

BOARD MEETING MINUTESAmerican Serb Hall
5101 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee,
WI 53219

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| Present: | Chair: Elsa Diaz-Bautista Vice Chair: Greg Meyer, Barbara Beckert, Kevin Coughlin, David Pinno, Leila Solati, Liz Hecht, Rita Fuller, Kediboyne Carpenter, Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, Patrick Friedrich, Hector Portillo, Stephenie Mlodzik, Nathan Ruffolo, Andy Thain, Tricia Thompson, George Zaske, Ashley Mathy, Desi Kluth, Pam Delap, Pam Malin, Meredith Dressel, |
| Absent: | Gail Bovy, Robert Kuhr |
| Staff Present: | Fil Clissa, Jeremy Gundlach, Tami Jackson, Beth Swedeen, Molly Cooney, Angie Tyler, Allison Kelly, Kaitlin McNamara, Jenny Neugart, |

Chair Elsa Diaz-Bautista called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

1. Chair Report:

- Elsa gave an update on the accelerated spending workgroup's decisions over the past month. Executive committee also approved some of the proposals and staff will send out a summary to board members. Elsa talked about how the community conversation went today and how it's still a very good source of information to continue planning in the future. Barbara Beckert talked about how BPDD could partner with DRW to have advocates available so if problems arise during the conversation there are people who can help (provide intake for DRW advocacy). Elsa also brought up that our 2020 September board meeting is right before a big election so we can partner with DVC to have a voting focus.

2. Executive Director Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen discussed the draft annual report. Beth also discussed the Supported Decision-Making conference that took place on Sept 13th. There were almost 400 people in attendance and the feedback was all positive. Board members are encouraged to setup meetings with their legislators before/after the board meetings in Madison. Board staff can help set these appointments up. Jennifer Neugart brought up that Partners in Policymaking has extended the deadline for applications and asked that board members would make personal recommendations for applicants.

3. Executive Committee Report:

- Elsa talked about how board members have been assigned to committees. If board members would like to be on a different committee, they should contact Greg M or Elsa Diaz-Bautista. Board member Leila Solati will be resigning from the board after this meeting. Board Chair Elsa asked that if any board members would like something on the board agenda to contact Elsa or Greg M before the Executive Committee meetings which take place 6 weeks before the board meeting. There will be an orientation meeting for new board members, during the November board meeting.

4. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- Committee Chair Ashley Mathy gave an update on possible new board members for recruitment purposes. There are several board member spots available. Jenny Neugart said there are 8 applications at the governor's office but having more is always good. The governor's office will be meeting this next week to discuss appointing new members.

5. Diversity Committee Report:

- Committee Chair Andy Thain gave updates on the meeting Wednesday night. The Committee discussed board member connections with different communities. Liz Hecht brought up different state agency or other organizations websites to find demographic information from around the state. There was also a conversation about lack of resources/support for tribal communities so the committee will be working towards making connections and getting info into those communities.

6. Agency Updates:

DRW- Will be added

DPI – [See Attached](#)

DHS- [See Attached](#)

Waisman- [See Attached](#)

DVR- Will be added

7. Consumer Caucus Discussion 9:00am – 9:45am:

- The board discussed how it would like to be prepped in advance. Agreement was reached that an in-person prep meeting would be useful for all members, not just self-advocates. Additional observations:
- Hard copies and digital copies of PowerPoints handed out in advance or during presentations would be helpful.
- Stress relievers or fidgets for tables would be useful.
- Suggestion was to have it first thing on Wednesdays before diversity committee.
- Slowing down discussions and using simple, short words will be helpful.
- If there are questions that board members need to answer during a board meeting, it would be helpful to include them in the packet ahead of time so board members can come prepared.
- Remember not to use acronyms during board meetings, committee meetings, or in materials.
- Recommendation to set up board buddies between new and more experienced members, if possible, recognizing that we have many new board members.

Motion to adjourn by Leila Solati at 2:45 PM; seconded by Greg Meyer.
Unanimously passed.