

MINUTES
The Arc of Texas Board of Directors
September 15-16, 2006
The Arc of Texas State Office, Austin, Texas

Friday, September 15, 2006

Call to Order:

The meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors was called to order by President Ron Brown at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006 at The Arc of Texas State Office in Austin, Texas. A quorum of the Board was present.

Members Present:

Ron Brown
Laura Butler
Jamie Travis
Hortencia Mendoza
Pat Munoz
Richard Garnett
Rick Fritsche
Nancy Lepley
Charlie Huber
Judy Kantorczyk
Dennis Greer

Members Absent:

Beth Turner
Ricky Broussard
Stacie Marthiljohni

Staff Present:

Mike Bright
Beverly Main
Rona Statman
Lisa Rivers
Chris Rodriguez
William Pate
Chris Oglesby

Public Comments:

Mike Bright reported that no one had requested the opportunity to address the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

President Brown called for a review of the minutes of the previous meeting. **Charlie Huber MOVED that the minutes of the June 9, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. Nancy Lepley SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Executive Session:

President Brown called the Board of Directors to sit in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving a litigation report from Geoff Courtney. Guests were excused.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, President Brown noted that no Board action had been taken during that session.

Receipt of the 2005 Consolidated Audit:

Bob Dunagan, CPA presented the consolidated audit for 2005 and responded to Board Member's questions. The receipt of the audit required no action by the Board. Additionally, the Finance and Operations Committee made no recommendations for Board action on any audit-related issue.

Consideration of the report of the President:

Ron Brown presented the President's report. Items discussed in his report included:

- Recognition of Rona Statman for 20 years of service to The Arc of Texas
- Reflections on his final Board Meeting as President

No Board action was required on the President's report.

Consideration of the report of the Texas Advocates:

In the absence of President Ricky Broussard, Rona Statman and James Meadours presented the report of the Texas Advocates. Items discussed in that report included:

- Year-to-date progress on the Peer-to-Peer project
- Report on the August 2006 Texas Advocates Conference
- Adoption of a resolution regarding terminology

No Board action was required on the Texas Advocates report.

Consideration of the report of The Arc of the United States:

Richard Garnett presented the report of The Arc of the United States. Items discussed in his report included:

- Plans for the October 2006 national conference in San Diego
- Proposal regarding amendments to the Affiliation Fee policy
- The Arc's national Governmental Affairs goals

No Board action was required on the report of The Arc of the United States.

Consideration of the report of the Executive Director:

Mike Bright presented the report of The Executive Director. Items discussed in his report included:

- Recent staff changes in the State Office
- Year-to-Date progress report on the 2006 Annual Plan
- 2007 annual planning and budgeting process
- Proposed objectives for the 2007 plan
- Selection of outside consultant to perform the Household Recycling program business review
- Unanticipated State Office air-conditioning repair costs
- October Family Retreat
- Proposed Bylaw amendments to be considered at the Annual Meeting
- Amended Table of Organization
- Progress to date in implementing a five-year plan to diversify the income of The Arc

At the recommendation of Mike Bright the Board considered Geoff Courtney's request that The Arc of Texas endorse the settlement to the *Alberto v. Hawkins* lawsuit. **Richard Garnett MOVED that the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the settlement. Charlie Huber SECONDED THE MOTION.**

No other Board action was required on the report of the Executive Director.

Consideration of Program updates:

- Lisa Rivers – Real Life program
- Chris Oglesby – Master Pooled Trust
- Rona Statman – Inclusion Works Conference
- Lisa Rivers – Development program

Facilitated Board discussion regarding The Arc of Texas Mission Statement:

President Brown introduced Corky Hilliard who facilitated the discussion regarding the possible incorporation of new terminology into The Arc of Texas Mission Statement. Following presentations by the Texas Advocates and the staff, Corky led the Board

through a discussion which revisited the current mission statement and developed possible alternatives to the current statement. In reference to the terminology used in the mission statement to describe the individuals for whom we advocate, the Board considered three options:

- Mental retardation and related developmental disabilities
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Mental retardation, intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities

Following discussion the Board voted on the three options with the following result:

- **Mental retardation and related developmental disabilities – 0 votes**
- **Intellectual and developmental disabilities – 7 votes**
- **Mental retardation, intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities – 3 votes**

One Board member abstained from participating in the votes.

There being a clear majority determined by a quorum of the Board, President Brown declared that the Mission Statement of The Arc of Texas would be revised to incorporate the terminology: “intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

Recess:

President Brown recessed the Board Meeting until Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Call to Order:

President Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 16. A quorum was present.

Consideration of the report of the Finance and Operations Committee:

In the absence of Treasurer Beth Turner, Charley Huber and Beverly Main presented the report of the Finance and Operations Committee. Items discussed in their report included:

- 2nd Quarter 2006 Financial Report
- July 2006 Financial Report
- Household Recycling Update
- Investments

No Board action was required on the report of the Finance and Operations Committee

Consideration of the report of the Chapter Services Committee:

Rick Fritsche presented the report of the Chapter Services Committee. Items discussed in his report included:

- Using The Arc of Texas website to develop a library of successful membership recruitment strategies for chapters
- Review of the local impacts of proposed Affiliation Fee amendments being considered by The Arc of the United States.
- Plans for The Arc of Texas Family Retreat and Annual Meeting
- The Arc of Texas awards program
- 2006 Forbes report for The Arc of the United States
- First steps in implementing the 501(c)3 project with local chapters
- Proposed objectives for 2007

The Chapter Services Committee MOVED that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Tyler/Smith County. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Chapter Services Committee MOVED that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of The Arc of Fort Bend County contingent upon local approval of minor alterations previously discussed with the chapter. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED. Charlie Huber requested that the record show that he recused himself from the Board's consideration of this action item.

Consideration of the report of the Governmental Affairs Committee:

Richard Garnett and Amy Mizcles presented the report of the Governmental Affairs Committee. Items discussed in their report included:

- 2007 legislative calendar
- Upcoming Legislative Interim Committee hearings
- Upcoming Legislative Advocacy Training Sessions
- 2007 Capitol Day
- Legislative Appropriations Requests (LAR) for HHSC and DADS
- 2007 Legislative Platform

No Board action was required on the report of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Consideration of the report of the Nominating Committee:

Richard Garnett presented the report of the Nominating Committee. He distributed the committee's recommended slate of nominees for consideration by the delegates at the October Annual Meeting.

No Board action was required on the report of the Nominating Committee.

Consideration of business items to be considered at the Annual Meeting of The Arc of the United States:

President Brown reviewed the business proposals to be considered at the upcoming Annual Meeting. **Rick Fritsche MOVED that the Board of Directors leave the delegates uninstructed regarding national convention business items. Jamie Travis SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Adoption of 2007 Board Meeting dates:

By consensus, the Board adopted the following dates for 2007 Board Meetings:

June 15-16

September 7-8

December 7-8

The Board will establish a spring 2007 date at its meeting in December.

Consideration of the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation:

President Brown called the Board to sit in Executive Session to consider the Executive Directors' Annual Performance Evaluation.

At the conclusion of this session, President Brown noted that the Board had conducted the evaluation and had adopted the recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding the Executive Director's contract and compensation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Brown ADJOURNED the meeting at 12:15 p.m.