

## **NE IARP Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday July 29, 2011

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: LaVista Embassy Suites Conference Room

Attending: Lisa Porter, Michelle Hultine, Marc Hultine, Gayle Hope, Dave Utley, Jane Yaffe, and Elecia Busse.

Presiding: President - Lisa Porter

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Porter. Lisa introduced all board members present to new Secretary, Elecia Busse. A brief review of the frequency of NE IARP Board meetings and the procedures followed during the meetings was reviewed.

II. The minutes from prior board meeting, held on 5/3/11, written by Kim Rehn were presented by Elecia Busse. A motion to approve the minutes, as written, was made by Dave Utley and seconded by Marc Hultine. All in attendance were in favor.

III. The treasurer's report was then presented by Marc Hultine, with a summary of the Profit and Loss Detail for NE IARP from 1/1/11 through 7/28/11 (attached) presented. This reflects net income year to date of \$1,031.40 and total assets of \$13,283.17. A motion to approve the treasurer's report, as written, was made by Jane Yaffe and seconded by Gayle Hope. The motion was unanimously approved by all in attendance.

IV. Announcements: There were no announcements.

### **Old Business:**

1. Programs / Conferences Wrap-Up: Presented by Michelle Hultine.  
A review of the NE IARP Conference, indicating the overall attendance, presenters, and topics was held. Discussed were general ideas in methods to increase participation/attendance, increase awareness throughout all interested parties, and ideas on how to involve other service agencies or surrounding states. Specifics on how to partner with others will be discussed in future meetings.
2. Legislative Committee: Dave Utley-Report on meeting with State Senator Steve Lathrop.

A review of the meeting that recently occurred between Dave Utley and NE State Senator Steve Lothrop, with the following topics discussed:

- A. A comparison between the methods used by the states of Missouri and Nebraska Worker's Compensation regarding preexisting medical conditions.
- B. A review of the types of parties involved in the Nebraska Worker's Compensation process (trial attorneys, business, and labor).
- C. How the benefits paid to injured workers who have been identified as "Perm Total" are offset by Social Security retirement benefits.
- D. Methods to improve avenues of communication between the NE WC Court and the VRC. The following ideas were reviewed, including training sessions sponsored by the NE WC Court when changes occur to forms or procedures.
  - a. Court sponsored training sessions for VRC.
  - b. Definitions of terms, guidelines for LMS usage, parameters of rules, and communications between Court personnel and VRC.

Dave Utley indicated that a follow-up meeting will be held with Glenn Morton and Judge Van Norman to discuss/review these topics.

3) Membership Committee: No new members were identified by National IARP.

### **New Business:**

1. Donation to Las Vegas IARP Conference – A motion was made by Michelle Hultine to donate a basket of items with a NE theme be prepared and donated for raffle at the Las Vegas IARP Conference. The maximum cost for this basket with contents was set at \$100.00, plus donated items. This was seconded by Marc Hultine. All in attendance were in favor.
2. CRCC--CEU's for Professional Development – Gayle Hope discovered that CEU credit towards CRC re-certification may be earned through service to a rehabilitation counseling organization, such as NE IARP. One CEU hour is granted for each hour of service provided for members who serve on a Board or on a committee. A maximum of 50 CEU credits may be earned in any one re-certification period. Documentation must consist of a statement on NE IARP letterhead, with President signature, indicating title(s) held, dates served, and what amount of CEU credit hours you claim were earned.
3. IARP Conference 2012-Puerto Rico October 25-27<sup>th</sup> - Discussed upcoming conference, agenda, and hotel accommodations available. Hotel rooms available at only \$136.00 per night.

4. The availability of services offered through the Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island was reviewed, with the goal of increasing awareness to members.
5. Webhosting is currently hosted by Neal Sargent, who charges \$349.50/year. Michelle Hultine has a new provider who charges only \$130.00 per year. Specific services included in the \$130.00 annual charge were requested, with Michelle indicating she would obtain additional information. **This discussion postponed to the next meeting.**
6. A motion was made by Gayle Hope to offer a \$500.00 stipend to Lisa Porter for attendance at the Las Vegas Conference. This was seconded by Elecia Busse, with all in attendance voting in favor.
7. Nebraska Self-Insured Association Conference 2011 – Their information sheet was reviewed, and ideas on how to tie the NE IARP conference in with theirs to increase attendance and participation, along with broadening the topics presented, was discussed. Lisa Porter will follow up with contact with Stella Huggins in Lincoln, along with a review of their website, and present additional information at an upcoming meeting.

Next Board Meeting: 10/21/11 at 11:30. Specific location will be determined and sent to members.

Next General Membership Meeting: May, 2012. Specific time and location will be determined and sent to general membership.

Adjournment: The meeting was then adjourned by Lisa Porter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elecia Busse  
NE IARP Secretary