

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA IARP BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Friday, October 26, 2007

Spezia Restaurant
1325 South 72nd
Omaha, Nebraska

Attendees: Lori Peterson, Pat Reilly, Jack Greene, Karen Stricklett, Gayle Hope, Steve Kuhn and Holly Berquist

1. The meeting was called to order by Lori Peterson.
2. The minutes were approved for the NE IARP Board Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Wednesday, August 29, 2007.
3. The Treasurer/Financial Report by Bart Hultine was approved.
4. Legislative Committee - Pat Reilly reported that the activity regarding LR 197 was at a stand still. Pat Reilly reported that Lori Thomas, Legal Counsel, for Senator Cornett indicated that there would be a public hearing of LR 197 on November 13, 2007 at the Nebraska State Capitol. No research had been completed by Senator Cornett's office regarding the impact of vocational services for injured workers in Nebraska.

Jack Greene recommended that NEIARP not address the issue of LR 197 given that no action has been taken by Senator Cornett's office. Lori Peterson and Karen Stricklett reported that they would attend the November 13, 2007 hearing.

5. Program Committee (Fall Conference Report)- The Fall Conference was held on September 21, 2007. It was the opinion of several board members that the presentation of Rodney Isom was not as effective as anticipated. There were positive comments regarding the presentations by Judge Cavel, Neal Wacholtz and Kurt McCallum.
6. Program Committee (Spring Conference) – Lori Peterson reported that the spring conference would focus on ESL vocational rehabilitation plans. No specific date had been determined for the conference. Holly Berquist indicated that she would be willing to help with the spring conference. It was recommended that the community colleges be included on this topic.
7. Membership Committee- Gayle Hope reported that there are 40 members in the NEIARP chapter. She recommended that NEIARP sponsor "Lunch with the Bunch" on an occasional basis in an effort

to encourage new memberships. The lunch would be followed by a presentation on a variety of vocational rehabilitation related topics. It was agreed that there would be no charge for those attending these meetings. It was agreed that the first "Lunch with the Bunch" would be held in January 2008.

Pat Reilly made a motion that IARP will pay for lunch for the speakers. Karen Stricklett seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. NE IARP Website- Gayle Hope agreed to lead the website committee. She will research corporate sponsorships for the Chapter website. Pat Reilly made a motion that the Chapter endorses advertisements on the website. The motion was seconded by Jack Greene. The motion was passed unanimously.
9. New Business: Recognition of Paula Freeman's contribution to the Nebraska Chapter and at the national level. Pat Reilly made a motion that the Nebraska Chapter pay for Paula Freeman's tuition for the National IARP pre-conference seminar in November 2007. The motion was seconded by Jack Greene. The motion passed unanimously.
10. New Business: Lori Peterson reported that Michelle Hultine has been appointed as the Registered Agent for the NEIARP Chapter. Michelle Hultine replaces Ron Schmidt as Registered Agent.
11. New Business: Pat Reilly reported that several contributions had been made to the Nebraska Basket for the National IARP conference raffle in November 2007.
12. Lori Peterson reported that a Holiday Party would be held in December 2007. The date and time would be announced in the near future.
13. Jack Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Pat Reilly. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Holly Berquist, MS, CRC
Secretary