# Events Committee Minutes (Approved)

Minnesota State Council on Disability

Jan 25, 2013, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

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

## Members present:

Michelle Trapp

## Members on conference call

Steve Grams

Dean Ascheman

Rev. Dave Sams

Dave Schwartzkopf

## Members excused:

Barb Stensland

Mark Hughes

Kathy Peterson

Kathy Wingen

## Staff and Guest Present:

Joan Willshire

Tricia Drury

Acting Chair Sams called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

Trapp motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Grams. Approved by voice vote.

Schwartzkopf motioned to approve minutes from Dec. 7, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Trapp. Approved by voice vote.

### Discussion begin on the 2013 MSCOD Legislative Forum wrap up

* Executive Director Joan Willshire summarized her thoughts on why the Forum was successful citing quality of speakers and subject matter
* Members discussed ways to increase attendance at video satellite sites.
* It was suggested by Willshire that we work with other disability organizations to promote our events via their listserves and websites.
* Committee member Stephen Grams reminded the group that Council Members should distribute and market MSCOD events

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

* Joan Willshire said in order to decide on a date for the event (ideally in October), we need to find a speaker and see what dates work for them.
* The group brainstormed different ideas of who to invite to speak. Including:
* Former Georgia Senator Max Cleland
* Current U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois
* Eric Rosenthal of Disability Rights International
* Allison Barkoff, formerly of Dept of Justice.
* Staff member Tricia Drury agreed to research speakers and sent info to members.
* Willshire asked that we have ideas solidified by next time group meets.
* 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.

### Discussion of upcoming Town Hall Forum on Voting March 18

* Joan summarized plan for the event to be held at 444 Lafayette in St. Paul
* Speakers lined up so far are Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and Council on Nonprofits public policy expert Jeff Narabrook.
* Discussion will include any changes that could be made to Minnesota’s early voting system, including absentee voting.
* Members discussed inviting legislators on opposite sides of the aisle to speak as well.
* Schwartzopf suggested inviting members of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce.

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

* Discussion of ACA that day
* MSCOD will arrange for every council member to meet with their Legislators
* Will attach Council meeting to the day. Tricia will secure meeting room.
* Willshire suggested that MSCOD Council members who live outstate to secure hotel rooms for night before as meeting with Legislators will be on that Thursday morning.

### Discussion of next meeting

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

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Schwartzkopf. Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Drury