



SABE Board Meeting St. Paul, MN

June 1st, 2012-June 2nd, 2012

Attendees:

Board Members: Max Barrows, John, Jim McNamara, Ryan Duncanwood, Jason B, Clint, Gayla, Bryon, Carol Robinson, Bernard, Consuela, Cathy Enfield, Eric Treat, Bill Story, Vicky Wray

Advisors and SABE Project Staff: Juliana Huerena, Vicki Turnage, Laura Jackson, Nancy Ward, Karen Topper, Essie Pederson, Chester Finn

FRIDAY JUNE 1st, 2012

- Max reviewed Agenda
- Waiting on hard copy before reviewing minutes. Jason requested that minutes will be emailed and mailed (if needed) a month beforehand.
- Max presented the President's Report
 - Update on Betty's health and how to contact her
 - Report from Disability Policy Seminar- all the other organizations were very respectful and supportive of SABE and giving self-advocates the honor of giving the award to Senator Harkin and leading the Capital Hill reception for staff of members of Congress.
 - Dr. Phil issue and letter- Max explained issue and read letter from SABE to Dr. Phil.
 - Converting sheltered workshops to integrated employment
 - Hope Finley resigned from the board

- New situation for travel for board members to board meetings. SABE is experiencing a financial crisis and board members are now responsible for paying their own way to get to board meetings.
- Grant Project Reports
 - Project Vote- approved
 - Writing a grant in partnership with NDRN to continue the work of the project

PROJECT VOTE
SABE Board Report
 June 1st, 2012



SABE Conference

- **Two Presentations:** Nancy and Jim Dickson (AAPD) will do one and Teresa Moore and Hannah Bowen will do another.
- **Keynotes:** Tia will lead a short keynote to get people excited about voting. The 2nd keynote will be led by Tia, Nancy, and Teresa and will be a longer one about Project Vote and resources available to people.
- **Voting Machines for SABE Officer Elections:** We will have 8 ipad voting machines from Clemson University that we will use to vote for officers. Minnesota is working on getting voting booths from their elections office that people will use for privacy when they use the ipad voting machines.
- **Survey:** Clemson University would like to do a survey about what people think about using the ipad voting machines.
- **Booth:** We are going to have an Exhibit Table at the conference. People can enter a drawing for Project Vote prizes by participating in different voting activities at the table.
- **Volunteers:** we will send out an email about the different activities that we need help with. *Please let us know if you are available.*

QUESTIONS FOR BOARD:

A Policy on who can do surveys or other information collection activities, for example” who can do surveys at SABE Conferences”? SABE has a policy on SABE Involvement in Grants or Committees that might serve as an example to work from...is this something the policy committee might look at?

Does SABE anticipate any resolution or issues to be placed on the ballot? We can add them if you would like for participants to vote on.

Website

- **Sustainability:** Essie would like to develop this by working with some board members to present to the full board.
- **Resource page:** This page was updated with a new look. Please check out the resource page by clicking on the Resources button on the govoter.org website. We are working on getting each resource updated with a topic so that people can search by different topics that they are interested in.
- **Review Team:** Kim (Ohio P&A), John (SABE), Jason (SABE), Kathleen (NYLN) are on the Website Review team. The review team has started to make some small suggestions for updating the website. They will start to do a big review of the website in July. We are asking others to be on the review team as well so that we have lots of different people looking at the site to make it easier for everyone to use.

QUESTION FOR BOARD: What can we do to make the Project Vote website, govoter.org, continue even if Project Vote doesn't have money?

Toolkit

- **Review Team:** John (SABE), Jason (SABE), Kathleen (NYLN), and Cheri (Georgia P&A) are on the toolkit review team. They are reviewing each of the training topics and are making suggestions to make it easier to understand. They are almost done with the first round of edits. In the next few weeks they will start to test the editable toolkit.

- **Project Vote Toolkit:** The Vote Toolkit training page is being designed. This page will have the toolkit, power point slides, and all of the handouts that people will need to lead a Project Vote Training. This page should be done by July 1st. A lot of changes have been made to the toolkit so far: all the pictures have been updated to be real pictures; a new topic on partnering has been added; how to use the toolkit has been moved to the introduction; the power point slides have been updated to have a new look; the certificate has been updated to have a new look; repetitive information in handouts has been removed; the toolkit was updated and hard to understand words were replaced with easier to understand language; new games were added to the toolkit; and many other edits were made.

Other

- **NDRN Conference (June 6th):** Essie and Nancy will be presenting on a panel with the 3 other ADD Voting Grants. We will be presenting a review of the grant and what has been accomplished. Tia will be presenting on another **panel** about successful partnership between P&A's and Self Advocacy groups.
- **NEW Grant Application Announced on Voting:** SABE must submit a letter of intent informing ADD of our application. Grant application due July 9, 2012. Only 2 grants will be funded, average projected award amount is \$183,228.

QUESTION FOR BOARD: Does SABE want to apply for this grant? Does SABE wish to partner with another group, i.e. NDRN, The Arc

- **Ohio Candidates Forum (September 28th):** SABE was a sponsor of this event in 2008. This was the first presidential candidate forum on disability issues. SABE is being asked to help sponsor the next one (the 2nd ever candidate forum on disability issues) on September 28th 2012. The Project Vote team feels that it is very important for people to be informed when they vote.

This candidate forum on disability issues is a great way for people to get information about how the candidates feel about the issues that affect us. This might be possible if the unused \$5,000 recently collected from Portland State University is used.

QUESTION FOR BOARD: Does SABE want to become a co-sponsor? If so, Essie and Nancy would like to be the liaisons for SABE through Project Vote.

- Autism NOW- approved
 - Webinars are going well and will continue to be offered
- Self-Determination- approved
 - Last year of project. Guide on Advising through Self-Determination will be available soon!
- Oklahoma presented their pitch for hosting the 2014 SABE Conference. We will vote on all bids at the SABE 2012 conference in Minnesota.

Break for Committee Meetings and Lunch

Board Tour of River Centre

Presentation by ACT on the draft agenda for the SABE 2012 Conference.



SABE Board Meeting Saturday, June 2, 2012

The meeting began at 0945 CDT

John Kramer who is the Chair of the National Sibling Network and is from Boston addressed the group about the NSN. John has two brothers (twins) that live in Minneapolis that have disabilities. The NSN has about 650 members nationwide. They are trying to create communities of siblings. A

people age they depend more upon their siblings. NSN is trying to keep people in their own homes as they grow older.

How do we coordinate advocacy issues that are common to SABE and NSN?

Laura spoke about the Self Determination Committee discussion on Sibling involvement.

Brian attended the NSN conference. He felt that national issues for NSN and SABE are very much alike.

Vicki talked about the Sibling policy on the "R" work and Congregate Living issues.

Max felt we were together on issues and wondered how to show it.

Topper discussed a "Statement of Solidarity" with ADAPT and NICI and the SABE "Just Do It" statement.

SABE invited NSN to attend the SABE National Conference.

We discussed making connection at the State level between Sibling groups and Self-Advocacy groups.

Vicki discussed the Board logistics for the National Conference.

Board members are to mail Registration Form to ACT. (SABE will not take them today)

SABE will not book any hotel rooms.

The SABE Board will meet on Thursday. Be here on Wednesday before 3:00 pm to attend the function with ACT.

There will be NO Grant Committee meetings at the National Conference.

The SABE Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday.

Committee Meeting Reports

Finance Committee Report:

The Executive Committee has created a Task Force to seek Resources for SABE. It will consist of the Executive Committee with the addition of Cathy Enfield, Richard Enfield and Laura Jackson.

SABE has \$5,000 from a grant payment above expected revenues. It was proposed to Fund a SABE Representative to speak at the Forum and to provide \$1500 to the cost of the Forum. The balance of \$1500 will be given to the SABE Conference general budget to cover conference expenses. The motion was made by Clint and seconded by Jason. It passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee gave its report. Eric moved that it be accepted and Carol seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Policy Committee gave its report. Jason moved for approval and Eric seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



Policy Committee Agenda and Report
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Bryon Murray and Vicki Wray

Supporting: Gayla Mumford and Vicki Hicks Turnage

- ✓ As requested by Project Vote, the Committee added a statement regarding how a group requests to do surveys at national conference. This statement was added the National Conference Bid packet and to the policy on how organizations request SABE to partner with them on Grants and/or participate on boards and committees.
- ✓ The committee also recommends that our policy on common principles on Life Sustaining care and treatment of people with disabilities be posted on the Oprah Blog and sent to Dr. Phil and Oprah's Network.

Accomplishments for committee over the past two years:

- ✓ Reviewed all SABE policy statements and updated
- ✓ Recommended a position paper format for future position statements. Project Vote position statement is the format that we will follow in the future.

Bryon Murray Chair
Vicki Wray

The By-Laws Committee gave their report. Eric moved to accept it and Jason seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



SABE By-Laws Committee

June 1, 2012

In Region 7, Hope Finley resigned and alternates are not available to serve.

Teleconferences, video conference and/or a regional meeting will be held each quarter with the State Representatives from each region, representatives and alternates to get updates from the states.

The committee will host three webinar/conference calls in June and July to provide information to the Regions on the roles of representatives and alternates and to obtain feedback on how SABE can be more connected to the states.

The By-Law Committee also has a draft copy of a new qualifying form for candidates for regional representatives and alternates. This form will clearly outline the qualifications and requirements. All current Board members who do not have to run for office, will also have to sign this form at the next meeting. The form also requires Board Members and new candidates to provide a letter that they have funding for 16 meetings.

The committee also developed tips for running for regional representative/alternate.

Our Accomplishments for the Newsletter:

- 1) Regional Representatives and Alternate Qualification Form
- 2) Webinar on Running for Regional Representative
- 3) On-going Education of Regional Representatives on the their responsibilities

Reviewed draft qualifying form.

June 2, 2012

Comments from Board:

Chester suggested that the form be in large print and PDF Format. Max also indicated that Officers and Board Members who do not have to run will also have to file this form.

Vicki Wray, Chair

Bryon Murray

The Legislative Committee gave its report. Eric moved for acceptance and Jim provide the second. It passed unanimously.

The Legislative Committee has been following the progress of The Work Force Reinvestment Act and we will continue to do so over the summer.

We are continuing to advocate for support of HR3086 which if passed would phase out all special wage certificates over a three year period.

We will continue to follow the Supreme Court action on the Health Care Bill. A decision is scheduled on this in June.

We will follow the progress of the class action lawsuit in Oregon that is based on the assumption that sheltered workshops violate the Olmstead Decision and the ADA.

We will monitor election campaigns and promote informed voting by all people with disabilities.

Voting is our most powerful means of legislative advocacy

The Grass Roots Committee gave its report. Eric moved to accept the report and Carol seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The PR Committee gave its report. They reminded the Board that nominations for the Roland Johnson Award are due by July 31, 2012. They should be sent to Sabenation@gmail.com or to PO Box 30142, Kansas City, MO 64112 .

Jason made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Eric. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion and clarification about which Regional Representatives would have to run for reelection and which ones would be running the Regional Elections.

The next meeting will be in Washington, DC instead of Salt Lake City, UT in November, 2012.

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting and Eric seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1310 CDT.



Grassroots Committee Report

June 2012



Committee continues to follow New York State story about how state workers abuse people with disabilities and nothing was done about it. The New York Governor created a Justice Center for people with special needs. It creates a common definition of abuse across different systems. It creates a hot-line where anyone can report abuse. They are hiring new people to investigate reports. It will have some ability to prosecute these cases. They are hiring a special prosecutor and board. SANYS is in support of the new Justice Center. It has only passed the house. The Governor's office is promoting this as something new with sweeping changes.



Subminimum Wage and Sheltered Workshops:

Grassroots' committee is working with Autism NOW to do a webinar in September on the National Disability Council's upcoming report about eliminating sub-minimum wage for people with disabilities.

