \$29,251.74 in the treasury. We made about \$2831. on the Mid Winter conference, but the Peer Support conference figures are not finalized yet. The motion was made by Margie and seconded by Rich that the treasurer's report be accepted. All in favor.

**Membership Report:** Bernie gave a membership report. He said that there are currently 99 paid-up members. He has just sent out renewal notices to several people. He said that there are 3-4 APSE people who have continued on. Bernie said that he wonders if the providers realize that the employer will sometimes pay for membership and that we can direct bill the employer. Margie said that maybe we could send out a letter to the agencies informing providers what we can direct-bill the agency. After discussion of ways to get more membership, no action was taken for now. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

**Fall Conference Planning:** Nikki talked about plans for the Fall Conference October 11-13, 2005 in Brookings. She said that there are still places in the schedule to fill with speakers. Nikki said that the NDEAM planners have not selected a main speaker yet. She said that some of the conference speakers were local and were costing \$250.00. Some were costing as much as \$5500. She is looking for a speaker who will motivate employers. Bernie said that there are good speakers in South Dakota.

Nikki suggested that there be a short presentation on the benefits of RehabACTion during the main session to educate people on RehabACTion. Alan or Rich could give an update on what is happening nationally. Nikki is meeting with caterers, etc. Promotional material will be out at the end of July or August. Bernie handles registration. The promotional material, such as brochures, will state where the checks will be sent. Bernie will generate mailing labels and also e-mail promotional material or mail it to offices. Bernie talked about the SD RehabACTion meeting and social. He likes the idea of having the social by the pool. He was wondering if we should do the liquid refreshments in the bathtub or a cash bar. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**ARAN Consortium Report:** Rich spoke highly of Catriona MacDonald, our part-time lobbyist, and said that she is a “wealth of information.” She has been doing a great job, and we are getting “a lot of bang for our buck.” He discussed concerns about PWI, MSFW, and supported employment programs going by the wayside. Bernie explained that the state match becomes an issue and South Dakota could lose about \$100,000 in federal funds. Rich said that he would forward information from Catriona to the SD RehabACTion board members.

Rich said that the Fall ARAN Board meeting will be in November in Texas. He is wondering if he or Alan or someone else from the board should go. Every state has to decide whether to support ARAN or not. Bernie thinks that DRS could send one person and SDRA could send the other. He said that he would start a discussion with Grady. We can discuss this further at the next meeting. Alan said that he wondered if Catriona could come here for the Fall Conference. It would be a good membership promotion.

**Old Business:** Bernie said that the SBVI Peer Support Training had been pretty well covered in the treasurer’s report. SD RehabACTion got a plug in the promotional material [for sponsoring a break at the ADA celebration in Sioux Falls](#).

**New Business: Election for Board Member Vacancy.** Lisa Pierce had been a candidate for the board in the last election and agreed to serve the board, if elected. Bernie nominated Lisa to fill the board vacancy, and Nikki seconded the motion. Linda moved that nominations cease and that Lisa Pierce elected by acclamation. Bernie seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Next Board Meeting:** The date and time for the next meeting was set for August 24 at 3:00 Central Daylight Time

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted, Linda J. Lockner, Secretary