

# **MINUTES**

## **STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

### **QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Friday**

**July 14, 2006**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**SILC Office**

**93 Gooding Avenue, Suite 3**

**Bristol, RI 02809**

**Members Present: Ray Bandusky; Terrance Chapman; Judith Kapuscinski, 1st Vice Chair; Sharon Kimbriel, Chairperson; Ray McNeill; Don Phelps, Secretary; Ron Racine; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Pat Ryherd; Ken Sacks, Heidi Showstead, Chair Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee; Joe Thibault; Tricia Whitehouse.**

**Guest Present: Brian Steels, Executive Director of Access2Adventure.**

**Volunteers Present: Tanja Blicker; Rick Costa; Liz Graves; Karen Bell.**

**Staff Present: Linda Hutnak, Program Support; Camille Pansa, Executive Director**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Camille Pansa welcomed the Council members. She introduced the new RISILC volunteer, Rick Costa.
  
- 2. Minutes of March 24, 2006:** Judith Kapuscinski motioned to accept the minutes. Trisha Whitehouse seconded. Sharon Kimbriel abstained. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 3. Amendment to by-laws:** Judith Kapuscinski discussed amending the current by-laws to reflect the change in mission adopted by the Council in 2004. The Council voted to amend the Bylaws to reflect the language adopted in 2004. Ray McNeill motioned to accept. Heidi Showstead seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 4. Committee Reports:**  
  
**Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee (LD&A):** Heidi Showstead reviewed the LD & A report. The Council discussed charging a nominal fee for future workshops. Most members were in favor of the charge. Don Phelps motioned to accept. Barbara Rozul seconded. Heidi Showstead abstained. Motion passed unanimously.  
  
**Finance:** The finance report was reviewed. Heidi Showstead motioned to accept. Terrance Chapman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 5. Executive Director's Report:** Camille Pansa discussed the success

of the move to 93 Gooding Avenue, Bristol. She thanked Joe Thibault for his efforts in moving the new website forward. To complete the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page of the newly designed website, Don Phelps will forward sample questions to Council members and ask their assistance in writing responses. Don will review, edit and prepare the FAQs for the website. Judith Kapuscinski motioned to accept the Executive Director's report. Sharon Kimbriel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Chairperson's Report: None.**

**7. New Business: None.**

**8. New SPIL 2008 – 2010:** Judith Kapuscinski began discussion of the new SPIL. She requested that Council members identify what has worked and what has not worked with the current SPIL. Ray Bandusky noted that he would like to see increased involvement by the Council in the "Get out the Vote" project. Council members requested that in the new SPIL that the SILC explore new coalitions and partnerships. Judith asked that Council members give this question further thought. She requested that members E-mail their visions for the SILC as well as the qualities for which they would like RISILC to be known to [cpansa@risilc.org](mailto:cpansa@risilc.org) or [lhutnak@risilc.org](mailto:lhutnak@risilc.org). Federal Technical support for the new SPIL is due in September.

**9. Educational Presentation:** Heidi Showstead introduced Brian

**Steels, Executive Director of Access2Adventure. Brian discussed the history and mission of Access2Adventure (A2a). A2a is a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life for people with physical disabilities. They provide unique opportunities to participate in a variety of sports, recreational activities and adventure travel. A2a is based in Rhode Island and serves the southern New England community.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donald Phelps**

**Secretary**