

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
Executive Committee
May 27, 2020

Present: Lisa Sanderson, Brad Konechne, and Eric Weiss. Jolleen Laverdure was unavailable. Others present: Colette Wagoner, BVR staff.

Meeting was convened at 10:00 am/central time via Zoom.

The Executive Committee met to discuss the agenda for the upcoming June meeting. Prior to reviewing the draft agenda there was discussion about one Board nomination, as the nominee for the representative of the parent and training and information center is now moving out of state. A new nomination has been submitted to the Governor's office for review and consideration.

Minor adjustments were made to the agenda as presented. Election of Officers: Lisa informed members that she reached out to several members to identify interest level of serving as an officer. Nominations are encouraged/sought from the floor during the election process as well. Eric volunteered to follow-up with members regarding the officer positions to explore others' interest and ability to serve prior to the development of the slate of proposed officers. Eric will communicate responses with the committee. The intent is to have a proposed slate of officers for consideration prior to the meeting.

Honoring of the outgoing members will be more difficult due to hosting the next meeting via Zoom or conference call; five members will be recognized: Three new appointments have been made to the Board and an invitation will be extended to them to participate in the June 25th meeting, if they are available. This will be voluntary as their term does not start until July 1st and they will not have voting capabilities yet. Staff agreed to contact the new appointees and extend an invitation. Discussion continued on a few agenda items and staff agreed to follow up with Bernie and Kim about the updates/reports to the board.

There was consensus to host the June meeting via Zoom, which offers internet access as well as a telephone option. Staff will update the meeting agenda and disseminate it electronically to the full board. An inquiry will be made of members to receive meeting related items via electronic means as well as an offer to send printed/hard copies through regular mail.

Tana Buresch, SD Parent Connection contacted Board staff regarding their approved funding request for the 2020 Lighting the Way (LTW) Conference: Autism Spectrum Disorders in Our Community. The conference has been postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19. SD Parent Connection will complete the application for financial assistance and submit it in January/February for consideration to support the 2021 LTW

Conference. The Board also approved funds to support the Brookings Project Search Staff to attend the Annual International Project Search Conference in Baltimore, MD. Larry Ayres was in contact with Board staff and reported that he did not know if they would have staff attending the conference due to COVID-19 issues. He will let staff know in June if a staff member will attend.

The agenda was finalized per the discussed changes. There were no other discussion items. The meeting concluded at approximately 10:50 am.