

NACDD Board of Directors Meeting- July 9, 2018

Attendees

Board Members: Shannon Buller, Val Bishop, Charles Hughes, Steve Gieber, Dan Shannon, Vicky Davidson, Kristin Britton, Mitzi Proffitt

On phone: Joanna Cordry, Heidi Lawyer

NACDD: Robin Troutman, Donna Meltzer

Guests: Pat Maichle (DE), Chris Egan (NC), Jessica Pidgeon (NY), Arlene Poncelet (SD), Nancy Cronin (ME), Libby Oseguera (UT), Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre (NH), Roberta Gallant (NH), David Ingraham (NC), Mercedes Witowsky (NJ), Dana Thompson (PA), Ann Trudgeon (OK)

Call to order: 11:04am by Shannon Buller. Introductions

Approval of Minutes—Charles Hughes. Correction of Joanna's Name in Minutes.
Motion to approve- Dan Shannon, Val Bishop second. Minutes approved at 11:07am

Point of order by Shannon—reminding guests that time for public comment will be at the end

Update from Board President—Shannon Buller

- **Champion** – we are much more nationally recognized now and the national office gets calls from people wanting to learn more about NACDD, make videos about our issues and our people, and build partnerships with us. We are on the map! We released our report Investment toward Impact, which was a huge hit on the Hill and with potential funders.
- **Advocate** – We have shined in advocacy this year. We secured a \$3m. increase in appropriations and significant increase in TA money as well. We mobilized our network to fight off a reorganization and attack on the DD Act and are currently working with our federal partners on compliance issues and understanding big concerns like obligation/liquidation.
- **Educator** – we are doing better at expanding our ability to educate and support self-advocacy through a variety of ways and will, for the first time, host a post-conference workshop on leadership in self-advocacy training. More than 50 attendees will participate! We are re-releasing our website for self-advocates Startyourjourney.org which includes the Art of Impact book and, more Councils than ever are participating in the leadership academy on cultural and linguistic competence

Update from CEO—Donna Meltzer

- This time last year we started the fight against P3I and was successful. We came together as a community and showed our strength to both the Administration and Congress.
- Met our appropriations goal of 76 million and PNS increase for FY18. FY19 is looking solid as of now. The Technical Assistance money now comes from the appropriation and based on the DD Act we are able to take up to 1% of the appropriation. We currently get around \$643,000 and that would increase to \$760,000. NACDD/ITACC

- staff proposed activities to meet the \$760,000 but that is currently on hold with ACL/AIDD. There was discussion about a TAP coming down from HHS which would affect our funding but there is currently a hold-up on that language as well.
- Other concerns are the fight with groups like Together For Choice who are fighting the fact that we get money and they do not. Language in the House budget for FY19 is concerning but Senate language is better. Not expecting any votes on appropriations language until after the elections or even in January depending on how the elections play out.
 - Donna was able to work with ACL on getting additional funding to the minimum allotment states given the additional funding
 - Other funding—continuing to build partnerships.
 - UHC has hired a new person to focus on disability and will be our main point of contact moving forward
 - Optum continues to be our largest supporter of our SA work, including the CEO lunch at the conference, Art of Impact book and website. Still working to finalize contract on peer-to-peer training. Hopefully before end of summer or at least FY18
 - Update on filming for SuccessFiles with Rob Lowe. We filmed on May 10th in the NACDD office. Donna and Erin from the staff were filmed along with people from the DC Council and MD Council. Ken Capone from MD and Ricardo and Donna Thornton from the DC Council were featured. Footage is currently being edited and we should get the product soon. We have a short window to make our own edits without any additional cost. Once we receive the footage, we will send to the board for review as well. Once they are final every council will be able to use them on their own sites.
 - Disability Policy Seminar—worked with other planning group members prior to signing next round of hotel contracts. We were able to ensure that there is some amount of government per diem rated rooms. Donna also drafted an MOU for each of the planning partners to sign to discuss what the commitments are for each sponsoring organization. Also discussed how to bring in more underwriting for the conference.
 - Obligation/Liquidation/period of performance concern with ACL/OGM
 - NACDD/ITACC continues to meet regularly with ACL/OGM ACL/AIDD on this. We put together a workgroup of Eds along with a survey to the Eds to ask on impact of the language. Group will hear from ACL on these topics at Day 2 of TAI. Meetings and discussions will continue.
 - Emergency Preparedness—big theme at the TAI and AC. NACDD staff putting a lot of time and energy into working with other federal partners to see who is looking at disability and how to respond during these emergencies.

Committee Reports

- Policy Committee- Kristin Britton
 - monthly calls and quarterly calls continue
 - Strategic approach on communicating the benefits of councils to always be ready in case another P3I happens
 - Campaign to gather letters of support from Governors to go in appropriations packets
 - Guidance needed from NACDD on grassroots messaging and communicating with local government leaders

- Looking to define what a comprehensive messaging strategy is. Establish outcomes and strategies on what Councils do and why important. What do Councils need and how does NACDD provide based on that need. Also what does NACDD need from Councils to bring the message forward as well.
- Finance Committee—Dan Shannon
 - We are currently about \$30K ahead in surplus based on where we were last year. It is trending that we should end FY18 surplus as well.
 - Dues—we have received all but 2 councils. One council has an ongoing issue and the other is dealing with a specific issue but should work itself out.
 - Miscellaneous line item—Board approved \$18K for the video but currently spent \$23K
 - Dues—given that the formula has not been looked at in the last 7 years, the committee will look at it to make sure it still makes sense.
 - FY19 budget—committee will start looking at the budget in August and then in September
 - Dan Shannon made the Motion to approve the miscellaneous line item to up to \$30K to cover the additional costs of the video and other items. Steve Gieber Second. **Motion approved by unanimous vote at 12:30pm.**
- Member Services—Chris Egan
 - Did not have a meeting since the last board meeting since the committee was focused on the conference. We will have a debrief in August. The committee thanks the hard work of the staff to pull together the event.
- Self-Advocacy—Did not have a meeting since the last board meeting. Next one is Wednesday July 11th

Discussion on by-laws—Ann Trudgeon/Shannon Buller

- We put the by-laws to the general assembly for public comment and received a lot of great feedback. Given the feedback we will not be able to vote on the by-laws at the July 12th Assembly Meeting
- A lot of the new changes didn't change context but eliminated possible confusion
- More edits/changes are being made so the board will not vote during this meeting. The workgroup will review the changes again. We will schedule the board call within the next two weeks.
- Ann Trudgeon would like the board to think about the term limit statements in the document.

Discussion on Budget and Strategic Plan next steps- Donna Meltzer

- What do we envision for our next budget? What priorities need to be factored into the FY19 budget. What are some of the things we want to be prepared for and that the finance committee will need to factor into the next budget?
- Flesh out idea on what exactly the need is, and what is the ask to the FC
 - Policy committee will look at the communication/advocacy need
 - Ann Trudgeon—how do we educate AIDD staff on what Councils do
 - Val Bishop—how do we let people know the value of Councils
 - Plain speak version of the DD Act? Training on the DD Act? Webinar? Video format? Member Services project. Would this be part of the TA contract or is this core money

Val Bishop motion to adjourned. Charles Hughes second. Board meeting adjourned at 1:14pm