

# Minutes



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

Wednesday February 1, 2006 3:30pm-5:00pm

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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### Attendees:

Paul Choquette (GCD), Robert McCutcheon (DOC), Deborah Garneau (DOH), Arthur Plitt (GCD), Camille Vollaro (DLT), Mark Brodeur (RITD), Donald Perna (ARI), Marie Perna (ARI), Vivian Balcom (RIEDC), & Richard Hite (SOS); Christine Botts (Staff)

## Minutes

### 1 Call to Order and Introductions Paul Choquette, Chair

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. Members of the committee introduce themselves.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mark B/Vivian

### 2 Update on Finances and budget Paul Choquette

Discussion: Currently there is no money in the budget for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The GCD has appealed twice to the general assembly for funding. Paul Choquette, chair of the GCD, will try to get a meeting with the Governor to ask for enough money to hire an event planner/fundraiser to help raise money through grants and corporate sponsors.

### 3 Review of other financing Chris Botts

Discussion: Christine Botts reviewed possible grant sources for funding some of the events for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The grant sources included, Ocean State Charities Trust, RI Foundation, Champlin Foundation, RI Commordores, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. Some of the potential corporate sponsors include Cardi's, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Health, CVS, Brooks, and Vanguard.

### 4 Update on Programs/Workshop topics Chris Botts

- o Discussion: The year would start off with a Kickoff Breakfast Monday October 23, 2006, in the State Room, honoring the recipients of the Joseph Vanni and John E. Fogarty Awards.
- o Each month (November 2006 to October 2007) the Commission proposes sponsoring a workshop -topics could include: aging and disability; assistive technology; civil

rights; economic security; education; emergency preparedness; employment; healthcare; recreation and social; tourism; universal design, wellness, employment job fair, women's issues including domestic violence. The Anniversary year would be concluded, on Tuesday October 23, 2007, as it started with the presentation of the Joseph Vanni and John E. Fogarty Awards, at a gala dinner featuring a nationally known keynote speaker, entertainers with disabilities would perform and a report on the year's celebration would be distributed.

- There was discussion about changing the day of the gala dinner to a Thursday night instead of Tuesday. Everyone liked the idea.

<b>5</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>	<b>Paul Choquette</b>
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CB – To check availability and cost for booking John Hockenberry as a speaker. Check the availability of the Convention Center for the gala event.

PC- Meet with the Governor to discuss funding for hiring a person to do the fundraising for the events.

<b>Adjourned at:</b>	4:57 PM
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