

Notes from Board Meeting 12/03/08

Discussion surrounding the smallness of the room for the president's gathering Mara is following up with Lauren at Surfsand Resort to see if there is a larger meeting space.

Conference attendees enjoyed had to be productions. Tracey is waiting to get power point production to put on website.

Tracey will follow up with Hillary in regards to the mentor system.

Topics for next year's conference were discussed:

- Aspergers
- Veterans
- Social Model
- New amendments to the ADA
- Cultural competencies in regards to disability (socio-economic, etc.)
- Universal Design

Treasurer report was not available for review at this time.

Membership Committee

Eve would like a current list of members so she can start recruiting new members from colleges and universities that are not yet members of ORAHED. She will then contact those institutions and speak with them about the benefits of our organization. The goal is to have them join which will also increase our revenue as well as make us a stronger organization.

CEU Committee

Angelina is currently working on CEUs for counselors and other licenses. Harry, Rebecca, and Angelina will still continue working on this.

Scholarship Committee

The board was interested to know where we are in the process with how we assign scholarships, etc.

Board Handbook

Members present at the conference were in favor of the handbook. They liked the formalization of our policies and procedures.

Tracey asked if there was anything extra we needed to adopt for the handbook. She will send out the handbook for feedback via listserv. At Spring Conference, we will discuss feedback and adopt the handbook based on the feedback.

If we are changing our bylaws for the new positions, it will require a vote from the general membership of ORAHEAD. It was discussed that the position will be separated out so that members can vote yes or no on adopting language on each position. Tracey will check with Rick or Harris on using Survey Monkey or something like that for members to vote.

Spring Conference

The conference will be held Friday, April 17th at Chemeketa Community College. It will begin at 9 a.m.

Proposals for Spring Conferences are the following (one hour presentations):

- Universal Design (Shawn Foster- not sure if she can do it though)
- Collaborating with Faculty and Using the Social Model (Mara Sievers)

Mara's Presentation: 9:30-11:30

Board Information/Membership Info: 11:30-12:00

Lunch Break 12:00

Afternoon Sessions: Problem Solving Breakouts for new members especially. Suggestions will be called for on the listserv. Facilitator will be selected at board meeting.

Tracey suggested having a board member take notes at each of the break out session to capture the ideas to share with the rest of the membership.

Tracey will follow up with Hillary about mentorship and develop a plan on how to bring the mentors and protégés together at Spring Conference perhaps? Lunch?

Follow-Up Items

SWAT(?) will be tentatively sent out in February 2009.

Voting feedback will be requested in April 2009.

Mara wanted more feedback from members. She is going to send out a form to all members reviewing mission statement and values that were discussed at Fall Conference.

It was discussed whether or not there should be separate "Conferences Planning Committees" outside of the board. In the past, it was not successful. There was interest expressed in involving general members in the organization in planning the committee as it encourages them to take a bigger role in the organization in the future.

Mara is going to find the e-mail containing the names of who was interested in assisting with planning a conference and she will forward it to us.

A request for committee volunteers will go out via listserv and we will see who volunteers.

Tracey encouraged board members to send her ideas for the agenda.

Meeting adjourned.