

SD Brain Injury Alliance Annual Meeting
Meeting location: SD Achieve, Sioux Falls, SD

Dec. 13, 2012

Board members present: Justine Ashokar, President
Ron Sasso, Vice President
Karen Brokenleg, Treasurer
Lori Sletten, Secretary
Denise Johnson
Mary Tommeraasen
Mary Oman, by cell phone

Members present: Rodney Sletten, Viborg
Ron Hoops, Conde
Lorein Denagler, Rock Rapids
Mark Fuller, Sioux Falls

Ten members were present. Mary Oman joined the group by cell phone.

President, Justine Ashokar called the meeting to order.

Each person present, introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Justine Ashokar has created a Power Point presentation on brain injury that is available for members to present the topic of brain injury to groups.

Justine will email a copy to the board and mail a copy to Lori Sletten. The board is asked to review the project.

- 2) 501c3
Mary Oman sent a report by email and discussed by phone. She informed the group that very little was left to do to finish this process. The executive board will address the completion of the project in the executive meeting. The following areas still need work:

- a) need a summary
- b) need a statement of purpose
- c) need an expense report for 2010, 2011, and 2012

- 3) The group decided that we need to create packets of information to have available for family members who request them. This will be discussed more.

- a) Karen will update the brochure for the information packets.
- b) Mary Tommeraasen and Lori Sletten mentioned that the Iowa Brain Injury group has a very good information packet that they give families when their loved one is in the hospital.
- c) Ron Sasso gave each member a copy of the brochure used by their group.

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- 4) Education in schools:
 - a) Justine will email power point to board
The board should review and send response
 - b) Pam Homeman contact.
- 5) No final report is available about the survey conducted to evaluate the number of people living with TBI in South Dakota.
- 6) Karen Brokenleg will update the SD Brain Injury Alliance brochure.
- 7) Ron Sasso reported that in a search for brain injury in SD our web page is the first to pop up.
- 8) Karen reported that dr. Christopher Davis has moved.
- 9) Mary Tommeraasen will contact Bruce King about group.
- 10) Ron Sasso resigned as our Vice President. The executive board will elect a new Vice President.
- 11) Karen will invite 2 doctors to join the alliance.
- 12) Lori mentioned that we did not finish our discussion on advocating for discounts for fishing, hunting, park access for brain injured people. Several members showed support for further work on this as something that directly affects them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The group discussed that we would like to do more advocacy but do not have a large enough group or budget to do much more than we are doing. We discussed that we are fulfilling the purpose of networking and encouraging.

Ron Hoops, former president, encouraged the whole group by reminding us that we matter just because we exist. He pointed out that our network of individuals, groups, and services for hire provide encouragement to families and brain injured people all over the state. Ron says "we may be small but we touch people!"

Ron Sasso mentioned that we have done some legislative support.

Mark thanked the board for their work

Loren gave appreciation for the Sioux Falls support group connected to the network.

Mary Oman headed up radio adds in 2011 for brain injury awareness.

Karen Brokenleg and the Slettens, board members, have given talks about brain injury to Ogorman high school driver's education classes annually for 20 years.

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- 2) Board Elections were held for 2013. The board can have up to 8 members.

The following were elected in 2011 and terms have not expired:

Denise Johnson
Ron Sasso
Karen Brokenleg
Justine Ashokar

The terms of four members of the board have expired:

Theresa was not present at the meeting.

The following people whose terms expired were present and agreed to be re-elected:

Mary Oman
Lori Sletten
Mary Tommeraasen

Ron Hoops nominated all three for re-election:
Karen Brokenleg seconded
Ron Sasso called for a unanimous ballot
Karen Brokenleg seconded the motion
Motion carried

- 3) Karen Brokenleg moved to adjourn the annual meeting.
Ron Sasso seconded
Justine Ashokar adjourned the meeting.