

Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 31, 2012

Council Office and conference call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Donnellan, Shiloh Blackburn, Paul Tierney, Jacquie Daniel-Watson,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colleen Sisk (Chair), TeRonda Robinson

STAFF PRESENT

Tracy Warren

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Because the committee chair was absent, Tracy facilitated the meeting.

Tracy reviewed action items for this meeting as:

- Review Sandra Abend member application
- Review Alison Lowenthal member application (State Dept. of Education)
- Discuss Justin Caggiano's resignation
- Recruitment for self-advocates to fill Justin's position

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND TERM STATUS

Justin Caggiano resigned from the Council via email on August 27, 2012. Tracy reported that Council Chair, Denise Wetzel, had a telephone conversation with Justin and that it was very positive. He understood the importance of having strong and present self-advocate voices at the meeting. Since he is staying in Seattle for the near future and because of health reasons, Justin chose to resign at this time.

Recruitment: The Council does not currently have self-advocate representation from Regions 1, 4 and 7 with the exception of the current recommendation of Sandra Abend (Region 7). Tracy talked about recruitment possibilities to fill the open seat left by Justin Caggiano.

The Committee decided to recruit self-advocates from across the state and pay attention to their strength as a Council member and their region as well when reviewing the applications. Shiloh recommended we revisit former

applications from self-advocates and contact them to see if they wish to reapply at this time.

MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Alison Lowenthal has been recommended by Rich Henderson, Director of Special Education, to represent the State Department of Education on the Council. The group reviewed Alison's application and had discussion.

- Paul moved to accept Alison Lowenthal's application and recommend her to the Governor for appointment to the Council.
- Shiloh seconded the motion.

Sandra Abend, a self-advocate from Idaho Falls, applied to fill the vacancy created with James Steed's resignation from the Council. Colleen Sisk, Shiloh Blackburn and Tracy Warren did a telephone interview Sandra on August 20th. The group discussed the application, interview notes, and Tracy reported about conversations with two of Sandra's references. The committee agreed to recommend Sandra to the Governor for appointment with directions for Tracy to follow-up and make sure that her guardian, Julie Norman, has full information about the application process and Council member responsibilities in the event that Sandra is appointed.

- Paul moved to accept Sandra Abend's application and recommend her to the Governor for appointment to the Council.
- Jane seconded the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

- Information about member recruitment will be posted on the Council website and be sent to Council members to help with local/regional areas
- Tracy will follow-up with Julie Norman
- Tracy will type notes from this meeting and send to the committee

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.