

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Board of Directors

Columbia, SC

Saturday, January 24, 2004

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Denise Chastain
Erik Drasgow
Susan DuRant
Michael Filippone
Alex Holbert
Becky Hughes
Aixa Rodriguez-Mariana
Beverly McCarty
Margaret Moore
Joyce Nielsen
Mary Pate
Amy Weeks
Roy Williams
Mitchell Yell

Members Absent

Ute Anderson
Cheryl Bauerle
Maria Delgado
Angela Fender
Chris Heeringa
Drea Kithianis
Denise Long
Denise Oxford

Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director

- Call to order, quorum, introductions
Vice-President Aixa Rodriguez-Mariana called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was declared.
- DDSN Report
Daniel Davis from the Autism Division reported on the budget and plans if cuts are made. He also spoke about procedures for reports. Daniel requested that questions be submitted ahead of time, especially those regarding numbers.
- Approval of Minutes
Amy Weeks moved and Erik Drasgow seconded that minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report
There are no major expense changes. We are adding Service Coordination. The caseload for the first coordinator will be 40-45. Cecilia Williamson has been hired as service coordinator. For budget details refer to the handout. Amy Weeks moved to approve the budget. Erik Drasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Director's Report-Craig Stoxen
For details refer to the printed Presidents Board Report. Craig is working on a Chapter Leadership Workshop in North Carolina for February 6, 7, and 8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Consumer Review Panel-Joyce Nielsen
Coastal reports have been turned in to Daniel Davis at DDSN. Training for the Midlands will have training next Saturday, January 31.
2. Legislative Report-Craig Stoxen
Craig presented a handout on two legislative proposals. Craig stressed that DDSN needs to be under Medicaid agency. We have to push for quality of life. Craig also reminded us to mark our calendars for Disability Advocacy Day. The DDSN budget meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 2:00.

- OLD BUSINESS

1. Trade Mark – More information is needed before we go ahead with this because ASA is threatening a lawsuit with another chapter.
2. Service Coordination – This was covered in the Treasurer's Report.
3. 501©(3) – IRS needs more information from us.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. Amend Certificate of Incorporation – Joyce Nielsen moved to approve the amendments to the certificate of incorporation. Amy Weeks seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Walk/Run – Healthpoint is interested in co-sponsoring a walk/run for autism next fall in the Pawley's Island area.
3. Chapter Leader Workshop – This will be held at Camp Royal on February 6-8. Several chapters from all over the country will be attending.

Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.