

Disabilities Network of Eastern CT
19 Ohio Ave.
Norwich, CT 06360
Tues, November 8, 2022
5:30 PM - 7:00PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Present on screen:

K. Pellerin, President
S. Baeker, Vice President
E. Petrik, Board member
M. Cole, Executive Dir. SILC, guest
B. Hickey, DNEC Staff, guest
K. Smith, DNEC Staff, guest
G. Findley, DNEC Staff, guest
S. Heddle, ED, absent due to emergency health problem.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM K. Pellerin

Guest speaker: Molly Cole, Executive Director SILC – To discuss SILC, SPIL, and how it all works.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Cole began by explaining the acronym SILC, State Independent Living Council, and its purpose in relation to the 5, state-wide CILs or Centers for Independent Living, including DNEC. All board members are governor appointed: >50% members must have a disability; 18-member board, with 2 voting ED's from the CILS, and 3 representatives from the other 3 CILs. Every 3 years a SPIL, State Plan for Independent Living, is developed. Working with the SPIL committee, the CILS, and the public play an important role in what will be the State plan, meeting the needs of both entities. In short, the Plan will guide the SILC board in policy making, working with the legislature to support the financial and working needs of the 5 CILs; initiate training for all members of the CILs as need becomes apparent. Q&A followed. The PP will be sent out to all attending the presentation. K. and G. ended their zoom participation. B Hickey remained to take notes for S. Heddle.

II. Public Comment: No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by S. Baeker to accept the October 11, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by E. Petrik; motion carried.

IV. Executive Directors report:

There is no ED report at this time.

V. President's Report:

K. Pellerin spoke of how close the board is in accepting the updated by-laws. As the board entered the summer break, the only item that remained unresolved dealt with membership and whether the Certificate of Corporation indicated the continued inclusion in the updated by-laws. E. Petrik had researched the need for a membership clause that made a compelling argument. With more discussion, K. Pellerin suggested she write an updated wording regarding membership and send a draft of the entire by-laws to the board after the new year. Hopefully the board will be able to vote on the by-laws at the January 10, 2023 meeting.

B. Hickey left the zoom meeting at this point.

VI. Old Business:

K. Pellerin reviewed the issue of the ED salary increase, as discussed and agreed upon through a series of texts. To formalize the decision of a 10% increase, starting January 1, 2023, a motion was made by E. Petrik and seconded by S. Baeker to increase S. Heddle's salary as stated. There was no further discussion; the motion carried.

VI. New Business:

No new business at this time.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2023

1. Highlights for the January meeting:
 - a. Vote on accepting the proposed by-laws;
 - b. Start conversations about fundraising and getting at least 2 new board members for the new year.

VII Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40

Katherine Pellerin – Secretary

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