

***Elected Committee of Blind Vendors
(open, approved)***

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: GEF #1 Building, Room A415
201 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53702

Members Present:

Dan Sippl, Chairman
Tom Jeray, Vice Chairman
John Fritz, Secretary
Sally Zenchenko
Jeff Scott
Brad Dunse (via telephone)

Members Absent:

Joyce Coates, Treasurer
Kent Walser

Staff Present:

Joseph D'Costa
Greg Feypel
Jim Juran
Lorie Lange
Scott McDonald
Kristine Lane

Meeting called to order by Dan Sippl, Chairman.

1:30 p.m. – Introductions

1:35 p.m. – Approval of minutes and corrections to previous meeting minutes. Roland should be moved to a Staff member instead of a guest.

1:40 p.m. - Financial Report Update – Lorie discussed the WI D.O.T. issue and the 2006 Program Contract.

Committee approved to move the closed session to the end of the meeting.

New Business

1:52 p.m. - SLA Report – Joseph indicated that the D.O.T. deadline has passed and the MOU has not been signed. John Fritz moved and Jeff Scott seconded, to approve the MOU. Voice vote passed.

1:57 p.m. - Election Letters - Greg indicated that they have been sent out. The master file of addresses still needs to be updated and finalized by Sally. Brad, John, Jeff and Tom are up for re-election this year.

2:00 p.m. - Nominee Agency Report – Sally discussed the quarterly meeting and Education Day, which are scheduled for same day, May 8. The Quarterly meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m.

2:05 p.m. - Committees:
Budget Meeting – still in progress.

Interim Site Committee – next meeting is Friday, April 13. They will report on their progress next month.

Waysides - no updates.

2:10 p.m. - Capital Education Day (May 8, 2007) - Participation is important to help with the current budget cuts facing the Committee of Blind Vendors. Governor Doyle will be present and it is important to illustrate the importance of the ECBV - that it is a unique program that currently does not have any State funding, only Federal. All students and visually impaired are encouraged to attend.

Operator List – Sally is currently updating and will send out soon. Each member should personally call 6 or 7 operators to discuss the importance of participating in the Education Day.

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – The committee booth will be set-up (coordinated by Sally).

9:00 a.m. – A letter has been sent to request a meeting with Governor Doyle at this time. The night before the Education Day, dinner will be held with the committee and the WI Council of the Blind so an overnight stay may be required for some members. This will help show the legislature that the committee is supported by other programs and illustrate the need for additional funding.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Volunteers are needed to run the booth.

Unfinished Business

2:35 p.m. - Liability Insurance – Jeff received the signed MOU. He discussed the possibility of having the same insurance as the State. Jeff will work with the department and report his progress next month.

2:40 p.m. - Break

Closed Session

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

John Fritz, Secretary
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