

Minutes

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2021

Attendance

Members present: Len Abbeduto, president; Laura Lee McIntyre, immediate past president; Elisa Velardo, president-elect; Karrie Shogren, vice-president; Melissa DiSipio, secretary/treasurer; Members at Large: Alexandra (Alixé) Bonardi, Joyce Loudén, Amie Lulinski, and Heather Williamson

National staff present: Maggie Nygren, executive director/CEO

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Len.

President's Remarks

Amie announced that she has resigned from the University of Colorado, effective at the end of this month, and accepted the position of Executive Director of The Arc of Illinois, effective June 1. She will be relocating to Chicago as soon as possible.

Len reflected on the good experience a grant funded autism project at UC Davis has been for him.

Acceptance of Minutes

Melissa presented the minutes from the April Board Meeting. Joyce moved to accept the minutes; Elise seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

Melissa presented the March 2021 Financial Reports. She noted everything looks as expected with nothing out of the ordinary, with program expenses within reason for the year so far. Overall, 2021 has gotten off to a slow start but we are hopeful that revenues will increase as COVID restrictions lift.

Maggie announced that the Board will have the Draft 990 to review prior to the June Board Meeting.

Alixé motioned to accept the March 2021 Financial Reports, Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Maggie reported on a number of items:

Journal Editor History of Terms: AJIDD editor Frank Simons term expires in December 2022, unless extended for another term. Without an extension to his service, a search for the next editor would need to commence this fall. Maggie spoke to him and he is

willing to compete a second 4-year term, and there was an overwhelming consensus to approve this extension.

Past President's Luncheon: Steve Eidelman has agreed to host the “roast” of the Distinguished Career Recognition recipient. Steve has reached out to others in regards to collecting stories and photos. The remote meeting will be scheduled the week before the week before the conference.

Annual Board self-evaluation: Maggie reminded the Board that this year's evaluation will include the demographic questions agreed upon in January. She will send out a link to the survey after this meeting to complete by end of this month and share results at the June meeting.

Conflict of Interest: Maggie disclosed a possible conflict of interest; the SIS team want to contract with an Instructional Designer with whom she has a personal relationship (they went to college together). The consensus of the Board was that the contract could proceed; Maggie will submit an updated conflict of interest form for her personnel file.

Top Scientists Notifications: Maggie recognized a couple of Board Members (Len, Laura Lee and Karrie) as top 100,000 scientists in their fields. She will include the link to website in an upcoming Leadership in IDD newsletter.

Annual Conference Recordings: They have begun and are going very well.

Georgetown Project update: They are disappointed that AAIDD would not participate in the general apology but understand. They declined the offer to present at the annual conference. In addition, Maggie noted that there is a special edition on race in an upcoming *Inclusion* journal which includes an article that notes that our journals, as the top ones in the field, have not reflected the racial and ethnic diversity of the U.D. among the authors. The consensus of the Board was that more effort should be made in this area to reflect greater diversity in journal authors.

Conference Planning

Elisa reported that the pre-recordings have been scheduled and acknowledged the work of the AADD staff for all their work with taping and editing. She described the sneak peek of the platform which is dynamic and easy to use. Early bird registration ended yesterday. As of yesterday, there are 402 registrants. Door drop bags should be going out soon. Board members should plan on attending the Poster Session. Maggie will send out calendar invitations for other social events to attend. Maggie explained the “conference game” with prizes which includes obtaining points for attending sessions, events, etc., as well as the scavenger hunt. The top three prizes will be a choice of a one-hour consultancy or presentation by one of a selection of 10 AAIDD luminaries.

The meeting was adjourned by Len at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa DiSipio, Secretary/Treasurer