

## **SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY**

Board of Directors Meeting

SCAS Office

Saturday, November 1, 2003

### Attendance

#### Members Present

Cheryl Bauerle  
Denise Chastain  
Michael Filippone  
Erik Drasgow  
Chris Heeringa  
Becky Hughes  
Drea Kithianis  
Beverly McCarty  
Margaret Moore  
Joyce Nielsen  
Amy Weeks

#### Members Absent

Ute Anderson  
Maria Delgado  
Susan DuRant  
Angela Fender  
Alex Holbert  
Denise Long  
Aixa Rodriguez-Mariana  
Denise Oxford  
Mary Pate  
Roy Williams  
Mitchell Yell

### Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director

- Call to order, quorum, introductions  
President Cheryl Bauerle called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.  
A quorum was declared.
- DDSN Report  
Daniel Davis from the Autism Division reported on recent changes in the terminology of the agency. Daniel also spoke on a pilot project taking place in Conway. The project will hopefully be replicated across the state. He also informed us of several new staff members. Daniel also brought a handout showing the staff members and counties served.
- Approval of Minutes  
Joyce Nielsen's name was spelled wrong on the minutes of both the board meeting on October 11 and the annual meeting on October 11. Joyce Nielsen moved the minutes of the board meeting be approved as amended. Beverly McCarty seconded the motion. Margaret moved the minutes of the annual meeting be approved as amended. Denise Chastain seconded the motion. Both motions carried.
- Director's Report-Craig Stoxen  
For details, refer to the printed Presidents Board Report. Our 501(c)(3) application has been completed and will be sent on Tuesday. A motion was made by Beverly McCarty to trademark our name with graphics and a tag line. Amy Weeks seconded

the motion. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Amy Weeks to change our printed fee schedule beginning January 1, 2004. The change will reflect that we will no longer collect ASA dues. Erik Drasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Craig also mentioned that the keynote speakers at this year's conference received the highest evaluations ever.

- Treasurer's Report-Craig Stoxen in Mitchell Yell's absence  
For details, see page 2 in the handout.

- Executive Session

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Consumer Review Panel-Joyce Nielsen

We have five people for Midlands. Training will take place in January. There are maintenance situations at Coastal. We need written policies regarding maintenance, abuse, needs, guardianship, etc. Craig will contact our attorney about Guardian ad litem.

2. Legislative Report-Craig Stoxen

A difficult year is predicted. There is a push to put DDSN under Health and Human Services, which would drop SCAS down a tier. There will most likely be a 10% cut to next year's budget.

- OLD BUSINESS

The file server is in. This time we are using wireless.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. Service Coordination-Craig Stoxen

Craig gave a handout on possible ways to fund. Proposals are due by December 30, 2003.

2. Walk/Run

There is a possibility of a 5K Walk/Run at Pawley's Island in coordination with Health Point sometime in March.

3. 2004 Board Dates

The board meetings for 2004 will be: January 24, May 8, August 7, and November 6.

4. Fundraising/April

April is Autism Awareness month. The possibility of a full time person or another part-time person to work specifically with fundraising was suggested.

Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.