

Minutes of Annual Meeting
South Carolina Autism Society
Columbia, SC
November 15, 2014

Call to Order

Susan Kastner called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made.

Organization Updates

New Group-There is a new peer support group for young adults with ASD's in Columbia.

Greenville Office Relocation-Greenville has a new office space. We needed a bigger space and were able to obtain a bigger space for a cheaper rate.

Website Redesign-The website has been redone, but still needs some tweaking. We are also working on re-doing the logo.

April 17, 2015 Conference-It will be on a Friday this year, instead of a Saturday at Saluda Shoals. The main speaker is Jed Baker who specializes in transition from high school to adulthood.

Strides for Autism-Midlands Strides will take place at Saluda Shoals on May 3, 2015. Upstate Strides will take place on April 11, 2015 at the same location as last year.

Financial Report-Our financials are much more stable now and are attached in the Annual Report.

Overview of Nomination Process & Bylaws

An election is held every year. The chair can serve two years. There is an open floor for nominations.

Presentation of Ballot for 2014-2015 Board of Directors

The following nominations for board members were submitted for membership approval:

Chair-----Joyce Nielsen
Vice Chair-----Mark Hoffman
Secretary-----Becky Hughes
Treasurer-----Roy Williams

At-Large (2015-2019) – Vernon Jackman
At-Large (2015-2019) – Brooke Thomas

There were no nominations from the floor. Kelly Nash made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Walter Jenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bylaw Changes

Roy Williams made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws (attached). Richie Maldonado seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Policy Changes

Committee meetings will begin at 10:00 am in the future. Board meetings will begin at 11:00 am in the future. Roy Williams made a motion to accept these proposed policy changes. Renee Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.