

## **SUCCEEDS**

South Carolina University and College Council of Educators Enabling Disabled Students

### **Business meeting**

**3-30-07**

#### **October 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the last meeting are not available; Robert Stuessy, Secretary, is away. Jim Orgel motioned to table the October 19, 2006 minutes until we can review them. Seconded by Rebecca Lawson.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Some checks may be returned, so our check book and bank report must balance. 275.00 in membership fees were collected at today's meeting.

A vote was made to accept the membership report, Kathy Miller seconded

Carol Miller thanked the membership for their continued support of the organization

#### **Committee reports**

Programming – Jim Orgel

Asked for volunteers to chair. Sharon Bellwood offered to have staff member from Greenville Tech – to be appointed

Membership

This committee still needs a Chairperson as Jim noted we only have 23 members and need to expand

#### **New Business**

Carol Miller noted we often use part of the business meeting to conduct conference planning. Now that SUCCEEDS is the recognized state affiliate with AHEAD we have additional resources to take advantage of.

Sharon Bellwood: E-text information. The state of Georgia wanted to sue AHEAD. They have a new AMC, Alternative Media Access center. They will open it up to out of state places that want to buy into this. There is a lot of information available but currently it is cost prohibitive.

Mildred Knightner, Treasurer, has decided to step down. Nominations were asked from the floor. Sally Herlong, York Technical College, offered to work in this capacity. Rich Weldon, Aiken Tech, made a motion to vote. Sharon Bellwood, Greenville Tech, seconded. Sally was voted into office.

A question was asked regarding an audit of the Treasury; is it necessary? Rich suggested contacting AHEAD and in the meantime we can appoint someone to do an internal audit. Mildred Knightner motioned to have Robert Stuessy do the internal audit, seconded by Rich.

Organization name - with our name, the 'E' stands for Enabling. We have had such evolution that we no longer can use enabling. Jim Orgel suggested changing the word to 'Empowering'. Carol made a motion; Jim seconded. All were in favor of the name change. Communication will need to occur that the name has been changed.

Brochure – will need to change the “E” on this. Pam Niesslein, College of Charleston, had the brochure created. The AHEAD affiliation needs to be added. Also on the organization letterhead needs to reflect new name. Cost is a concern.

The Alliance for serving people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. GTC has requested Sharon withdraw from the group. There was a part of this that in post-secondary education to accept ASL as a foreign language. There is another line that only 14 are certified interpreters. That line is not true. I voiced my opposition. Any person that signs this is saying that certified is the same as qualified. So if this committee endorses this I will have to withdraw.

Jim: We have received this letter and have noted it. This is a serious issue.

We will table this for now.

Assistive Technology Expo 2008 was discussed as to location. Typically held in spring in Columbia.

Date for fall meeting – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Rebecca Lawson, offered to host at Francis Marion University. Sharon offered to contact Brenda Niforth at OCR to come meet with group.

### **Other business**

Sharon mentioned the Upstate Disability Services Providers have had 2 meetings, there is a need to discuss SUCCEEDS membership there also.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Janna Clements  
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