

Minutes



Executive Committee

Wednesday 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Secretary:

Bob Cooper

Attendees:

John McDonald (Vice Chair); Rosemary Carmody; Vicki Ferrara; & Ronald McMinn

Excused:

Paul Choquette (Chair); Regina Connor; Judi Drew; Tim Flynn; Scott Greco; Paul Grenon; & Bill Nieranowski

Minutes

4:00 PM

Call to Order

Paul Choquette, Chair

Discussion: Call to order at 4:30 PM.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed RMcM/RC passed unanimously

4: 05 PM

Interviews & Selection of Fellows

John MacDonald, Vice Chair

Discussion: Members interviewed Jose Antonio Lobatón for the Mary Brennan Summer Fellowship

MOTION: To appoint Jose Antonio Lobatón the Mary Brennan Fellow for the Summer '05. RMcM/RC passed unanimously

5:15 PM

Other Business

Paul Choquette

Interviews with potential nominees to the Commission

Discussion: Members interviewed Karen Lyons. She would be interested in serving on the Legislation Committee

Scheduling Sexual Harassment Training

Discussion: Members asked staff to get several dates from the trainer, then schedule the mandatory Sexual Harassment Training for staff and Executive Committee members on the date most members would be available.

Public Forum – Update

The Legislation Committee has recommended between 6 to 8 forum in:

1. Northern RI,
2. Providence/Pawtucket/Cranston,
3. Bristol County,
4. Kent County,
5. Newport County,
6. Washington County:
 - a. Northeast & Southwest OR
 - b. Kingston

During late afternoon or early evening (2 hours)

Last year's Expenses:	Pledged:	Received:
\$4,587 Newspaper Advertisements	\$3,175 community agencies	\$3,025
\$2,170 Real-time Captioning	\$2,650 state agency	\$0,500
unknown <u>Printing</u>		
<u>\$6,757</u>	<u>\$5,825</u>	<u>\$3,525</u>

On 9/28/04 the Commission billed: CranstonArc \$150; RIC-Sherlock Center \$500; DHS-ATAP \$1,860; DEA \$500; DoH \$1,000; & Lt. Governor's Office \$150 no payments have been received as of 6/7/05.

Discussion of pledge levels for the July '05 forums. Last year's pledge form included

- \$ 150 small non-profit organization
- \$ 500 small government agency
- \$1,000 state government department
- Donation of services (such as interpreters, real-time captioning, organizing a forum targeting a specific underserved community, etc.) please specify _____

MOTION: To request pledges of:

For Sponsors:

- \$ 150 small non-profit organization
- \$ 500 small government agency
- \$1,000 state government department
- Donation of services (such as interpreters, real-time captioning, organizing a forum targeting a specific underserved community, etc.) please specify _____

Add a new category: " \$50 Friends of the Forums" all of whom would be listed in the Forum Handout but not in the Advertisements. VF/RMcM passed unanimously

Planning for the 50th Anniversary of the Commission, October 23, 2006

Discussion: Members spoke about the need to start planning for the Commission's 50th Anniversary.

MOTION: To recommend the Commission establish an Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Planning Committee at the June 27th Commission meeting, to develop a proposal for the 50th Anniversary Celebration including a budget for consideration at the Annual Meeting, September 10, 2005. VF/RMcM Passed unanimously

Agenda for the June 27th Commission Meeting

Discussion:

5:00 PM Call to Order, Introductions and Acceptance of Minutes – Chair

5:05 PM ACTION ITEMS:

1. Allocation of FY 06 Funds & Other Resources – Executive Secretary
2. Advice and Consent for Appointments to the:
 - a. Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Planning Committee &
 - b. Legislative Study Commissions
3. 2006 ADA Celebration & Public Forums – Executive Secretary
4. Capital Budget Proposal for FY 07 to 11 – State ADA Coordinator

5:45 PM BREAK FOR DINNER

6:00 PM Questions on Written Reports from Committee Chairs, Liaisons & Staff

1. Civil Rights –
 - a. Ron McMinn, Vice Chair & John Desautel – Accessibility Committee, &
 - i. Accessibility Renovation Projects
 - b. Scott Greco, Chair & Nicholas Capobianco, Jr. – Disability Parking Committee
 - c. Rosemary Carmody, Chair & Albert Tardie; Election Assistance Committee;
 - i. American Association of People with Disabilities – Disability Vote Project, &
 - ii. HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Grant
 - d. John J. MacDonald, Chair & Harvey Salvas – Hearing Board
 - i. State Board of Elections' Voter Registration
 - e. Regina Connor, Chair & Harvey Salvas:
 - i. Information and Adaptive Technology Committee,
 - ii. Accessible IT Grant,
 - iii. Department of Administration's Information Resources Management Committee,
 - iv. RI Websites Standards Committee, &
 - v. RI Webmasters Committee
 - f. Paul Choquette, Chair & Harvey Salvas – State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights
 - g. Harvey Salvas – Department of Labor and Training's Elevator Committee,
 - h. Albert A. Tardie:
 1. US Department of Education /Office for Civil Rights,
 2. RI Department of Education /Office of Equity and Access, &
 3. ADA Grant's - Accessibility Technical Assistance
 - i. Nicholas Capobianco, Jr. - Physical Access Complaints
 - j. Joseph Corrente & Albert Tardie:
 - i. Defense Civil Preparedness Advisory Committee,
 - ii. Emergency Management Agency Advisory Committee & Task Force,
 - k. Arthur M. Plitt & John Desautel – John O. Pastore Center Advisory Committee,
 - l. Orestes P. Monterey, PhD – Rehabilitation Building Code's Drafting Committee
2. Economic Opportunities –
 - a. Bill Nieranowski, Chair & Christine Botts:
 - i. Disability Business Enterprise Committee &
 - ii. Disability Business Enterprise Grant
 - b. Vicki E. Ferrara, Chair & Christine Rancourt:
 - i. Employment/Economic Opportunities Committee,
 - ii. Promoting Work Grant,
 - iii. ADA Grant's Employment Technical Assistance, including Mediation
 - iv. New England ADA & Accessible IT Advisory Board
 - v. RI Business Leadership Network,

- vi. US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy & National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities
- vii. Civil Rights Roundtable
- c. Arthur M. Plitt & Christine Rancourt:
 - i. Youth Leadership Forum,
 - ii. Mentoring Day, &
 - iii. Rhodes to Independence Steering Committee
 - iv. Department of Education's Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Advisory Committee

3. Advocacy –

- a. General
 - i. Bob Cooper - Legislation Committee
 - ii. Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD – National Organization on Disability,
- b. Health Care:
 - i. Joseph Corrente - Department of Elderly Affairs' Information, & Referral / Diversity Committee
 - ii. Arthur M. Plitt & Christine Botts - Department of Elderly Affairs' Health Care Resource Center Advisory Committee,
 - iii. Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD – Governor's Advisory Council on Health / Department of Human Services – Center for Adult Health Consumer Advisory Committee
 - iv. Teresa Carr-Hopkins – Department of Health's Arthritis State Plan Advisory Committee,
 - v. Governor's Cabinet on Chronic & Long Term Care – ?
- c. Housing - Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD – Housing Resource Commission / Policy Strategic Housing Planning Committee
- d. Transportation:
 - i. Teresa Carr-Hopkins – RI Public Transit Authority's Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee
 - ii. John J. MacDonald:
 - 1. Special Commission to Study Transit Service in the State of Rhode Island,
 - 2. State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee, &
 - iii. Bob Cooper - Paratransit Task Force

4. Commission's Finances, Personnel & Management – Paul Choquette, Chair & John J. MacDonald, Vice Chair, Executive Committee, & Bob Cooper

7:25 PM Other Business – Executive Secretary

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the June 27, 2005 Commission meeting as revised to read including “Planning for the Annual Meeting” under Action Items. RC/RMcM Passed unanimously.

Resource Persons: Christine Botts (GCD)

Adjournment at: 5:45 PM