



SILC Quarterly Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2013

Attendees

Members:

Bonnie Jones, Merle Ferber, Nanette Goodwin, Judi Rodger, Mary Dennesen, Mike Kennedy, Steve Higgins, Anita Amy Ashdon, Lisa Franklin, Betty J. King, Joe Bellil, Ann Shor, Nancy Trzcinski, Filomena Tripp, Janet Shaw

Nominees:

Tracy Olson

Guest:

Franklin Surette, Adrienne Manson, Allan Motenko, Hang Lee, Paul Spooner

Consultant:

James Clark

The meeting was called to order by Janet Shaw Chairperson at 1:35 PM

The minutes from the June 18, 2013 meeting were presented to the body. By Nancy Trzcinski, Secretary.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bonnie Jones, Seconded by Judi Roger.

MSC passes unanimous

The Chairs report was presented by Janet Shaw

Janet reported on her last meeting as Chair of this wonderful Board. Doesn't mean she will be going away. "I plan on sticking with it for a while longer, anyway, but I want to say, too, that this has been a challenge. It has definitely been a challenge. A good challenge. I mean that in a positive way. I've learned an awful lot. And I was really delighted to have the opportunity, if I'm ever nominated again I don't know that I would say "yes" but I don't know I would say "no" either. I think that is a good thing".

Janet thanked all of the officers on the Board. Joe as Vice-Chair, Filomena as Treasurer, and Nancy Trzcinski as Secretary for their commitment and support over the past two years as well as the committee chairs and members that were always there to lend support.

Janet reported that James Clark would be leaving as the SILC Coordinator effective September 30. And that SILC would be in search of a new coordinator after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

A motion to accept as presented was made by Amy Ashdon, Seconded by Judi Roger.
MSC passes unanimous

SPIL Committee Report, Nancy Trzcinski:

Nancy reported that the SPIL for FFY 2014-2016 had been completed and submitted to RSA in the necessary timelines. James Clark reported that the SPIL was accepted with a couple of minor administrative changes known as "procedural amendments" that did not affect the content of the document submitted.

A final copy of the accepted SILC will be created and posted on the SILC's website.

Nancy also reported that the committee was working on the final report for the 2011 -2013 SPIL with an intention of presenting the report at the December SILC meeting.

Motion to accept as presented Judi Roger, Second Merle Ferber
MSC passed unanimously

Public Information & Education Committee Report; Paul Spooner

Paul reported on the successful 2013 budget campaign where the centers received an additional \$1.1 million dollars in funding equaling an increase of approximately \$110,000 per center. He reported that MRC was working to amend the monies in to the center budgets as it had not taken place to date and that there could be a challenge for some center this year spending one year's worth of money in nine months time.

Paul spoke of other advocacy priorities such as TAP, New England Index, Assistive Technology and MFP in his report.

Motion to accept Joe Bellil, Second Steve Higgins
MSC passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report , Filomena Tripp:

Filomena reported that through August 2013 the SILC had expended \$122,179 or approximately 55% of its budget for the year. She noted a few things to keep in mind -- June, July and September has traditionally been the most expensive months for the SILC, with the NCIL Conference, ADA Day, and the State IL Conference.

Due to the timing of the meeting, she reported the committee was unable to present the rollover amount, 2013 funds rolling into 2014, until the December meeting. The SILC would expect to enter the fiscal year 2014 with a cut of Part B funds, this amount has not yet been determined. The size of the cut will determine the suitable course of action.

Filomena also noted that the proposed SILC budget for the fiscal year 2014 is identical to the one from fiscal year 2013.

A motion was made to accept the SILC starting budget for 2014 of \$155,731 as presented by Steve Higgins, seconded by Joe Bellil,
MSC passed unanimous

After acceptance of the budget, during discussion, it was asked how the SILC would be accounting for \$26,000 in additional monies it received from MRC to cover the cost for an additional consultant that would be working providing technical support for some of the centers.

A motion was made by Steve Higgins and seconded by Joe Beillil, that we amend the \$26,000 into the contract and that either it be a separate line item or under the consultant's line item and that the financial report not be accepted at today's meeting, that it be carried to the next meeting to reflect that the amendment was made properly.

After further discussion the motion was amended by Steve & accepted by Joe adding the following wording: A separate line item be created in the SILC Budget to account for the funds properly.

The Motion Amend was voted on first and passed unanimous
The Amended motion was then voted on and passed unanimous.

As fiscal intermediary and for a point of clarification, Paul Spooner asked what would be happening with the monies discussed after Sept 30? Ann Shore noted she can't give a definitive answer at this point. It is MRC's intention to continue that, but they have not yet identified what funds they might use in 2014 or the amounts. The amount could very well be amended into the Metro West contract at a later date.

Nominations & Development Committee Report, Mike Kennedy

Mike reported that he and James had been in contact with the office of gubernatorial appointments and were working through the pending appointments.

The following slate of officers was presented for 2014

Mike Kennedy	Chairperson
Nancy Trzcinski	Vice Chairperson
Steven Higgins	Secretary
Joe Bellil	Treasurer

A motion was made by Merle Ferber to open the floor for additional nominations. No second was received.

A motion was made by Merle Ferber and seconded by Bonnie Jones that the secretary cast one ballot and the slate of officers for 2014 be elected by acclamation.

Coordinators Report:

James Clark thanked everyone for the support he received over the past two years as the SILC Coordinator. He noted he would miss the SILC and looked forward to working with many of the people he had met in the future should the opportunity arise.

On behalf of other members Lisa Franklin thanked Jim for his work.

Motion to accept Coordinators report as presented Lisa Franklin, second Mike Kennedy MSC passed unanimously.

MSC to adjourn made by Merle Ferber

Meeting closed at 2:55

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Higgins, Secretary