

Minutes of South Dakota RehabACTion Annual Meeting
March 12, 2009
Via DDN

Call to Order: RehabACTion members gathered at various DDN sites across the state for the annual RehabACTion meeting. President Elect, Eric Weiss, provided a welcome and call of DDN sites. There was a quorum of more than the required 20 members present and in good standing for the annual meeting.

Board Members Present: President, Steve Resick; President-Elect, Eric Weiss; Past President, Cindy Ryan; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Mary Lesselyoung; Member at Large, Dawn Backer; Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the last RehabACTion annual meeting had been received and reviewed prior to the meeting. Bernie Grimme made a motion to accept the minutes, and this was seconded by Kim Christensen. All were in favor.

Legislative Update:

The Federal Legislative update was presented by Grady Kickul. He informed us that we are no longer operating on a Continuing Resolution as this has expired and the Omnibus Bill was passed. Grady spoke of the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act which is currently pending in the House of Representatives. The ARRA/Stimulus Package was signed into law in February, 2009. This package will provide an increase in funds for DRS, Independent Living Centers, and the Older Blind Program. Grady commented that Sioux Falls is seeing an increase in intake/referral numbers. This trend will eventually spread across the state and the increase in numbers and demands for services will have an impact on the system.

ARAN Consortium Update:

Steve Resick presented an ARAN update. Catriona MacDonald, Policy Advisor, continues to work on the WIA Reauthorization. Catriona's salary is currently paid through July 2009. After that point there is concern on having enough funds for her continued service. The Board's main focus is keeping Catriona working for us.

Membership Report:

Bernie presented the membership report. There are currently 93 SD RehabACTion members.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Treasurer's report for 2008 were distributed and reviewed by Bernie. Our current assets total \$34,134.79. Mary Waugh made a motion to accept the report and this was seconded by Sara Kumpf. All were in favor.

Passing of the Gavel Ceremony:

Steve Resick passed the gavel of the office of President to Eric Weiss. Eric continued conducting the meeting as new president of SD RehabACTion. Steve was presented with a plaque/picture of appreciation for his dedication as president this past year. Cindy Ryan was thanked for her time and dedication serving on the RehabACTion board.

Election:

The nominees for the open board positions were announced and a call for additional nominations to slate was requested. Bernie made a motion to accept the slate of nominees and this was seconded by Grady. All were in favor.

The ballots were distributed via email and the voting process took place after the meeting. Eric Weiss and Cindy Ryan collected the ballots and tallied the results. The results of the election were presented following the annual meeting. The following is a list of the board members and positions:

President: Eric Weiss

President Elect: Dawn Backer

Past President: Steve Resick

Treasurer: Bernie Grimme

Secretary: Ronda Williams

VR Member at Large: Sara Kumpf

Provider Member at Large: Dave Halverson

Old Business: None

New Business: Bernie announced that planning for the Fall Conference is underway. It will be held at the Huron Crossroads on October 13, 14, and 15, 2009.

Adjournment:

Cindy Ryan made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dan Rounds. All were in favor.