

Membership Committee Spring Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 31, 2013
Council Office, Joe R. Williams Building
700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shiloh Blackburn, Jane Donnellan, Alison Lowethal, TeRonda Robinson,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colleen Sisk, Jacquie Watson

STAFF PRESENT

Tracy Warren, Shane Carlton

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Colleen Sisk, Tracy Warren called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions, Perfection of Agenda, Announcements**

APPROVAL OF JULY AND AUGUST 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 2012 meeting.

TeRonda Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the October 2012 Membership Committee meeting; Shiloh Blackburn seconded. Motion carried.

REVIEW COUNCIL MEMBER TRAINING FORMAT FOR THIS MEETING

- Review Council member homework assignments.
 - Elevator Speech – How do I introduce myself and what do I say about the Council
 - Your personal story about an issue that is important to you. A lot of people talk about the cuts to Medicaid services and what has happened to their family as a result
- Review the legislative slate and then members will spend time practicing what they will say to legislators prior to going to the statehouse.

- Only one main issue to discuss with legislators – Background checks for potential guardians and conservators. Factsheet will be provided to members.
- Possible future training topic – Effects of body language (and negative comments/feedback) during meetings (how that effects full participation of all members).

COUNCIL SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Reviewed the responses to the Council Member Self-Evaluation form.
 - Over the next quarter the committee will be developing future Council member trainings based on the responses to the evaluation.
 - Discussed whether there are additional questions that need to be added to the next Council member evaluation. The committee will work to refine the assessment as needed.

FULL COUNCIL EVALUATION

- Reviewed Council responses to the Full Council Evaluation form.
 - Discussed whether there are additional questions that need to be added to the next Full Council evaluation.
 - Council meetings are fast paced and it can be intimidating to ask questions when someone doesn't understand. When discussing complicated topics, we need to stop and ask if there are any questions.
 - There were comments about diversity on the Council.
 - The Council has tried unsuccessfully to recruit younger members.
 - The Council needs to reach out to ethnic groups and tribes in the state.
 - The Council needs to provide extra support to those Council members that need it.
 - The Council is working with Suzie Hanks to provide the additional support needed to Council members. Suzie is observing this Council meeting to see if this position might be a good fit for her. Suzie will be the contact person for Council members that need help understanding Council meeting materials, legislative slate, etc. Marilyn is working

with human resources to come up with a job description and we hope to have Suzie come on as a part time staff member to assist with Council member support in the near future.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT

- Review Applications received to date
 - There are currently two self-advocate openings on the Council. We have received two applications to date.
 - Committee members reviewed Council applications for Tracy York and Jacob Watkins.
 - Tracy will call both applicants and setup phone interviews. The Membership Committee chair and any other interested Membership Committee members can participate in the interviews.
- Council members need to follow up with recruitment contacts.
 - Reach out to younger self advocates in the transition programs.
 - Follow-up with self-advocates that have shown interest.
 - Have applications at Disability Advocacy Day and Tools for Life
 - Some of the entrepreneurs that are going to have tables at Tools for Life Business Expo might be good candidates to talk to.
 - Parent openings – recruit from tribes and Hispanic community – Jane has contacts with some of the tribes.
- There are several Council members whose terms will be expiring this year.
 - Membership Committee members need to find out whether these individuals intend to reapply for another term.

MEETING EVALUATION

- Meeting evaluation summaries were passed out for committee members to review on their own.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.