

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, October 23, 2008

IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Hampton Inn and Suites - Downtown, Boise

<p>Call to order –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome and Introductions- Perfection of Agenda- Announcements	<p>Committee Members: Alonzo Statham, Chair; Kristyn Herbert; Mitch Scoggins; Jane Donnellan; Gioia Frahm; Beth Cunningham</p> <p>Alonzo Statham called the meeting to order at 10:53am. Introductions around the table.</p>
<p>Approval of July 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Mitch Scoggins moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Kristyn Herbert and approved by voice vote.</p>
<p>Review Council membership application and recommend changes based on feedback from last member selection process</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the membership application and recommend changes based on feedback from the previous member selection process.</p> <p>Question # 10 deals with an applicant ranking their commitment to attend Council meetings. Mitch stated that anyone applying is going to check yes. The committee suggested that there be a sentence added about how important it is to attend the meetings. There should be somewhere for the applicant to list what things would get in the way of them attending. We should also have a sentence that we understand that there are reasons why people might not be able to attend and that there are things that get in the way.</p> <p>Gioia suggested that the application ask for a paragraph that has the applicant explain what their connection with disabilities is. She doesn't think we need to have all of the questions, she feels they are redundant and confusing.</p> <p>Mitch suggested that he preferred an introductory question and then a blank space. He suggested that some people do not like the task of writing a paragraph and would prefer to have the question broken down so it does not seem so overwhelming to them. We do focus a lot on question #16 which has the applicant write things out about themselves. Ron explained that when we do the interviews we focus on questions 6-9.</p> <p>Mitch suggested that we make it an optional thing to list ethnicity and gender; he thinks it might be a legal issue.</p>

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Ron suggested a statement explaining why we even ask that questions. Ron will follow-up with Jim Baugh. Mitch suggested two applications: one for hand-written and one for the computer (one with lines and bigger boxes). This may result in clearer applications. We could put it on the website. (Back to Gioia's comment) Ron suggested that number 2 not be changed. Gioia suggested the application needs to be more open ended to bring in more non-traditional people. Ron explained that applicants have to fall into specific categories; we don't have the flexibility to be open-ended. Mitch suggested there be clarification of "For Profit Provider Representative" and "Nonprofit Representative" (on # 2). Ron suggested taking 3-5 and making a large blank (as part of #2) and say "give further explanation of what is your affiliation with the representation/disabilities". Beth suggested that we take out "other" since we don't have any flexibility with our positions for the Council. Ron will re-work and bring draft to next meeting for approval. It will then go back to the Council for approval. Ron is going to email out to the committee for further work on this.

Combine 6 and 8: What can you contribute to the Council and why do you want to be on the Council. What do you want to gain and how can you contribute. Keep # 7 and 9.

Question # 11: Mitch suggested taking out the word Extremely. Gioia suggested just asking a question like "what things could limit your involvement". We should leave the question as is but soften the language.

Question # 12: Keep but simplify, also specify non-Council events. Gioia suggests asking them how comfortable they are and just have them check a box.

Question 13:

Question 14: Do we need to include this on the application? Maybe move to a different area on the application.

Question 15: leave as is

Question 16: Based on previous recommended change, we should take off the "what do you hope to gain or contribute" and just ask "why do you want to be appointed to the Council". We should change it to "tell us a little but about yourself, anything else you want us to

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	know about you”. Question 17: Do we even need this question?
Review Council Policy # 103 and recommend changes regarding member application & selection	The committee reviewed the language in Policy 103. Change “may” to “will”. Gioia suggested changing the word “contact” to “interview”. Ron will draft some changes and get it to the committee so that the committee can do this work before the next Council meeting.
Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review Action Items- Future Agenda Items- Meeting Evaluation	The committee will work on drafts of the application and Policy # 103 via e-mail correspondence. Ron will draft changes according to input from today’s meeting and send it out. Gioia will send Ron her suggestions for changes to the application.
Adjourn	Mitch Scoggins moved to adjourn; seconded by Jo Garrison and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.