**URA BOARD MEETING**

**February 8, 2018**

**Roll Call by Paul Barnes: Shannon Wilkins, David Mortenson, Bill Greer, Jeremy Jensen, Tom Smith, Gwen Solem, Amber Liin, Amanda Riggs**

**Excused: Lucas Moulton, Tyler Briggs**

**REVIEW LAST MEETING:** Our first meeting was held at the Jones Center. We were able to form committee’s and had a great breakfast.

**FINANCIAL and President Elect REPORT:** Shannon Wilkins: $21,378 in Checking ( $2,000 JPD) $10,272 in savings

**Governmental Affairs CONFERENCE PREP:** Paul Barnes : We are excited to have congress man John Curtis as a speaker. We have the possibility of 2 representatives from Mike Lee’s office, 1 from funding and 1 from educations.

Pamula Mower from the Utah Deaf Coalition was recommended as a speaker who will speak to legislative advocacy.

The board discuss potential cost for the conference and believed that last year we charged $ 25 for members and $35.00 for non members.

Amber Liin motioned to charge the same amount this year. David Mortenson 2cd the motion and the motioned carried.

\*It was later noted that last year we charged $50 for nonmembers. The board decided to stick with the original motion.

CEUs: Paul agreed to work on CEU’s with the speakers and Jen Smart.

Breakfast? Continual breakfast will be provided

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Membership:** Tyler Briggs

We did get a list from national but it needs to be double check against existing list to ensure accuracy.

Amber Liin is working on the National website that when complete should provide an easier, more accurate way of tracking membership

Conducting a membership drive will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Website:** Amber Liin

As mentioned, Amber Liin is working on updating the national website. She proposed that we use a similar format for our local URA site. The cost should be similar as Go Daddy. Amber will be presenting about the website at a brown bag to give members more information.

\*Paul challenges us to visit the current website

**Brown Bags:** Jeremy Jensen

Jeremy has verified CEU’s with Jen Smart and will work to make sure people who need to receive them are getting them.

March 8th: Amber Linn- Website

May 10th: Disability Law Center- Advocacy with employers.

Bill Greer mentioned that JPD provides brown bags and CEU’s and encouraged URA to utlize JPD and help promote.

Next JPD Brown Bag Feb 16th at the Judy Buffmire building.

**Governmental Affairs:** Tom Smith

Tom Smith mentioned that there are 40 bills that are currently part of the legislative session that may affect people with disability. He will continue to follow and keep us updated.

**Board Announcements/Concerns: URA Annual Conference:**

Paul has been working very hard and has secured Dr. Goldstien and Dr. Shephard. Paul has also been talking with Linda Hednblad. Linda is a national speaker and has come highly recommended. Her cost will be around $3000.00 which includes travel expense. The board agreed to research Linda and discuss at the next board meeting.

Breakout session were discussed. Many people like having breakouts but wonder if it would be necessary with the high caliber of speakers we already have committed. We will continue to have discussion around this.

It was discussed that it would be nice to have the new Executive Director of USOR to open the meeting and possibly give out awards. Paul and Shannon are meeting with her on 2/22 and will discuss this with her.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** National Governmental Affairs Summit March 25-27, 2018 – Paul Barnes attending

URA Governmental Affairs Conference: April 5, 2018, WCF Insurance, Sandy, UT 8:00 – 12:30, save the date

October 26, 2018 URA Fall Training Conference at SLCC Larry H. Miller campus. Paul Barnes will present report from Shannon, in her absence.

**NOTES:**

**Paul would like all board members who are not currently assigned to a committee to pick one they are interested in and become a part.**

**Bill attended a State wide Workforce Development Conference. Some attendees attended our conference last year. Although they were overall satisfied with the conference, they said they probably wouldn’t attend again. Their suggestion was to have speakers and topics that are more applicable to them.**

**Next URA Board Meeting:** 03/08/18 10:30 am with a brownbag presentation afterward, 12:00pm at the Buffmire building