

## AAMR Action Plan Proposal

<b>Name of Proposal:</b> <i>Self-Advocate Advisory and Organizing Committee</i>	
<b>Date of Submission:</b> <i>October 31, 2005</i>	
<b>Proposed Start Date:</b> <i>January 1, 2006</i>	
<b>Brief Description of Proposed Actions/Activities:</b> <i>To form a committee of advocates, and self-advocates to advise the President of AAMR and to exercise the AAMR Policies of Advocacy, Inclusion, and Quality of Life. To encourage linkages with other groups and develop AAMR membership with self-advocates along the lines of the AAMR Fact Sheets: Self Advocacy</i>	
<b>What is the intended outcome?</b> <i>Increase inclusion with the Professional Organization, Increase the understanding of what is meant by Quality of Life, Increase membership within AAMR of self-advocates and advocates, Increase the involvement of advocates in training, workshops, and visibility within AAMR</i>	
<b>Does this Action Plan need funding? If so, how do you propose to fund it?</b> <i>Through an earmarked donation for Advocacy. Hopefully after a year, demonstrate an increase in membership of advocates, both self and others.</i>	
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<i>(Please attach a list and contact information for all other individuals involved in this initiative.)</i>	
<b>How will this Proposal impact persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities and/or AAMR?</b> <i>Implementation of certain AAMR Position Statements and Fact Sheets. Increase the dialog between self advocates, advocates, and professionals in the field.</i>	
Board Action: <u style="text-decoration: underline;">Approved</u> Date: <u style="text-decoration: underline;">11-21-05</u>	
Comments by Board: n/a	

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**Statement of Goal:** Advocate Advisory and Organizing Committee

Objectives	Completion Criteria	Time Frame for Completion	Person Responsible	Cost/ Funding Source
Form a National Committee	Committee of at least 12			
Advise the AAMR President	Appointment			
AAMR/Advocate Group Linkage	Formal exercised Protocols			
Increase membership within AAMR of self advocates and advocates	Increase membership in Committee			
Increase Advocacy involvement in Workshops	On-going			
Increase visibility of advocates within AAMR	Representation at all levels and structures			