**URA BOARD MEETING**

**March 8, 2018**

**Roll Call by Paul Barnes:**

* **Amanda Riggs, Gwen Solem. Lucas Molton, Tom Smith, David Molton, Bill Greer, Jeremy Jensen, John Miller, Amber Liin, James Liin, Shannon Wilkins, Tyler Briggs.**

**REVIEW LAST MEETING:** Paul Barnes and summary of meeting with USOR leadership

* The board reviewed the minutes from last meeting. David Molton moved to approve, Tom Smith 2cd the motion. Board approved.

**FINANCIAL and President Elect REPORT:** Shannon Wilkins

* Shannon reviewed the finances. No changes had happened since the last board meeting.

**Governmental Affairs CONFERENCE PREP:** Paul Barnes

* Paul confirmed that Congressman Curtis will have a representative to present. Paul is still trying to get Senator Lee to confirm. Paul would like to bring some information back from the National Governmental Affairs conference and present at our local conference. Paul would like the board to think about potential speakers and topics.
* Paul and Shannon will reach out to Executive Director of Vocational Rehabilitation to see if she can comment at the conference.
* Tom will reach out to Chris Voshen at LCPD to see if someone from their organization could contribute to our conference.
* Paul was able to speak with the Idaho chapter. They would like to send people to our conference and help to get a bigger regional presence/ collaboration.
* Evan Bush is trying to start an Arizona chapter.
	+ Assignments:
		- Lucas and Jeremy will pick up continental breakfast and juice.
		- WCF will provide coffee, hot chocolate and tea.
		- Paul has water from the last conference.
		- The board will sign a thank you card and provide the speakers with a card and gift card to thank them for presenting.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Membership:** Tyler Briggs

* Amanda Riggs and Gwen Solem are happy to assist Tyler on the membership committee.
* Paul suggested we give away a membership to someone who is willing to commit to helping grow URA membership.
* Lucas mentioned that paying for a membership is a small dent that could have a big influence for
* Lucas motioned to give away a membership at each conference. Amber 2cd the motion. Board passed.
* Amber informed the board that there is an option to pay $6.00 a check to pay for membership.
* The board discussed having a summer time activity to promote membership.
* Paul would like the board to send him contact information for anyone who may be interested in becoming a member. This way he can start a “target” email list to entice potential members.

**Website:** Amber Liin:

* Amber presented information about how her and James are working to update the national website that has a lot more functionality than the current version.
* It was suggested that our local website also be converted over to allow for members to access CEU’s, track membership, create a medium for price point trainings for CEU’s. The format will assist with helping us to stay current with technology trends.
* Amber will be presenting about the benefits of the newer format at the next Brown Bag. The board will make a final decision at the board meeting following the training.
* Amber spoke to ways board members promote URA using social media.
* Amber’s term for will be up. We need someone who is willing to learn the systems to carry on the great work she has been doing.

**Brown Bags:** Jeremy Jensen – upcoming brown bags and CEU’s

* May =Disability Law Center
* September= 211
* November= NAMI
* Jeremy will send the information to Amber to put on our website.

**Governmental Affairs:** Tom Smith

* Tom gave an update on HB62. This bill puts the burden of proof on an individual to prove a business is not compliant with the ADA. Tom encouraged the board to reach out to the local representatives.

**Additional Items:**

* Amber will send a list of people who have registered for the Governmental Affairs Conference to Paul so that he can alphabetize them.
* We will have a membership table at the conference.
* Due to the outdated website at the National Level, Memberships have not been accurately tracked. National is going to assume membership renewal for those months.
* The Board discussed having Linda Hedenblad be the Key Note at the annual conference. The board decided that it was worth the cost to have a speaker of her caliber.
* Reminder that the Buffmire building is our home base for board meetings. Contact local VR offices to schedule Visions for long distance participation.

**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 – Paul. We will have an Eventbrite out right away.

April 20th JPD Brown Bag

June 12, 2018 JPD Conference at WCF Insurance Building, more information to follow

October 26, 2018 URA Fall Training Conference at SLCC Larry H. Miller campus - Shannon

**Next URA Board Meeting: May 10th**