

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors

August 23, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Renee Collins
Robert Hock
Becky Hughes
Walter Jenner
Susan Kastner
Julie M. Kellett
Kelly Nash
Joyce Nielsen
Erik Norton
Roy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Hoffman
Richie Maldonado
Margaret Moore
Susie Tolson

STAFF PRESENT

Kim Thomas, President and CEO

Call to Order

Susan Kastner called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

Roy Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Nash seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 5/17 mtg.

Roy Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Line 4 should read "state agencies", instead of "stage agencies". Robert Hock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Kim Thomas reported that we are asking for an increase in funding. Kim is interested in starting a committee to be legislatively appointed for adults being transitioned out of high school. We did receive funding through the Education Oversight Committee and it will be distributed on a quarterly basis beginning in September. We plan to continue working with McGuire Woods, as they inform staff and the board about Legislative items.

Discussion of PR/Events campaign/License plate sales/ ASA's Audrey I. Horne Memorial Award

Lorri-Ann Carter reported that the new website is 90% done. She passed around examples of how the new site will look. Regarding PR, there were two recent press releases, one about the license plates and another about a respite event. Lorri-Ann is interested in doing some fundraising in the Charleston area. She suggested having 35+ restaurants donate a portion of sales for a day or sponsoring a Pub Crawl with a limited number of tickets. Other suggestions included a Spirit One Cruise or a Culinary Gala. Robert Hock made a suggestion for an event in the Columbia area. At this point, we have sold approximately 100 license plates. Alberto M. Carvalho received the ASA Audrey I Horne memorial Award for his work in Florida transitioning students from high school.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Langley submitted the information. Roy Williams is running a monthly meeting of the Finance Committee. There is a deficit in Service Coordination because we are getting paid less to do more. However, this deficit is coming down each month. Service Coordinators have had to learn how to bill. This is going to take some time. PSP (Parent School Partnership) is showing a huge profit. Kim would like to bring in people to do training and do more outreach. We need a plan to spend the money to maximize services. We need to do what is needed to grow the program and help Kim not become overwhelmed in doing so. We have the money, so there is no need to wait on Legislative buy in. Roy reminded us that the Finance Committee meets every third Thursday at 3:30. He encouraged board members to call in and listen by phone.

Director's Report

Kim Thomas reported on grants. We received a Teaching Toy Box grant for \$20,000.00, an Information and Referral Program Grant for \$22,000.00, and summer service funds for \$24,000.00. We continue to increase the number of cases, as well as billable units, for Service Coordination. DDSN is in the process of changing waiver programs. SCAS is the largest private provider of service coordination. We are now able to request money for Level 2 cases. Roy Williams suggested that we give a membership to all who are consumers of Service Coordination and the Parent School Partnership. SCAS will have a conference on April 18. Kim is still trying to find the best place with the best rate. She plans to have two keynote speakers and break-out sessions. Don Wuori has resigned from the Board.

Ongoing Business

Discussion on Board Members, Structure, and Bylaws Revisions

See attached Proposed Changes. Robert Hock made a motion for the Governance Committee to draft bylaw amendments consistent with the proposed changes. Roy Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nomination for new Board Members and Officers

The annual meeting will still take place on November 15, as originally planned. Mark Hoffman nominates Vernon Jackman as a board member. Erik Norton nominates Brooke Thomas as a board member. The Officer's slate includes:

Chair – Joyce Nielsen

Vice Chair – Mark Hoffman

Secretary – Becky Hughes

Treasurer – Roy Williams

Roy Williams made a motion to accept the slate as proposed. Robert Hock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.