



ARC OF IOWA BOARD MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Welcome and Call to Order:

11:15 AM: Welcome by Delaine Peterson, after Zoom issues.

Present: Delaine Peterson, Donna Bachman, Doug Cunningham, Kristin Aller, Chelsea Markle, Julie Beckett, Kyle Schramp, Theresa Lewis, Paula Connolly, Al Fagerlund, Jim Brems, Michael Wood, Nancy Baker Curtis, Maeve Levy, Alice Phillips.

Absent: Lonnie Polok, Jim Franca, Michael Glanz, Tricia Crain, Joy Barlean.

Minutes from Feb 4 meeting: Motion made by Donna Bachman to approve the minutes, seconded by Julie Beckett, motion carried on a vote.

Election of New Directors:

Delaine made introductions to the two possible new members. She explained that it would be for a three-year term. Delaine made a motion to elect the two members; Donna Bachman seconded, and the motion carried on a vote.

Jim Brems, Treasurer

Nancy Baker Curtis, Director At Large

Election of Governance Committee Members: Delaine explained the need for a Governance Committee. This committee will help to provide new and existing members with the information that they need in order to know what their job as a board member is and how to fulfill that role. Delaine proposed a motion that Donna and Lonnie be the first two members of this committee. Paula Connolly seconded. The motion carried on a vote.

Donna Bachman, Secretary

Lonnie Polok, Board Member

Member At Large will be pursued in future.

Executive Director Report: Doug Cunningham

AARP Volunteers have been able to help with contacting around 1/3 of Arc members via phone numbers; to connect with and ask how the families are dealing with the issues of the pandemic, and what sort of help is needed, if any. The volunteers, and Doug, will learn to use white papers to look up phone numbers of other members. They will also put together the Spring newsletter.

PPP dollars-\$2347.00 was secured. Forgivable loan from Federal Government.

Insurance Directors and Officers has been secured for this year. Insurance is through West Bend. Cost is around \$1000 less, and is a better plan.

HCBS Waiver Programs: Federal government is working on a plan to remove all waiting lists across the country. Our Policy committee will monitor the progress, and communicate with our members. We may be asking for involvement from chapters to help move this forward. Theresa stated that workforce shortage may affect people getting services even if/when the waiver plan moves forward and is eliminated.



FINANCIALS:

2021 Budget: At this time, we have had more income than expenditures. Doug explained that we generally get donations and dollars over the holiday season, and then we use that money throughout the next year for expenses. Doug reported that the vending machine income is still well below typical for the year, but slowly coming back. He talked about the possibility of more vending machines with Goodwill this year.

2020 Management Summary

11:45: Chelsea Markle left the meeting for other commitments.

ADVOCACY:

Policy Liaison Report: Policy Team: Michael Wood, Julie Beckett, Paula Connolly, Delaine Peterson

Nancy reported on the progress of the Changing Spaces bill. Brad Zahn declined pushing this bill forward. But, the Dept of Transportation contacted a friend of Nancy's who works at ASK Resource about accessible bathrooms in rest areas. That friend shared Nancy's information, and the group met with Michael Kennerly of DOT on March 17, 2021. They were able to share their stories, and learned from Mr. Kennerly that the high adjustable tables will be included in all new construction of rest areas, and that the DOT wants to remodel restrooms to include the changing tables. Moving forward, the changing tables may be included in other government buildings, museums, etc. Doug stated that he was really impressed with how the DOT persons listened to our group regarding all of the issues and how to manage them in the design of the restroom.

Bills of Interest: Michael Wood reported:

Funnel week slowed the bills that were introduced. Most bills have not done much. Legislature appears to have shifted to tax and spending. I missed the info on the caregivers bill. The push for increasing wages for hourly workers has not moved; we need to work this summer/year to make sure that is addressed next year. We need to contact the legislators early (such as summer) to get them our information before they are busy with the activities of being in session, as they are in January, February, and March.

Advocacy Opportunity & Chapter Partnerships

Michael Wood

Future Ready Iowa: Julie Beckett:

Proposed by Governor Reynolds, with money attached. To train young persons for jobs that Iowa needs filled. Julie Beckett has been working with Kirkwood and some of the hospitals to develop affordable training for caregiver or nurse training. The meeting with Kirkwood will be held via Zoom on March 25. Chapters should be thinking about how to present this info to high school kids in their communities, as there will be money available at the community colleges for training in this area. Delaine added that we need to think about the rural areas, and how to arrange apprenticeships.

12:10: Michael Wood left the meeting for another commitment.

Online Training for Caregivers Exploring Options: Paula Connolly reported: She has developed modules about what other tools are available to access a variety of services/resources and how



to use them. She and Joy Barlean are now working to update them to be accurate for today's information and technology.

BOARD ACTIVITY:

Board Member Forms: Delaine brought our attention to these three documents listed below. The two forms for the Board members and the Conflict of Interest need to be filled out each year by the Arc of Iowa Board members. Delaine asked the Board to print out and sign these two forms and either mail them to her at 4600 Chestnut Ridge Road, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411, or scan and send them back to via email. Thank you in advance.

- Board Member Pledge -Form
- Conflict of Interest-Policy
- Board Member -Job Description

Chapter Updates:

Arc of East Central: Theresa Lewis: They want to help with the Covid vaccination shots, but it has not been opened up yet to their group. The Arc March will be held in May this year in order to be outside and social distanced; will be at Coe College Track. Will also have a golf outing will be held June 17. Plan to do something different after this year, as there are many golf events in Cedar Rapids at this time. Renewed focus on advocacy; want to mirror Arc of Iowa advocacy focus. Plan to offer summer program but plans are not finalized yet.

Arc of Southeast IA

Arc of Story County: They have used Network for Good as a virtual money raising tool. Doug indicated that other chapters might consider using this online tool as well.

Arc of Wayne Cty

Arc of Jefferson & Surrounding Counties

Arc of Woodbury Cty

Arc of Marshall Cty: Al Fagerlund: the summer programs of their Arc will be held in the newly remodeled government building, as they are connected with the Park & Recs. Weekly drive through for members/ clients has continued.

Arc of Quad Cities

Arc of North Central IA: Alice Phillips: they have had contact with legislators. They helped to get persons signed up for Covid vaccine shots and also to give them rides the to vaccination sites.

Arc of Cedar Valley

Delaine summarized our next moves of advocacy for legislation and need to find more Board members, especially western Iowa. Delaine asked for any other business, with no business indicated. Kristin Aller made a motion to adjourn, Donna Bachman seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:30

Next Meeting: May 20 at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bachman