

**PA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2006**

Call to Order     The meeting was called to order by Chair John Tague, Jr at 9:00 am.

Secretary        Juanita Benson was in attendance and called the roll.

Roll Call         The following councilors were in attendance:

Amy Beck	Paul Fogle	Robert Mecca
Linda Costal	Milton Henderson	Jamie Ray
Steve Dorsey	Stanley Holbrook	John Tague
Carol Duda	Vivian Lacamera	Donald Zeigler
Thomas Earle	Daniel Loftus	
Timothy Finegan	Angela Lundy	

Excused         The following councilor was excused:  
Ann Cope

Ex-Officio        The following ex-officio councilors were present:  
David Golin                      Roberta Schwalm

Ex-Officio        The following ex-officio councilors were not present:  
Ivonne Bucher                  William Gannon

Minutes:         The minutes from the July 18 & 19, 2006 meeting were approved with the following correction: Roberta Schwalm was excused on the second day of the meeting.

**MOTION was made and passed to approve the minutes as corrected from the July meeting.**

John Tague commended Milton Henderson for doing a good job of running part of the last meeting.

Corey explained that this meeting is a pre-conference meeting. The main purpose of this meeting is for the board to discuss their role in the conference. The SILC reception being held tonight will be hosted by the board. The role of board members is to be there in a leadership role and interact with policy makers.

Finance Committee Report

Dan Loftus reported that he will be asking for two motions.

The first one will be to accept the income statement for the period ending September 30, 2006 and the other is to approve the budget for fiscal year 2007.

He reported that we show an excess of revenue over expenses and explained that those funds are obligated for our annual report, brochure design and distribution, and hardware that will be purchased by the end of the year.

**MOTION was made to accept the income statement, which is using all of the funds as awarded by OVR for Fiscal year 06 and the period ending September 30, 2006.**

Dan reported on the FY07 budget:

- The budget is exactly the same as the award for FY06, which is \$503,621.
- The salaries are up approximately 31%
- This budget includes a 3.8 cola that is the CPI Index based cola from August
- The benefits are up about 16%
- Travel is down 53% from the budget totaling about \$53,000
- We are proposing adding a new staff member – Director of Communications. This person's role has to do with communicating with our stakeholders, legislators, consumers on a regular basis. That salary would be funded 80% by this grant and the other 20% would come from the IL Conf Grant

- Salaries of current Personnel would be split between the administrative budget and the IL Conference budget as follows:
  - Executive Director 90% Administrative and 10% IL Conference Budget
  - Manager of Finance and Administration 80% Administrative and 20% IL Conference Budget
  - Administrative Coordinator 80% Administrative and 20% IL Conference Budget
  - SWAT COORDINATOR 95% Administrative and 5% IL Conference Budget
  - Policy Coordinator 95% Administrative and 5% IL Conference Budget

Corey explained the reasons for the new staff position. It is apparent that we are not communicating the day to day work that SILC is doing. We do not have one staff member on any given day that is not doing advocacy and policy. If the community does not know what we are doing, we are not doing anything. The person in this position will communicate daily with a list serve, produce a newsletter, and better utilize PIE. John added that that the Executive Committee supported the decision to create this position.

Corey led a conversation about "B" Dollars. At the end of the SPIL writing conversation with Mr. Nasuti, we put at the bottom of the third budget a note that said any "B" dollars not allocated in the SPIL will go back to the SILC Administration Budget. We never acted on that. There are dollars sitting there.

We are in negotiation with Bill Gannon and Ray Walker to receive \$29,000 coming into the conference to help out with some things so that we're getting that back.

Last year's budget called for 103,000 dollars in travel and only 71,000 dollars were used. In this fiscal year, because of the conference we had 5 meetings. Next fiscal year we are only going to have 3 meetings.

**MOTION was made and passed to approve the 2006-2007 budget.**

**Independent Living Conference Planning**

Sarah Galbraith and Kara Dohrman, planning coordinators went over the highlights of the week:

Youth Summit

- Youth Summit starts today at 5:00 with a reception. Youth will be with their mentors. Ollie Cantos had been invited as the keynote speaker but was unable to attend due to his schedule. Corey will be the keynote instead.
- There will be a mentor/mentee training session
- Mike Beers will be their opening session speaker for tomorrow.
- Throughout the day they will be learning about disability history and leadership
- Friday evening have a coffee house scheduled
- Saturday evening they have the youth room open with more fun, snacks and music

IL Conference

- Board reception tonight starting at 8:00 pm in room 1526.
- Total attendees will be around 375. 400 with speakers, staff, board, attendant care and other volunteers. Registration opens at 10:00 am and ends at 6:00 pm. At registration the attendee will be given a conference bag and a large white envelop with a name badge and particular information to their registration inside. This will include workshop information and meal assistance if requested. There will also be tickets for the Chinese auction, a bottle of water, meal tickets for attendants if requested.
  - There will be greeters outside the hotel led by Theresa Williams. They will be helping attendees with luggage
  - CIL Directors will be on the first floor to assist attendees with questions.
  - Governor board room on the second floor is the location for attendant care
  - The Bridgeport room on the second floor will serve as the office for staff and volunteers
  - Board members are being asked to be session monitors for workshops. Each monitor will be given a list of who requested alternate format.
  - Opening session starts tomorrow at 4:00 pm with Sarah Triano as the keynote speaker. Her speech will center around pride and disability culture.

- A reception will follow with keynote speaking Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro Cortes. He will speak on the importance of voting.
- Mr. B will follow with Videookie and dancing.
- New event this year on Friday starting at 9:00 am, information cafe. Milton Henderson served as the chair for this committee. We have 17 tables for organizations and companies with good information for attendees.
- 42 Workshops will run concurrently on Friday and Saturday. They cover a broad range of topics.
- Session monitor duties were explained by Jeannetta Green.
- The Awards Banquet is the big event for Friday starting at 7:00 pm. The keynote speaker is Andy Imparato from AAPD. Bill Gannon, Executive Director from OVR will be the MC. Mike Beers will provide entertainment during the evening. Following the awards, the presentation of Fallen Soldiers will be presented.
- Saturday will include the Independent Living Expo, Plenary Session and the workshops. The exp will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with 12 vendors. The expo was arranged again this year by Kevin Huwe. The Plenary session starts at 10:00 am. The topic will be voting and the disability vote project and what is going on across the country and Pennsylvania to get people out to vote. Jim Dickson from AAPD will be on the panel for this session.
- On Saturday evening there will be the Poet's corner with Jim Magill facilitating. Jim is a national artist and published poet.
- The PCIL party will follow. This year the theme is a western round up party. Thanks go out to Hillary Hasson for all her hard work of putting the party together.
- Closing session is on Sunday morning. The keynote speaker is our own Executive Director, Corey Rowley. The session is a call to action instead of a thanks for coming, appreciate your being here, the whole theme is a political convention. Amy Selders, SWATCO Coordinator and the SWATCOs across the state are helping give the session a political feel by gathering there area together around the ballroom, holding signs for each county of their service area. There will be a roll call, state by state, CIL by CIL with a SWAT piece of legislation. Balloon drops and confetti will complete the theme just like a political convention.

Public Comment

None

**MOTION was made and passed to change the word in the mission statement from its collective power to our collective power.**

Corey suggested that we not go to the expense of changing letterhead and that kind of thing. As we replace information, we change it then. Council members agreed.

Corey led a discussion about the closing session of the conference and the SWAT program funding.

Corey brought up the need to form a SPIL Writing committee. If any council member is interested in serving on that committee, email her. As approved at the last meeting, we will have 6 public hearings. If the hearing is in your area, she would like you to come as a representative of the SILC.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM. We stand in adjournment until our January meeting.