**URA BOARD MEETING Minutes**

**September 13, 2018**

**Roll Call by Paul Barnes:**

**Presidential Report, funding for Paul/Shannon NRA, NRA Basket, Awards/Elections (review of job descriptions):** Paul Barnes

* Paul thanked the board for sponsoring Shannon and Paul to attend the NRA conference. Paul is putting together a Utah basket for the conference. Bill Greer will get Fry Sauce and Salt Water taffy. Jamie Cheek will get Honey and Jam. Jeremy will get Redmond Clay and Salt. Paul will pick up other items to complete the basket. Board members need to get the items to Paul by 10/1/2018.
* Award nominations need to be sent to Paul ASAP the available awards are:

Garth Eldredge Award of Excellence - Awarded to a person who has made a long standing, career long impact on the field of rehabilitation in Utah. Past recipients have been recognized for their long record of legislative advocacy, service, staff development and/or mentoring, or overall leadership.

Rehabilitation Professional Award - Awarded to a rehabilitation professional who has gone above and beyond the normal job description through community involvement, advocacy, or who has excelled by becoming a “go to” expert on specific topics or issues.

Advocate of the Year - Awarded to a person who has made an impact by advocating for people with disabilities either in the community, with the legislature, by organizing consumer groups, pushing for better services and service provision, or by being involved in a big difference making program that helps people with disabilities with independence and full inclusion.

The Support Professional Award - Awarded to secretaries, technicians, assistances, benefit specialists, claims adjusters, or any other non-vocational counseling positon who facilitates services to VR clients by their friendliness, customer service, problem solving and overall helpfulness.

Vendor of the Year - Awarded to a company or entity which provides services which positively impact the lives of people with disabilities by providing support, community integration, assistive technology, or job placement and development services.

* + The board has decided to honor the outgoing members.
	+ Please review the board Job Descriptions provide Paul with any feedback.
	+ We have 5 positions available for the board next year. Please solicit colleges to join.

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

**URA Fall Training Conference Update:** Shannon Wilkins

Proposed Agenda

* 8:00 am-9 am: Registration and Mingle
* 9:00 am-9:15 am: Welcome from NRA president and Paul
* 9:15-10:15: Linda Hedenblad “Pie in the face of Adversity.”
* 10:15-10:30 am Break
* 10:30am-12:00pm Dr. Sheppard “How did I get Here and How do I get out?”
* 12 pm-1:15 pm Lunch, Awards, board elections and NRA Conference wrap up
* 1:15 pm-2:15 PM Aburey from Spherion “Labor Market Information.”/ DWS representative review of DWS website.
* 2:15-2:30 pm Break
* 2:30-3:45Linda Hedenblad “Ethical Decision Making.”
* 3:45-4:00 pm Wrap up

We need to decide on food. Shannon will send out the options.

We will utilize surveys for the CEU’s David (?) is heading up the CEU’s

* **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Membership:** Tyler Briggs and his awesome team (Gwen and Amanda) NA

**Website:** Amber Liin NA

**Brown Bags and Community Outreach:** Jeremy Jensen

**Governmental Affairs:** Paul Barnes

**Board Announcements/Concerns:** The website and flyer need to be updated.

**JPD Report: Bill Greer**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 13, 2018 12:00pm Brown Bag Training – details from Jeremy Jensen

October 26, 2018 URA Fall Training Conference at SLCC Larry H. Miller campus – marketing and donations

**NOTES:**

**Next URA Board Meeting:** 10/18/18 10:30 am, originating from the Judy Buffmire building