# Events Committee Minutes (Approved)

Minnesota State Council on Disability

Dec 7, 2012, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

121 E 7th Place, Suite 107, St. Paul, MN 55101

## Members present:

Dean Ascheman

Mark Hughes

## Members on conference call

Kathy Wingen

Rev. Dave Sams

Dave Schwartzkopf

## Members excused:

Barb Stensland

Michelle Trapp

Kathy Peterson

## Staff and Guest Present:

Joan Willshire

Tricia Drury

Chair Ascheman called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Schwartzopf motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hughs. Approved by voice vote.

Hughes motioned to approve minutes from August 22, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Wingen. Approved by voice vote.

### Discussion begin on the 2012 MSCOD Annual Awards Event wrap up

* Problems we had such audio issues. Determined that in the future we will work with AV staff more to avoid replicating poor audio
* Victories of the day: Great-looking venue, attendees were pleased, speaker was fantastic, panel of speakers was much appreciated
* MSCOD Staff member Tricia Drury shared the feedback from the attendees. Vast majority of respondents said they would attend a MSCOD event again.
* Joan Willshire recounted the payment communication mishap that happened with speaker Joseph Shapiro after the event. His reimbursement has since been resolved.
* In the future, Chair Ascheman and Joan Willshire hoped to seek a sponsor to help with defraying the costs of the food.

### Discussion of the 2013 40th MSCOD Anniversary Celebration

* Joan Willshire said that the building MSCOD currently is in (Metro Square) has banquet facilities that are under reconstruction. It will be ready for our event in the fall of 2013.
* Discussion of what time of day to hold event. Parking will be an issue for attendees as there is very little free or disability parking near Metro Square.
* Speaker ideas were bantered. Would someone from the Dept. of Justice be ideal, or are we looking for a private-sector individual?
* Should the council recognize MSCOD staff accessibility specialist Margot Imdieke-Cross at this event as she has been considering retirement of late.
* Joan Willshire asked the committee members for ideas that will really make the 40th celebration special: Ideas were: a possible DVD of historical pictures from MSCOD archives. Events coordinator Tricia Drury offered to head that up.
* The committee determined that it wanted to hold the event in October to continue with the theme of employment, as October is National Disability Employment Awareness month.
* The Committee discussed attaching a training opportunity to the day. The banquet facilities have capacity for that.
* Joan said she wished to have a possible discussion on Health Care Reform
* Idea to recognize past staff was floated
* Committee hopes to attract legislators for visibility

### Discussion of upcoming Legislative Forum on Jan. 7

* Speakers lined up so far are Anne Henry, from Minnesota Disability Law Center, Jean Wood from MN Board on Aging, MN-CCD’s Rebecca Covington and various representatives and senators.

### Discussion of Advocacy Day at the Capitol on April 11

* Discussion of ACA that day
* Meet with various Legislators
* Will attach Council meeting to the day. Tricia will secure meeting room.

### Discussion of next meeting

Discussion of when to meet next. Agreed that we will meet again on Jan. 21 2013 at 11:30.

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Hughes. Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Drury