



*Rhode Island Statewide
Independent Living Council
"Together, Making a Difference"*

DRAFT MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. OSCIL

Members Present: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Laurie DiOrio, DSU Representative; Karen Dougherty; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan, Treasurer; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Lorna Ricci, CIL Representative; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland, Chair.

Members Absent: N/A

Prospective Member: Gary Witman.

Staff: Rick Costa, Executive Coordinator; Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Executive Coordinator.

Interpreter: Dorothy Hodge.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. Quorum was present.** Jack Ringland welcomed everyone and reviewed meeting etiquette.
- 2. Approvals:** September 29, 2014 minutes, previously sent, were approved as corrected. December 10, 2014, previously sent, were approved as corrected.
- 3. Membership Status Update:** Kathy Kindelan made a motion to table membership nominations of Gary Witman and Pat Stein until March. Motion seconded. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Jack Ringland. Against: Barbara Ringland. Motion passed. Nominees' applications and biographies will be made available to members prior to nominations in March.

Karen Dougherty's status as a nonvoting member was discussed. According to SILC compositional guidelines outlined in section 705(b)(2) the Rehab Act, members representing State agencies are nonvoting. Since Karen is compensated by ORS for her time, she is representing the state agency and is, by law, a nonvoting member.

Jack Ringland announced the resignation of Vincent DeJesus and stated that the Vice Chair position was open. Margie Molloy stated she was interested. Kathy Kindelan made a motion to nominate Margie as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland, Jack Ringland. Motion passed.

Jack Ringland stated that the Secretary position was also open. Siera Leone stated she was interested. Lorna Ricci made a motion to nominate Siera for the position of Secretary. Motion was seconded. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland, Jack Ringland. Motion passed.

4. **CIL 704 Report Updates:** Lorna Ricci reported that OSCIL's 704 Report was completed and gave brief highlights. Report previously sent to all members. PARI's closing was discussed. Lorna reported that referrals to OSCIL have increased, the assistive equipment rental program has begun, and OSCIL is in the process of hiring additional staff. Former PARI consumers who contact OSCIL for services are received as 'new' cases and a full assessment is completed.
5. **SILC Updates:** A discussion ensued concerning the Council's present office and its three year lease. Lorna stated that OSCIL could offer the Council space for storage but not office space. Staff questioned the need to explore office space as the funds for the current space had already been approved in the Council's FY14-16 budget. Laurie DiOrio made a motion to explore breaking the lease and whether there would be suitable space available elsewhere. Motion was seconded. Laurie stated that she would volunteer to explore these issues but did not want to overstep her role. Ray Bandusky stated that the Council's staff should report on how the office is used. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Barbara Henry; Siera Leone; Lorna Ricci; Jack Ringland. Motion passed. Against: Kathy Kindelan; Margie Molloy. Motion passed.
6. **NAC Recommendations: tabled.**
7. **Mileage Issue: tabled.**
8. **Distribution 704 Report: tabled.**
9. **March 18, 2015 Meeting: tabled.**
10. **Announcements: tabled.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**Siera Leone
Secretary**