

Nevada Senior Corps Association

Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2009

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM OFFICE
406 PYRAMID WAY
SPARKS, NV

I. Call to Order:

NCSA President Janice Ayres called the meeting to order at 10:00am

II. Roll Call

Present:

Janice Ayres
Bill Birkmann

Angie Pratt
Diane Ross

Bruce Arkell
Sandra Borrelli

III. Approval of September 14, 2009 Minutes

Bruce Arkell moved to approve the minutes, Bill Birkmann seconded the motion.

IV. Old Business

a. 501 c(3) approval:

President Ayres discussed the approval of the 501 c(3) status for NSCA. She stated Senator Reid's office was very instrumental in helping us get the non-profit status designation. President Ayres expressed her appreciation to everyone who helped in some way in making NSCA a non-profit organization. In turn, appreciation was expressed to President Ayres for all of her hard work and determination in making the non-profit designation a reality!

b. Progress on Website:

Bruce Arkell stated the website will be done by December 2009. The website address is www.nevadaseniors.org. An announcement will be sent out upon completion of the website to all members soliciting feedback and suggestions for future changes, upgrades and information about your agency for the news section.

c. Revised Membership/Registration Form

A new membership application form was presented with two membership groups as approved at September 14th meeting, instead of the four membership groups currently in existence. One membership group is a "Professional Membership" and the other is for "Friends of the Association". The Professional Membership category, in addition to the benefits discussed under the Friends category, has voting privileges, can hold office and will have a voice in the operation and activities of the organization. The Professional Membership is \$100.00 per year. The Friends of the Association category will receive newsletters, emails and other correspondence on the activities of the Association and is \$25.00 per year.

President Ayres suggested another membership category be added to the Professional Membership for agencies and others who may want to join NSCA for three years. The three year membership will be \$250.00 providing a savings of \$50.00 to anyone who wants to join for three years at one time. It may be easier for some Agencies and Individuals to allocate a membership for three years instead of a yearly membership of \$100.00 per year. It was voted and accepted that the 3 year membership category be added to the application form as another option for membership fees. The revised application, as well as a "NSCA Benefits" page will be updated, with the new membership form, and distributed to current and potential members in the near future.

V. Reports

Status report on Transforming Senior Program Study:

Bruce Arkell stated the first progress report, in draft form, on the Transforming Senior Program Study, was sent to the committee members on Sunday, November 1st. The Program Study will be discussed at a Transforming Senior Program meeting on Friday, November 6th. Bruce Arkell stated he will be meeting with Legislators after the committee meeting. Comments received so far on the Study have been positive on what could be done to improve the current system for providing services to seniors.

VI. New Business:

Potential Relationship with Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans:

President Ayres stated a meeting will be held on November 9th in Carson City, with the President of Nevada Alliance of Retired Americans, Scott Watts. One of the purposes of the meeting will be to see how NSCA and NARA can work together on common issues for the benefit of seniors in Nevada.

Potential Sponsorship of River Cities United Way:

A request has been made by River Cities United Way to utilize NSCA as a sponsor for offices in the Laughlin Community Resource Center in Laughlin, NV. Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Dauenhauer is our local representative in Laughlin and is familiar with this organization. The River Cities United Way is affiliated with the Kingman Lake Havasu United Way. This opportunity will be pursued to see if there could be a mutually beneficial agreement between the two organizations.

Status of Fundraising:

This agenda item is being tabled until the January 2010 meeting when more information will be available from the Corporation for National & Community Service on grants available to non-profit organizations NSCA might be able to pursue. President Ayres is waiting for the appropriate time to apply for funds for the Association through Senator Reid.

NSCA Newsletter:

Angie Pratt suggested the NSCA newsletter be on the website and everyone agreed that would be the most effective way of posting information about the Association. For those people who do not have access to a computer, the same information will be mailed to them. It was agreed the newsletter would consist of Legislative news of interest to the members as well as information relating to programs and current issues in Nevada.

VII. General Discussion:

President Ayres stated she heard recently from a Legislator that the Tobacco Fund issue will be on the agenda at the next session. If a special session is called, it will be discussed then as well.

President Ayres expressed her appreciation to Bruce Arkell and Sandra Borrelli for the work they have done for the Association.

Diane Ross asked if Rosemary Womack was still pursuing the caregiver support groups she discussed several months ago. President Aryes said that Rosemary had moved either temporarily or permanently to Las Vegas and the Rural RSVP program did not have the funds to pursue the support groups, but may in the next calendar year.

VII. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the NSCA was set for Monday, January 11, 2010 at the Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program Office in Carson City. The meeting will start at 10:00am. A map to the Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program office will be attached to the agenda. The audio conference toll free call-in telephone number and access code number will also be included on the Agenda.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.

Respectfully submitted;

Sandra Lee Borrelli on behalf of Debbie Dauenhauer
November 5, 2009