



Arc of Iowa Board Meeting | September 24, 2015
Conference Call | Iowa

Meeting called to order by Johns Timmons at 11:30 AM.

Board members present: Susan Teas, Alice Phillips, Donna Bachman, Delaine Petersen & John Timmons.

Staff members present: Doug Cunningham

Agenda –

- **Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 2015** – Tabled
Discussion – Minutes needing revisions. Doug will review and send back to Donna
- **Updates to board directory were completed.** *(see attached)*
- **Review Bylaws**
Discussion - Updated in 2010; after group discussion, it was determined that the current bylaws are appropriate for The Arc at this time.

Discussion – We have many vacant seats on the board as required by the Bylaws

Delaine Petersen reported that when she retires from her position from as Executive Director of the Arc of East Central Iowa, she will automatically be done with her position as the representative of the Council of Executive Directors for The Arc of Iowa Board, but she stated that she is willing to be the treasurer for the Board for one year.

(Follow up to the meeting - Doug invited Tricia Crain to participate as the Iowa Council of Executives Member – she has tentatively agreed)

The Board Identified some Board member Prospects to help fill some of the vacant spaces.

Nancy Mullaly – 712-253-8370

Richard Owen – 712 – 274-2252 were identified from being from Region 1

Currently, there are 7 regions that are listed in the bylaws, but it had been 10 regions.

Should we have less regions? No discussion held about number of regions, but the Board did discuss having a director from each current region

At this time, the Board does not have enough members to fill the committees. We need people for membership, fundraising, finance, etc. Doug has found that people are interested and excited about the Arc of Iowa again, and he is looking for potential members as he meets people across the state.

The Board also needs self-advocates to be part of the Arc of Iowa board. Alice indicated that she will plan to bring someone to our November meeting.

- **Establish Board Meeting Schedule**

Discussion - The Board needs to establish meeting dates, including an annual meeting. Doug would like to push the annual meeting date out, so that he has time to meet people to encourage more involvement in Arc of Iowa.

Doug recommended partnering with the Ask Resource Center to host their annual Together We Can Convention and that we host our annual meeting during that time frame. The Board thought that seemed like a good idea so Doug will coordinate with Paula Connolly to figure out what we need to do to begin the process.

How often should the board meet?

Discussion - Bylaws say 4x/year. If we have committees to do some of the work in between board meetings, the board should be able to meet only four times a year.

Future board meeting dates:

Held at the Ames Public Library | 515 Douglas Avenue | Ames, Iowa

November 14, 2015 at 10 AM – Dale H Ross Board Room

February 20, 2016 at 10 AM – Farwell T Brown Auditorium

May 14, 2016 at 10 AM – Dan Foss Room

August 20, 2016 at 10 AM – Dan Foss Room

The meetings will be held at the Ames Public Library, which has technology options to make the meetings more accessible for people who cannot be there in person.

- **Approve the 2014 Annual Financial Statements:**

It was moved by Delaine Peterson, and seconded by Alice Phillips, that we

accept the Financial Audit completed by Houston & Seeman PC for the year 2014 . Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fundraising ideas –
Through visiting various Arc chapters across the State, we have an opportunity to bind the Chapters together through various fundraising packages.

One of his ideas is to raise funds to purchase vending machines for cold and dry products. The machine would have to be purchased, but then the local Arc Chapters would be responsible for stocking the machine and maintaining their working order. The local Arc would keep 50% of profits, Arc of Iowa gets 25%, and a new Charitable Fund Controlled by a Fund development Committee of the Arc of Iowa made up of local Chapter leaders would receive 25% of the profits and distribute those profits in the way of grant funds for years to come.

- Advocacy -
Discussion - Doug asked for funds to gather some informative materials to have at the Arc Booth at DD Council annual convention. The group agreed. Doug also suggested collecting and using some videos about self-advocacy for future booths, and for our website. Delaine suggested that Doug look into borrowing videos from the National Arc group.

Discussion about a future conference call: to discuss future budget, fundraising, etc.
Tentative conference date: October 14, 12:00-1:00 PM. Same phone number: 866-740-1260, code: 5081214.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bachman

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