

## **SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY**

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the  
Board of Directors

SCAS Office, Columbia, S.C.

Saturday, November 9, 2002

### ATTENDANCE

#### Members Present

Cheryl Bauerle  
Ann Bishop  
Denise Chastain  
Michael Filippone  
Becky Hughes  
Aixa-Rodriguez-Mariani  
Beverly McCarty  
Margaret Moore  
Joyce Nielsen  
Denise Oxford  
Mary Pate  
Amy Weeks

#### Members Absent

Ute Anderson  
Shirley Ballard  
Maria Delgado  
Erik Drasgow  
John Edwards  
Alex Holbert  
Denise Long  
Mitchell Yell

#### Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, CEO and President

#### Visitors Present

Daniel Davis, Director, Autism Division/DDSN  
Roy Williams, new board member 2003

#### Call to order, quorum, introductions

President Amy Weeks called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. A quorum was declared. Amy welcomed Roy Williams, new board member and Daniel Davis, Director, Autism Division/DDSN.

#### Autism Division Report—Daniel Davis

- 1-Budget concerns-DDSN anticipates budget cuts. The department feels it can handle up to 5% without impacting services.
2. Consultants – There are twelve consultants in the Autism Division serving across the state. There are some 2,000 people eligible for services. Many are currently receiving services – many are not.

#### Definition of services:

IEP, Home intervention, Training of parents and professionals, Consultative services in schools, Intensive home intervention, 3 CARE clinics, Diagnostic services.

Consultants are working with 62 active cases, 40 of these are in the schools.

Residential placements are not considered a service. It is the current policy of the Autism Division that residential placement not be expanded. Clients will instead be referred to the local DDSN boards. There are currently waiting lists. However, severe critical needs situations will be addressed promptly.

After lengthy discussion the board decided that in order to reduce confusion and save valuable time – anyone having a specific question for Daniel must first submit it in writing to Craig before time for the next board meeting. Craig will compile all questions and submit them to Daniel for consideration. This will give Daniel time to prepare a response to all questions.

#### Agenda

Add Website and Logo – Denise Chastain.

Denise was commended for her outstanding work on the website.

#### Minutes

Joyce Neilsen moved, Margaret Moore seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report – Craig Stoxen in Mitch Yell's absence

Item's not yet included in report

Conference Income - \$22,500.00

Expenses - 17,014.63

Book Store Sales - 5,683.00

Silent Auction- 2,500.00

The treasurer's report was received as printed.

#### Director's Report – Craig Stoxen

1. PSP
2. Staffing
3. Future Computer needs
4. Staff raises
5. Annual Conference
6. Legislative
7. ASA Update

Please refer to director's printed report for information concerning the above items. In addition to the printed report Craig's report included the following:

1. "Knight of Giving" fundraiser to be held at Columbiana Center, Nov. 17, 7:00– 9:00
2. Babcock- Craig is monitoring the disturbing developments reported in the news about Babcock Center.
3. Disabilities Partnership – Roy Williams will replace Amy Weeks.
4. DDSN- concerning improving direct care training. Craig will try to get the Partnership to work with Society on this issue.
5. Legislative issues- Jan Mandeville is retiring. Craig will try to pick up more legislative issues.
6. Family Voices- sponsoring advocacy training workshop in St. Petersburg, Fla. Nov. 22. Craig will participate.

7. Annual Conference- Evaluations were good in general. Committee is pursuing a “transitional” theme for next year. Will work for balance to accommodate needs of all attendees.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### CRP-Ann Bishop

As retiring chairperson, Ann reported that upon examination of the reports and responses since the inception of the CRP committee in 1999, meaningful progress and improvements have been made in the quality of life for the individuals with autism living in the residences in the Midlands. Coastal Region has matters of concern still to be addressed. Joyce Nielsen, chair of the Coastal Region, plans to call a meeting with Daniel Davis as soon as possible to address these issues. Piedmont Region has been inactive and needs to secure a new chairperson so the CRP activities can be resumed. Also, matters that need follow-up are:

1. Review and revise the current trainer’s manual.
2. Consider the standards of training for direct care staff.

### OLD BUSINESS

ASA –working on bylaws – proposal will be on the webpage.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Minutes of Annual Meeting

Joyce Nielsen moved, Beverly McCarty seconded that minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

- The following dates were set for 2003 board meetings:

February 8  
May 17  
August 2  
November 1

- Summit – S.C. Dept. of Education “Partnership Makes a Great Idea”

March 21-22, 2003

Charleston, S.C. Embassy Suites

- Vincent J. Carbone Conference – June 23-25, 2003

USC Capstone  
Columbia, S.C.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Margaret Moore moved and Denise Chastain seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

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Amy Weeks, President

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Ann Bishop, Secretary