

Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council
SILC Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th, 2009
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Members: Brian Smith, Karen Bureau, Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski, Carol Hilbinger, Joe Tringali, Ann Shor, Mike Kennedy, Filomena Tripp, Shawn McDuff, Merle Ferber, Eileen Brewster, Coreen Brinckerhoff, Judi Rodger, Joe Bellil, Bernard Bonsra, Jonathan O'Dell

Nominees: Janet Shaw, Tony Williams

Guest: Commission Charles Carr, Commissioner Janet LaBreck, Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, David Winn, Ellen Messier, Arnold Berry, Ann Ruder, Betty J. King, Bill Allan, Paul Spooner, Mary Margaret Moore, Robert Sneirson

Call to order 2:03 pm

Motion to accept June 17, 2009 minutes as presented by Merle Ferber, Second Joe Bellil.
Motion Carried

State Plan for Independent Living Committee Report, Mary Margaret Moore.

Presentation of amendment to the current state plan for independent living was presented to the SILC body. The amendment was given to the SILC body for review following the June 17, 2009. A discussion was held on the process followed in the development of the amendment.

Motion to accept the amendment to the SPIL as presented by Joe Bellil, Second Judi Rodger. Motion carried.

Immediately following the motion Commissioner Carr MRC, Commissioner LaBreck MCB, and Karen Bureau SILC Chairperson jointly signed the amendment documents to be sent to RSA in Washington.

Following the amendment of the SPIL, The year two report of progress on the current state plan for independent living was presented to the body.

Members were asked to participate in the up coming SPIL hearings and the entire process of writing the new spil for FFY 2011 – 2013. The SPIL committee will be meeting regularly on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 am.

Motion to accept SPIL Committee report Judi Rodger, Second Merle Ferber, Motion Carried

SILC Chairpersons Report, Karen Bureau

SILC Chair Karen Bureau updated the SILC body on the RSA site visit that occurred in April. She reported that an initial draft report on the findings is expected from RSA sometime this fall. The SILC and its partners at MRC & MCB will then have the opportunity to comment on the draft and formulate a response back to RSA for inclusion in the final report.

Karen also reported that she is remaining active in all of the committees of the SILC and encouraged members to do the same. She noted that according to our bylaws all SILC members must be active on at least one of the committees of the SILC.

Motion to accept Chairs report Mike Kennedy, Second Joe Tringali, Motion carried

Public Information & Education Committee Report, Paul Spooner

It was reported that throughout 2009 the SILC supported many events including the IL Education day at the State House, 19th Anniversary celebration of the ADA, and various other activities. The committee also was involved with legislative activities including the Governor's signing of the State's Olmstead plan and several Community First activities.

The committee publicly thanked Commissioner Charles Carr for the work done at MRC to see that the Independent Living Centers were not affected by the deep 9c budget cuts faced this year. The committee noted that MRC itself took some serious budget cuts and remains committed to the Independent Living Movement.

The committee is working with our partners the DPC as a liaison organization to help us with our public information and education and working with state legislators and leaders giving them access to information about services and programs offered at the Independent Living Centers.

Motion to accept Public Information & Education committee report by Mike Kennedy, Second by Merle Ferber. Motion Carried

Finance Committee Report, Brian Smith

The finance committee presented its starting budget of \$155, 731.00 for FFY 2010. It was noted that that SILC is expecting a rollover from FFY 2009 and monies from ARRA that will be used for development of the FFY 2011-2013 State Plan for Independent Living and other SILC tasks. During the discussion the allocation to each line in the SILC budget was addressed.

Motion to accept FFY 2010 Budget & Committee report as presented by Judi Rodger, Second by Eileen Brewster. Motion Carried

Nominations & Development Committee Report, Mike Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy reported that the committee has been in regular contact with the Governors office throughout the year. The committee has several nominees and re-appointments in process. We are awaiting clarification from the Governors office on updates to the process. Motion to accept Nominations & Development Committee report by Joe Bellil, Second by Merle Ferber. Motion Carried.

Annual Election of Officers, Mike Kennedy

The following slate of officer was presented for FFY 2010

Chairperson	Karen Bureau
Vice Chairperson	Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski
Secretary	Bernard Bonsra
Treasurer	Brian Smith

Nominations were opened from the floor. A motion to close nominations was made by Judi Roger, Seconded by Merle Ferber. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Joe Bellil that the Secretary cast one ballot to elect the slate of officers as presented, Second by Judi Roger. Motion Carried

SILC Coordinators Report, Steve Higgins

The SILC coordinator thanked each of the committee chairs for all of their work during the year. Steve gave a quick update on SILC Congress and other activities that he is participating in on behalf of the SILC both here in Massachusetts and Nationally.

Motion to accept SILC Coordinators report by Merle Ferber, Second by Judi Roger. Motion Carried

Old Business

None

New Business

Coreen Brinckerhoff, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Brian Smith for stepping in and taking over the Treasurer and the Finance Committee position, and apologized for having to resign that position in FFY 2009. She noted that we did the right thing by re-electing him, or electing him as the Treasurer. He has done a terrific job.

Motion to Adjourn by Nancy Rumbolt Trzcinski, Second by Joe Bellil. Motion carried

Meeting closed at 3:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernard Bonsra, Secretary