

Commission on People with Disabilities
June 4, 2007
Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
Minutes

Attendants: Julie Randall
Dennis Philips
Christina Bishop
Pam Main
Mark Kalmus
Bill Nicholas
Rocco Aiello
Sheral St. Clair
Cathy Zumbrun
Susan Erichsen

Excused: Paula Andreas

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by J. Randall. The meeting agenda and April minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendants.

Welcome to Rocco Aiello as a new member to the board, introductions were made.

Review previous meeting minutes –Minutes reviewed, motion made by C. Zumbrun to accept with amendments, seconded by D. Phillips. Motion carried.

Financial Report –None.

County Compliance/ New Laws and or Regulations – A complaint was made at the Disability Awareness Day event at the Drill Hall that the bathrooms were not accessible. By consensus, it was decided that J. Randall would contact B. Wilhelm as chair of the ADA Accessibility Committee to visit the site and report back to the Commission. R. Aiello and D. Philips also volunteered to visit the site.

A handout was distributed by C. Bishop on accessibility for voting.

Committee Status Report

Resource Guide Committee- S. St. Clair reported that a guide is being produced by Janet Andrews and a draft for review will be available to the commission within the next few months. She recommends putting this committee on hold until the guide is reviewed as there may be a duplication of efforts in the creation of a comprehensive Resource Guide.

Awareness Program – No report.

ADA Accessibility – No report.

Needs Assessment Gap Analysis – No report.

Awards Program – Committee has not met; however, S. St. Clair has done initial research with the awards program for Special Olympics.

Events/Resources/Conferences

C. Bishop – SMC Recreation and Parks Golf Tournament to be held on June 8, 2007 at Wicomico Shores. Funds raised benefit scholarships for park programs.

Old Business

Assignment of members to committees

ADA Accessibility – R. Aiello, B. Nicholas and C. Philips

Awards Program – filled

Resource Guide – on hold

Needs Assessment Gap Analysis – J. Randall, B. Nicholas, C. Zumbrun

Awareness Programs – M. Kalmus, P. Main

New Business/ Questions and Answers

Election of Officers for one year term, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Motion made for Commission vote on slate of officers:

Chair – J. Randall

Vice-chair – S. Erichsen

Motion made by S. St. Clair, Seconded by C. Bishop

Motion passed.

COPD Annual Report to the County Commissioners – J. Randall and C. Bishop will draft this report for review at the August meeting.

Future Agenda Items-

- Logo contest, -possible partnership with career center.
- ADA Awareness event with the County Board of Commissioners, C. Bishop will contact Karen Everett, County PIO about coordinating this event.
- Revisit fall meeting dates.

Motion to adjourn meeting with the purpose of breaking out into committees made by S. St. Clair seconded by C. Bishop. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm