



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 2016**

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To gather in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation;
- To conduct the necessary business of the Board of Directors;
- To receive updates and information from the members & committees;
- To discuss public policy issues of importance and interim legislative outcomes; and
- To plan for the 2017 legislative session.

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**Board Members Present:** Josh Askvig, AARP ND, Carlotta McCleary, ND Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health and Mental Health America of ND, Brittany Smith, ND State Council on Developmental Disabilities, April Dahme, The Arc of Bismarck and The Arc of ND.  
**Attending via phone:** Dan Endreson, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Marcia Hettich, ND Consumer Family Network, Donene Feist, Family Voices of ND, Tom Alexander, Minot Housing Authority and Allan Peterson, ND Association of the Blind.

Acting Chairperson Askvig Announced that quorum is achieved.

**Others present:** Rose Stoller, Consensus Council

Askvig called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. **Introductions and organization updates** were given as follows:

McCleary reported that the Youth Conference was a success and will help to build momentum for the Youth Move Beyond initiative.

Feist reported that the Family Leadership Institute was a success with excellent participants who will be stronger advocates.

Smith noted that the recent meeting of Advocates Living their Lives (ALL) was good and that the participants helped to define what the group will become in the future.

Askvig noted that the interim Human Services Committee would meet on July 25. AARP ND is planning training for people to prepare for asking questions of candidates for office. Training is scheduled for August 3 in Bismarck and August 4 in Fargo.

Stoller reported that the final report for the Otto Bremer Foundation grant was submitted and a new application submitted. The new proposal requests \$50K over 2 years. Trustees of the

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Foundation will meet on November 21, 2016 to make final funding determinations. She also reminded NDDAC members of the Roundtable meeting/Press Event scheduled for 7/21/16 at the Bismarck Library regarding the budget cuts of the Department of Human Services. She noted that annual membership dues would come due again with reminder letters and invoices to be sent in September.

**Review of Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016:** Askvig drew the Boards attention to the Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016. DONENE FEIST MADE AND CARLOTTA MCCLEARY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NDDAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Julie Horntvedt, Executive Director of the ND State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), has agreed to serve in the role of Chairperson. There is still a vacancy for Vice Chairperson and will likely be a need for a new Treasurer in the future. The Nominating Committee will work on filling in these posts.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY (DAD) COMMITTEE:** The date has been set (2/16/17) and some planning is underway. More planning will be done after the Legislative Training Institute (LTI) is done.

**CANDIDATE SURVEY COMMITTEE:** The committee has not met and has no report.

**LEGISLATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE (LTI) COMMITTEE:** The Committee is meeting weekly between now and the event. Blind Joe will be performing at the social at the Heritage Center! There are registrations coming in as well as sponsorships. NDDAC members are asked to sponsor at the \$100 level or more, if they are able. Smith will send a special request letter to each NDDAC member requesting the sponsorship. Sponsorships are welcome before or after the event. Volunteers are needed to serve as Team Leaders, Hosts, and photographers. Smith volunteered as a photographer. McCleary will check with her spouse regarding his availability to also take photos. Anyone wishing to see the volunteer job descriptions, or to sign up as a volunteer, should contact Becky Rosenkranz, at the ND Protection & Advocacy Office – 701-328-2950 or [rosenkr@nd.gov](mailto:rosenkr@nd.gov). NDDAC members reviewed the mock-up of the name badges, as provided by the Bismarck-Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and approved the layout.

**PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AND LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES:** There was discussion about the Special Session of the Legislature (August 2-4, 2016) that's been called by the Governor. It was agreed that, once NDDAC has developed and prioritized its Legislative Platform, an invitation would be extended to the Executive Director of the ND Department of Human Services to meet with NDDAC members. Stoller will send out another reminder to submit organizational priorities, Askvig will share the information AARP ND sent to the DHS.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The ND Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health has requested a reduced fee for past membership dues to \$150. DONENE FEIST MADE AND TOMALEXANDER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REDUCTION IN MEMBERSHIP DUES TO \$150.00 FOR NDFFCMH.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

American People Self Advocacy Group will not be joining the NDDAC due to lack of available funds.

US Department of Justice (DOJ) representatives contacted AARP about a month ago, regarding people with disabilities in North Dakota. The Arc also had contact from the DOJ. Endreson noted that similar requests were being made by the DOJ to advocacy organizations in South Dakota due to inadequate options for people to live in the community.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the NDDAC is scheduled for *Friday, November 18, from 10 am - 12 pm* at the Consensus Council office. The meeting was adjourned by the Call of the Chair at 11:15 a.m.

***The North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium unites to ensure citizens with disabilities have an opportunity to lead independent and productive lives.***