

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY  
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting  
of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Midlands Center, Columbia, S.C.

Saturday, October 27, 2001

Board Members Present

Ann Bishop  
Denise Chastain  
Maria Delgado  
Erik Drasgow  
Michael Filippone  
Joyce Neilsen  
Amy Weeks

Board Members Absent

Shirley Ballard  
Cheryle Bauerle  
John Edwards  
William Floyd  
Gaye Hartley  
Alex Holbert  
Denise Long  
Beverly McCarty  
Denise Oxford  
Mary Pate

Rebecca Shippy  
Mitchell Yell

Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director

Visitors Present

Don Fender, Director, SCDDSN/Autism Division  
Carol Wade, Director, Children's Services, SCDDSN/Autism Division  
Kevin Wade, Carol's son  
Mrs. Wade, Carol's mother-in-law

Call to order, quorum

President Amy Weeks called the meeting to order at 10:15. A quorum was not declared at this time. The following items were addressed for informational purposes only.

Special Recognition

The Ann Kemp Service Award was presented to Carol Wade. Carol has recently retired as Director of Children's Services, Autism Division/DDSN. She served faithfully in the Autism Division for 27 years.

Autism Division Report

1. Don Fender commended the Society for the outstanding Conference.
2. Don expressed concern about forthcoming statewide budget cuts. He said that the Autism Division is a direct service provider and cuts would affect services - decisions pending.
3. After much consideration by the Autism Division, the concept of expanding eligibility policy to include Aspergers Syndrome and/or the full ASD spectrum was not adopted. Thought will be given to other plans that would assist clients who are diagnosed with these disorders.

Interview #1 for position of Director of Program Services, SCAS

Declaration of quorum: 11:15

Approval of Agenda

Erik Drasgow moved that the agenda be approved as printed. Maria Delgado seconded. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes

Two corrections to minutes:

1. On page 2 under "Director's Report" the date for the 30th Anniversary Gala is 13<sup>th</sup> of April (replace question marks).
2. On page 4 under "Proposal for 2003 ASA Conference replace question marks with ASA.

Denise Chastain moved that changes to minutes be approved. Joyce Nielsen seconded and motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report- Craig Stoxen

The Statement of Activity: Board members had concerns about increasing the professional staff in the Society office in light of uncertainty of national economy. Discussion to continue later in board meeting.

#### Interview #2 for position of Director of Program Services, SCAS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Conference Committee - Craig Stoxen

Craig reported that the conference had gone quite well. Evaluations positive. Final tabulations of expenses and income forthcoming. Plans for 2002 are underway.

#### Monitoring Committee - Ann Bishop

Ann Bishop reported that CRP reports for the year 2001 in the Midlands are complete. Reports from Coastal and Piedmont are incomplete at this time. Ann said that as previously reported one of the most meaningful things to come from our efforts is a plan by the Autism Division to train directors of residences in formulating, writing and implementing learning program for clients based on PCP goals and objectives set by the Circle of Support. Erik Drasgow also shared that he is working with Don Fender on a plan to implement a similar plan in one of the residential facilities. A final report regarding CRP issues and concerns is due from the Autism Division by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Director's Report - Craig Stoxen

For more information refer to the printed copy of the Director's Report which was made available prior to the meeting.

1. Office move
2. Phone System/Voice mail
3. Palmetto Housing Options
4. Legislative Update
5. DSS Training
6. Bylaws
7. 2001 Conference
8. Golf tournament
9. Sexuality Workshop
10. Pete Wright- PRO-Parents
11. 2002 budget
12. Membership rate
13. National Autism Awareness Month

### OLD BUSINESS

1. ASA National Conference Host Proposal - Society will not pursue hosting this conference.
2. 30th Anniversary Celebration: After discussion the board agreed that it would not be wise to plan a 30th anniversary celebration due to uncertainty about funds in the year 2002. Plans will be made to recognize this significant year in the history of the Society by program themes and special segment of time on the program for a brief presentation commemorating the 30th year.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Membership rate proposal - Craig Stoxen

Individual Member:  
\$30.00  
National Dues: \$25.00  
State Dues: 5.00

Individual Friend:  
\$50.00  
National Dues: \$25.00  
State Dues: 25.00

Individual Supporter:  
\$100.00  
National Dues: \$25.00  
State Dues: 75.00

Family Member:  
\$45.00  
National Dues: \$35.00  
State Dues: 10.00

Family Friend:  
\$75.00  
National Dues: \$35.00  
State Dues: 40.00

Family Supporter:  
\$125.00  
National Dues: \$35.00  
State Dues: 90.00

Joyce Nielsen moved that the above membership rates be approved. Denise Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

Dates for Board Meetings - 2002

February 2  
April 4  
August 3  
November 2

Position for Director of Program Services

After discussion the motion was made by Denise Chastain that Craig continue to follow-up with the candidate in interview #1 for this position and proceed with hiring her. Erik Drasgow seconded and motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Joyce Nielsen and seconded by Maria Delgado to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 2:15 p.m.

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Amy Weeks, President

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Ann Bishop, Secretary