

AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter  
Annual Business Meeting  
February 12, 2015  
Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Members present: Justin Kuehl (chair), Don Anderson, Linda Draayers, Dan Drury, Kristin Gremban, Julie Grieves, Jim Hoegemeier, Claudia Meyer, Perry Mueller, and Nancy Pickett

Guests: Michael Bloom

Justin called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. A quorum was present.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Chair's Report: Justin highlighted many of the major accomplishments from the past year. Those accomplishments include: sending the chair to the national AAIDD meeting, holding a successful conference last year, putting together a great conference this year, updating the operations manual and bylaws, maintaining stable membership levels, building a new and active website and building connections to other entities.

Region VI Report: Linda is still working to build connections with other regions and states, but it is still difficult to do, especially given that most regions and states are not as active as is our state chapter. Deb Capener is retiring and Linda will take over the treasurer duties for the region.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported that the "dust is still settling" on the income and expenses for the conference. Expenses since the last report include the cost for lunch for the December meeting, website hosting fee, the AAIDD membership fee for the Don Anderson Scholarship recipient and the deposit for Michael Bloom (conference speaker). Income includes \$1,250.00 in conference sponsorships and \$3,569.88 in online conference registration fees. There is a net surplus of \$3,165.89 from the December report. The balance on February 12, 2015 is \$6,558.30. Again, there will still be additional income and many conference expenses.

Legislative Committee: Jim reported that the proposed state budget introduced by Governor Scott Walker includes major Medicaid long-term care reform provisions that will impact Family Care and IRIS. People are still trying to figure out what will be the impact of the budget language. Major initiatives include: eliminating the IRIS program, requiring all counties to participate in Family Care, requiring Family Care managed care organizations to serve statewide populations, requiring acute and primary medical care services to be included as a Family Care benefit, and eliminating the long-term care districts. Jim said that the timing of Forbes McIntosh's presentation at the conference is very good. He will have much more to share.

Membership Committee: Nancy reported that we have 53 members – the same as last year. That number will increase by 1 with the addition of the Don Anderson Scholarship winner.

Publications Committee: Julie reported that things are going well with the website updates. She is still in need of a bit of guidance from our consultant on a couple of technical issues. It has been a learning curve for her. Members expressed deep gratitude to Julie for her efforts with the website. She has made it a very active and useful resource.

Training Committee: Dan said he was pleased with how things developed for the conference this year. Getting the sponsorships will make a huge difference financially. Once the conference is over, Dan and Linda will offer suggestions for future conferences. Members gave Dan and Linda a huge thank you for, once again, working very hard to make the conference successful.

New Business: Justin distributed information on the proposed bylaws changes. The changes have been discussed and revised at recent meetings. The proposed changes include:

- 1) deleting the term limit for the Secretary/Treasurer position;
- 2) giving the Chair the authority to form additional committees and appoint a chairperson(s) for a. The formation of any committees and the appointment of chairperson's must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Chairperson(s) must be reappointed and approved every two years. When co-chairpersons are appointed and approved, their terms shall not expire in the same appointment year.
- 3) Each committee shall consist of a chairperson or two co-chairpersons. Additional committee members may be added at the discretion of the committee chairperson(s).
- 4) Clarifies the election process. Much of the coordination will be conducted by the Immediate Past Chairperson of the Chapter, rather than the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

After discussion of all of the proposed changes, moved by Perry and seconded by Don to approve the changes to the bylaws as presented. The motion carried. Jim abstained from the vote.

Justin then called for nominations for elections. He clarified that he will be moving into the position of Immediate Past Chair. Claudia will assume the position of Chair. Jim will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. The open positions are for Chairperson-Elect and Member-At-Large.

In an effort to bring our practice in compliance with the bylaws Jim made the motions that, for this year only, one of the Member-At-Large positions be for the final year of a three-year term, one of the Member-At-Large positions be for the final two years of a three-year term and one of the Member-At-Large positions be for a full three year term. This will ensure that at least one Member-At-Large position will be up for election every year as called for in our bylaws. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Justin called for nominations for the position of Chairperson-Elected. Nancy Picket and Julie Grieves were nominated. Additional nominations will be sought by the membership.

Given the motion approved related to the current terms for the Member-At-Large positions, Justin called for nominations for the position with a term that will be a full three years. Kristin Gremban was nominated.

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Additional nominations for all three of the Member-At-Large positions will be sought. Ballots for all positions up for election will be sent to members no later than April 15 and returned no later than May 15. Terms of office will begin on June 1.

Open Forum: Perry reminded members that we are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act this year.

There being no other business, Perry moved and Linda seconded, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hoegemeier, Secretary/Treasurer.