

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Directors
August 26, 2006

Members Present	Members Absent
Cheryl Bauerle	Erik Drasgow
Denise Chastain	Susan Durant
Chris Heeringa	Alex Holbert
Becky Hughes	Denise Long
Susan Kastner	Beverly McCarty
Margaret Moore	Denise Oxford
Joyce Nielsen	
Sarah Pope	
Susie Tolson	
Amy Weeks	
Roy Williams	
Mitchell Yell	

Staff Present

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director
Kimberly McAlister, Director of Development

Call to order

Margaret Moore called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Introductions

Each member introduced him/herself.

A motion was made to change the agenda to include the “Whistle Blower” under New Business and CRP under committee. Roy Williams made motion. Joyce Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes

May 5 minutes were amended to p.m. for the call to order, instead of a.m. Joyce Nielsen moved to approve both sets of minutes as amended. Amy Weeks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Mitch Yell reported that all is fine with the budget. We did have an audit, which was clean with informal suggestions only. The board reviewed the audit.

Director’s Report

Craig attended a meeting in New York with Autism Speaks. They would like to have a chapter in every state and have asked Craig to be a part of their strategic plan.

Conference brochures are printed and available. Board members are asked to donate at least 2 items for the Silent Auction at the conference.

The fall golf tournament will take place on Halloween this year. For more details, refer to the printed President's Report.

Legislative

- A. DDSN – This has been a good budget year. There is a push for the \$6 million for family supports be annualized and increased. Our line item should not be a problem at all.
- B. PDD Treatment – There is a \$3 million pilot project for a waiver for a match with Medicaid dollars. They want this program up and running by January 1, 2007. This waiver would offer ABA and will serve only about 150 children. There will be a Public Hearing regarding this waiver on September 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 2 Medical Way (across from Richland Memorial).
- C. Microboards – We received a \$32,000 grant. The first advisory committee meeting will take place on September 15 at DDSN. They hope to have this ready by the end of this fiscal year.
- D. D. CRP – Joyce Nielsen stated that we need to volunteers for CRP in the Piedmont. Midlands is due for a visit. We are still waiting to hear from Daniel Davis in regards to Coastal. Amy Weeks volunteered to help with the Midlands visits.

Old Business

- A. Office Space – There are two possible options that Craig favors at this point. One is on Chris Drive. The other is located at 2 Sonitrol. BB&T is offering the first year financing of interest only to give us a year to raise the money through a capital campaign. Hopefully we will get enough from DDSN for a down payment. Every board member agreed to support the capital campaign. Mitchell Yell made a motion to authorize Craig to make the decision on the purchase and financing of a building up to \$500,000.00. Denise Chastain seconded the motion. The motion was then opened for discussion. Suggestions were made to specify which property and be able to waive notice of a conference call in order to proceed. The motion was then amended to authorize Craig to purchase the Chris Drive building specifically. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Susan Kastner then made a motion to waive notice of a meeting to consider other properties if purchase of the Chris Drive building falls through. Roy Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

- A. Bank Resolution – After banking with Wachovia for more than 30 years, Craig went to arrange for a line of credit. After a promise to contact within 24 hours, 8 days later the credit line was still not available. After talking with several other banks, the best offer for non-profits seems to be with BB&T. Craig is setting up a

- sweep account, which at 3 months will convert to a money market account. Susie Tolson motioned to approve the bank resolution. Joyce Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Nelson Mullins Initiative – Nelson Mullins is a huge law firm who is interested in doing pro bono work to advocate for families in IEP or due process situations. Eric Norton, associate partner, will be coming to speak at our January board meeting.
 - C. Employee Handbook Change – Craig gave a handout on “whistleblower protection”. Amy Weeks moved to accept the addition to the employee handbook. Susie Tolson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will take place during the conference on Friday, Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Margaret Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Margaret Moore, Chair

Becky Hughes, Secretary