

Nevada Senior Corps Association

Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2009

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM OFFICE
406 PYRAMID WAY
SPARKS, NV

I. Call to Order:

NSCA Vice-President Sandra Borelli called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Sandra Borrelli	Bruce Arkell	Deb Dauenhauer	Mary Ann Dyer
Diane Ross	Lynn Houghton	Sandy Stanko	Angie Pratt
Bill Bergman	Dana Serrata	JoAnn Banks	

III. Approval of June 17th, 2009 Minutes

Bruce Arkell moved to approve the minutes, Angie Pratt seconded the motion.

IV. Old Business

a. 501 c(3) approval:

The application for NSCA for non-profit 501 c(3) status was approved as of April 2009. This item tabled until next meeting when President Ayres will be present.

b. Progress on Website:

Bruce Arkell advised that he has been taking a class on web design. He stated the website will have a link to the various member agencies. The site will be resource driven and there will be a spot for people to submit articles. The website is www.nevadaseniors.org.

This website will focus on agencies statewide.

in order not to confuse the issue - there will be a separate website for Nevada Senior Advocates, which will be the lobbying organization for the Nevada Senior Corps Association with a non-profit 501c(4) designation.

c. Types of Membership:

Vice-President Borrelli advised that types of membership were discussed at the June 17th, 2009 NSCA meeting. At that meeting it was recommended that a \$10 - \$12 non-voting category be implemented.

Member Arkell suggested for ease of membership - that the four current categories be consolidated into two groups. He suggested one group for agencies with a annual membership of \$100.00 and a second membership classification for individuals/family/personal with annual dues set at \$25.00.

NSCA Secretary/Treasurer Dauenhauer moved to the two level membership classifications:

Agency/Organization \$100.00 annual dues - this is a voting membership seat
Friends of the Association \$25.00 annual dues – non-voting membership seat
Member Bruce Arkell seconded the motion - motion passed.

V. Reports

a. NSCA Appreciation Letters:

President Ayres sent letters to all Legislators on July 10th on behalf of NSCA, thanking them for their support of senior programs statewide.

b. AB 9 Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens:

Vice-President Borrelli advised that members of NSCA attended the August 14th meeting of the special committee designated for Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs. She advised that Assemblywoman Kathy McClain is the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee and Senator Shirley Breeden is the Vice Chair. This special Legislative Committee has not met officially yet - however, Vice-President Borrelli advised when they do - NSCA will be represented. The Committee was appointed by the leadership in the Assembly and Senate.

If any NSCA member would like to have the list of legislators who were appointed to the Committee - email Vice-President Borrelli. Vice-President Borrelli mentioned that NSCA will be working closely with this Legislative Committee.

No representation in the northern part of the state due to the fact that Clark County was hit so hard financially by the Legislature at the last session.

Member Arkell indicated he is working closely with Assemblywoman McClain and that more detail will follow under New Business.

VI. Union Pacific foundation Grant Submittal:

Vice-President Borrelli advised that she submitted a foundation grant that would (if approved), provide funding for education, research, fliers, brochures, and outreach. The grant request did not propose funding for administrative costs - as the work would be carried out by all volunteers. Therefore, all funding would be used for outreach if successful with the request.

Vice President Borrelli requested \$15,000. She anticipates notice of the decision to come in February of 2010.

She envisions the funding if successful will be utilized statewide for different communities holding workshops to determine what services exist and what gaps there may be in that community.

This grant opportunity is more for rural and is considered a public relations/marketing grant.

NSCA Secretary/Treasurer Dauenhauer thanked Vice-President Borrelli with all her hard work on getting the foundation grant submitted.

Vice-President Borrelli mentioned that President Ayres provided her with a resource book of other possible grant opportunities. Vice-President Borrelli will review for other possible funding sources. She also announced that she had resigned as Executive Director of the Washoe County RSVP program, and would be donating her time to NSCA.

VII. New Business

a. Discuss Action Plan for upcoming year:

The Action Plan version emailed to all members on 9-4-09 from Vice-President Borrelli is the latest version. Member Arkell commented that the previous Action Plan dealt with the Legislative Session that has now adjourned. He announced that the questionnaire should be finalized within the next two weeks for the proposed study. He mentioned that UNR is providing assistance.

Member Arkell stated the proposed study under the first action item, is a proposed study to evaluate various senior programs with the goal of providing recommendations from stakeholders who is best positioned to provide the service.

Director Dyer suggested the study also look at overlapping / duplicative services, and Angie Pratt and Diane Ross suggested the study also look at the various committees that are involved with senior services. These two items were added to the action item.

During the discussion, Member Arkell mentioned an example that he has come across in which group homes are inspected by 4 or 5 different agencies, and transportation provider vehicles are inspected by each funding agency. He thought this at the very least, is an overlap, and with limited program funding, the NSCA needs to take a look at the feasibility of consolidating the multiple agency oversight that he has observed. The funds saved from the redundant oversight if consolidated, might result in savings that could be brought forward to provide additional program service funding. These are only two examples of which there are several.

Member Arkell provided the names of the committee members of the Transforming Senior Programs Study Committee. He said that additional members have been invited to participate. As a result, there may be additional members. Those members are:

Sandra Borrelli	Angie Pratt	Grady Tabutton	Connie McMullen
Mary Liveratti	Deb Dauenhauer	Carol Sala	Dr. Ann McDonough
Keith Tierney	Sherrie Rice		

The inventory of services provided statewide will occur in October/November. Any overlap, duplication and gaps in service will be identified. Once the survey is complete, and the committee has formulated its recommendations a final report will be presented to the

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults With Special Needs in September of 2010.

The survey will be rather broad as opposed to more specific. It will be a two part survey with one part determining what services each agency provides, and the second part will be follow up conversations with program staff.

In response to a question from Diane Ross, Member Arkell mentioned that the results of the study are directed at the Legislature, done by stakeholders, and NSCA is in a good position to lead this effort since the Association doesn't deliver, fund or provide services, but does represent the provider agencies.

The Action Plan item to "explore why the state keeps sending people out of state for services" is to be researched for future action and exploration.

The Action Plan was approved via telephone by members attending the meeting.

VIII. Senior Fest Report

NSCA Member Connie McMullen was not able to be in attendance at today's meeting so Vice President Borrelli gave this report.

There were 79 vendors at the Senior Fest event this year. There were 3,186 blood draws at the Senior Fest, up 25% over last year. Over 3,000 bottles of water were given away by the SAVE people at the event. NSCA was represented at the event by Vice President Borrelli and Member Arkell. The 2010 Senior Fest date has not yet been determined, but has been discussed to be held in May of 2010. As in previous years, Senior Fest was a huge success!

IX. General Discussion

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NSCA will occur on Monday, November 2, 2009. The location will be the Foster Grandparents Program office, conference room, Sparks, NV. Phone teleconferencing will be available. The meeting will be start at 10AM.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dauenhauer
Secretary/Treasurer
NSCA
September 19th, 2009