

Nevada Senior Corps Association

MEETING MINUTES

Reno Housing Authority Tom Sawyer Village Community Room
June 17, 2009

Members Present:

Janice Ayres
Bruce Arkell
Rosemary Womack
Bill Birkmann

JoAnn Banks
Angie Pratt
Heidi McKendree
Sandra Borrelli

Mary Ann Dyer
Ernie Maguire
Susan Lisagor

I. Call to Order:

NSCA President Janice Ayres called meeting to order at 10:30 AM

II. Status of 501C(3) Application:

Janice reported the 501C(3) application had not yet been returned to us due to a backlog of requests in Washington. She stated Senator Harry Reid's office and the local representative will continue to help move the process along.

III. Review of actions from recently completed Legislature:

Of the bills the Association tracked, 15 bills died, 14 bills passed and 2 were vetoed. There were four bills that made changes in the approach State government may be taking towards seniors in the future. SB434 combined the Office of Disability Services with the Aging Services Division; AB9 created a standing Legislative Committee for Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs; AB263 authorized the Aging Services Division to establish a Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); and AB338 created a program to provide grants to for small business start-ups for veterans and senior citizens.

IV. Future Plans:

There was a general discussion about the loss of many members of the Legislature in 2011 due to term limits. It would be necessary to address the problems of seniors early and one of the best vehicles will be through the standing committee.

The Legislative voting record on all issues pertinent to seniors needs to be tracked and monitored.

Local, State and Federal laws and trends need to be followed and monitored. Bill Birkmann stated that the National Alliance for Retired Americans will be keeping us informed on a State and Federal level due to various publications and research done on a national level that he will share with us.

A NSCA website is being developed and everyone was asked to review it and submit comments or suggest changes. The website will be used as a resource as well as provide public exposure to NSCA. All member information will be included and information will be disseminated on the website of interest to Seniors and friends of Seniors.

Angie Pratt brought up the need for us to look into why the State keeps shipping people out of state for services. It creates a hardship for families and loved ones. Why is this being done and how we can impact a change in this practice needs to be investigated. It was suggested that we pursue this issue as one of our future projects.

Another action plan that will be discussed in more depth at our next meeting is going statewide with educational/informational seminars to enhance the general population with knowledge of resources and knowledge of NSCA and our mission to serve the people in Nevada.

V. Review of Mission Statement and Action Plan for changes:

The members present discussed the current mission statement and decided that it was sufficient. It was decided to discuss an action plan at the next meeting to allow time for a specific plan to be developed.

VI. Types of Memberships:

It was suggested that we consider a family membership to NSCA so access to newsletters and information could be obtained by a broader population. The concern is that there are too many categories of membership, and that it may be better to consolidate them into one for agencies and one for families. The amount of \$10.00 per year to cover some costs was discussed for the family membership category. This will be discussed further at the next meeting in September 2009.

Consider By-Law Amendments:

Bruce Arkell presented draft changes (copy attached) to Article II and Article III. Language should be broadened to include Adults with Special Needs to

recognize the changes made during the recently completed Legislative Session and proper terminology needs to be included. Persons eligible for the Board should be expanded to include persons with an interest in issues pertinent to the purposes of the Association, and are willing to actively participate. After discussion, Mary Ann Dyer moved, seconded by seconded by Sandra Borrelli, to approve the outlined changes with the understanding the language for "Adults with Special Needs" may be changed to better reflect this category. Motion passed unanimously

VII. Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2009 at 10:00am. Mary Ann Dyer and JoAnn Banks suggested it be held at their office in Sparks. This will be confirmed in the near future.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

President Ayres thanked everyone for their support during the Legislative session. The presence of individuals, emails and letters to representatives and committee members did make a big difference in how issues were viewed. The Division for Aging Services were most appreciative of the support they received with their programs, budget and testimony given by NSCA throughout the Legislative Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Sandra L. Borrelli on behalf of Debbie Dauenhauer

ATTACHMENT

Attachment to minutes – By-Law Amendments

ARTICLE II

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, as authorized by NRS Chapter 82 and Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and not for the gain of any person or entity. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The specific purposes for which this Corporation is organized are charitable, that is: To provide an opportunity for advocacy, communication, charity, and education for and by Directors and/or staff of Nevada agencies, organizations and programs providing services and assistance to Nevada's senior and adult disabled populations; to provide support and advocacy for issues affecting Nevada's senior population; and to provide a vehicle for communication between Senior Programs.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Types of Membership

A. Professional Membership shall be open to all program directors of organizations that provide service to seniors or the disabled, or individuals that support the mission and purpose of the Corporation and wish to take an active role in the operation of the Corporation. Each Professional Member shall have one (1) vote and shall be eligible to hold office. In the event of a Professional Member's resignation, termination or death, membership shall be automatically transferred to the replacement Director for the remainder of the membership year. All Professional Members shall receive annually a list of Officers and Directors, including contact information; and a current membership roster.

B. Associate Membership shall be open to staff of programs whose Directors are members of the Association. Associate Members will receive all communications pertinent to members, but shall not have voting privileges or be eligible to hold office.

C. Friends of the Association Membership shall be open to any individuals who support the mission and purpose of the Corporation. Friends of the Association Members will receive all communications pertinent to members, but shall not have voting privileges or be eligible to hold office.