

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of South Dakota RehabAction
by Teleconference, November 2, 2006**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board President, Margie Helgeson.

Roll Call of Members Present: President, Margie Helgeson; Past President, Alan Vandenburg ; President-Elect, Cindy Ryan; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Linda Lockner; Board Members, and Keith Rouse and Dan Rounds.

Review of the Agenda and Discussion on Minutes: The agenda was reviewed. Due to a clerical error, the minutes of the September 29 Board meeting were not received by the members prior to the meeting. It was decided that the minutes would be posted to the SD RehabACTion web site and reviewed/approved at the next board meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Bernie said that there is so much money coming in and going out from the Fall Conference that he did not put together a current treasurer's report for the meeting. Bernie said that it cost around \$35,000 to host the conference. He said that he expects a new profit of \$3000.-\$5000. once the various monies come in, and bills are paid.

Membership Report: Bernie said that as of now, there are 100 members. He sends out renewal notices when as members are due to renew.

2006 Fall Conference: Bernie said that there were over 200 people at the conference who came from South Dakota and surrounding states in the region. This included seven people from 121 programs, eleven students, and thirty employers. Bernie said that it was very helpful to have a local arrangements committee and added that CTAT assisted in many ways besides financial backing.

Bernie said that the evaluation sheets are still being summarized, but in general, the conference was very well received by the people in attendance. There will also be a conference call with the conference

planning committee to do follow-up and planning for next year's conference. Bernie will be sending a report to CSAVR.

Bernie said that Ronda is putting a CD together with the pictures from the conference. He is looking at ways to put a link with the photos on the Internet. He is also planning to put the conference handouts on the SD RehabACTion web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contribution to ARAN

This item was previously discussed and tabled until after the Fall Conference. Given the situation with accounts payable and receivable from the Fall Conference, Margie asked if we have enough information about the state of the SD RehabACTion treasury to make a decision about a contribution to ARAN. Bernie said that there is sufficient money to have a discussion on this. Linda made the motion, and Keith seconded that SD RehabACTion contribute \$1500 to ARAN at this time. All in favor

RCEP Training Monies: Bernie brought to the board's attention that there is a proposal by Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RCEP) to Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to consolidate training dollars. These monies normally go to a number of organizations for training programs funded under the Rehab. Act. Bernie does not view RCEP's suggestions as a benefit to rehabilitation professionals. He said that he wanted to give us a heads-up and when the proposed regulations come out, he along to the board members. The board can then have a discussion on whether SD RehabACTion will take a stand on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

2007 Fall Conference: Alan asked about plans for 2007 Fall Conference. He suggested that we start looking at a conference site. The merits of various locations were discussed, including Chamberlain, Sioux Falls, and Aberdeen. Some of the factors included conference facilities and accommodations, and co-sponsorship with other events such as NDEAM, or partnering with another organization, such as or Business Leadership Network (BLN), Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), or Mayor's Committee. Aside from location for participants to travel, a key factor is travel logistics for speakers. Proximity to a significant employer

base was also considered. At this point Chamberlain was ruled out as a conference location. Conference theme and many other things will be discussed in coming months. Alan, Dan, Bernie, and others will have some future discussions and report back to the board.

Annual Meeting: Margie will be putting an agenda together for the annual meeting to be held at Mid-Winter Conference in March. Alan suggested that she could use the agenda from last year's meeting as a template. Linda said that she would get the minutes from last year to Margie so that they can be posted to the web site. Cindy will get a slate of nominees together for next years offices. She will send out something soliciting nominations for the vacant offices.

Resignation: Linda Lockner said that she is retiring from her position with V.R. effective January 8. She asked about getting a replacement secretary to fill her position until the election of new officers in March. Bernie asked the board members to each submit a suggestion of someone to appoint to replace Linda by the next meeting.

Counselor Awards: Bernie said that we have three people who have passed the CRS and will be given counselor awards at Mid-Winter. Bernie has ordered their awards. He said that there has been a problem of people getting the awards but not renewing their SD RehabACTion membership.

Next Board Meeting/ Adjournment: The next meeting was set for December 7 at 10:00 a.m. MT. A conference call password will be sent later. There being no other business, Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Dan. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda J. Lockner, Secretary