

NE IARP Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, December 4, 2009

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: Billy's Restaurant, Lincoln, NE

In Attendance: Dean Venter, Patty Reilly, Michelle Hultine, Lori Peterson, Al Marchisio, Lisa Porter, Michael McKeeman, Paulette Freeman, Bart Hultine, Marc Hultine

Presiding: President, Pat Reilly

I. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Reilly.

II. Minutes from the last two board meetings were presented for approval by secretary, Lisa Porter. The lost minutes from February 18, 2009 at Paula Freeman's house were found, presented and approved, as were the meeting minutes from the October 9, 2009 board meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report: Marc Hultine presented the treasurer's report which indicates that we have assets of \$12,023.90 as of December 3, 2009. The issue of disseminating Dr. Robert Anderson Fund to his family was raised and discussed. A motion was made by Lisa Porter and seconded by Michelle Hultine to contact the family and to send them the \$290.00 which was raised on his behalf by the Nebraska Chapter

IV. Old Business: Directors and Officers Insurance Premium is due soon. National IARP reportedly has a liability policy that covers the directors and officers of all of its chapters. Patty Reilly indicated that we should proceed with paying our annual premium until such time that we can get more information from the National Office about the specifics of the policy under which we are reportedly covered, including a copy of that policy if possible.

Paulette Freeman reported on the status of the Spring Conference May 6th & 7th at the Comfort Inn and Suites at I-80 and 72nd Street. On Thursday May 6th it was proposed, discussed, moved and approved to have a round-table discussion on Worklife Expectancy Tables which would include the speakers Dr. Timothy Field, Dr. David Stein, Dr. Tony Gamboa, and possibly Dr. Kent Jaynes. On Friday of the conference, Dr. David Stein would address questions about The McCroskey Program which was not represented at the fall conference due to Dr. Billy McCroskey's illness.

The Program Committee requested volunteers for tasks related to the conference to ease the burden of the Committee Chair Paulette Freeman. Development and Mailing of Program will be handled by Michelle Hultine. Development of Mailing List will be handled by Michelle Hultine as well. Construction of Handouts will be handled by Lori Peterson. Sponsorship Recruitment will be handled by Gayle Hope and Patty Reilly. (A master list of Potential Sponsors will be developed by Paulette Freeman, Al Marchisio and Lisa Porter.) CEU Application and Distribution will be handled by Lisa Porter under the direction of Patty Reilly. Technology will be handled by Jack Greene. And finally, Entertainment and Attractions will be handled by Dean Venter and Gail Leonhardt.

V. New Business: Michelle Hultine and Patty Reilly indicated that the new policy from the Court is to cut off funding of a training program if grades and class schedules are not turned in to the Court within two warnings. Apparently this time the Court really means what they say and these will no longer be just idle threats. Training plan approval from the Court was discussed, in

particular the difficulties with which plans are being held up or denied. Plans to address specific complaints to the Court was contemplated, and held over until the next Board Meeting.

The Citizen Attestation forms are definitely required before any plan is to be even reviewed by the Court. It was again discussed that there is currently no place on the form for “other,” which is a category that apparently some of our clients fall into. Since it is a Federal Form, it cannot be changed by the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Court. Therefore, we will have to discuss with the Court how to proceed in such cases.

The Guidelines for Loss of Earning Power Evaluations in Nebraska was again addressed. There are definitely issues with this document. For example, the average weekly wage calculations; the commissions, bonuses and similar advantages; the overtime wages; and the part-time wages are all issues for the attorneys and employers involved in a specific case and these are not calculations which we as vocational experts can be expected to perform. It was discussed, moved and approved that a committee will be established to address continuing issues with the Guidelines for LOEP in Nebraska. Any remaining issues with these proposed Guidelines will be brought forth to the Court for discussion in the quarterly meetings.

The Guidelines committee was formed by volunteers - Lisa Porter, Paulette Freeman, Al Marchisio, Lori Peterson, Dean Venter, and Mike McKeeman. The first meeting was scheduled to take place on the second Wednesday of January at a location to be announced.

VII: Other Business: Paula Freeman distributed a National IARP Forensics Questionnaire for the National IARP Forensic Planning Committee to members to fill out with their comments. She will take this information back to the National IARP for their use. Completion of the questionnaire was completely voluntary.

VIII: Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was moved to adjourn at approximately 1:00 PM by President Patty Reilly, seconded by Lisa Porter and unanimously approved. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2009 at Billy’s Café in Lincoln, NE at 11:30 AM.