

Arc of Iowa Board Meeting—April 15, 2020
Zoom meeting event

Welcome and Call to Order: 11:00 AM

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM. Present via Zoom: Michael Wood, Paula Connelly, Tricia Crain, Kristen Aller, Julie Beckett, Donna Bachman, Delaine Peterson, Doug Cunningham.

Brief discussion on actions during coronavirus shut-down. Vending machines providing little to no income at this time. Sam will provide a quarterly review of finances when we next meet. Michael Wood reported that he is helping the church in Palo, IA get a food bank up and running.

Reports and New Business:

Affiliation Work Group: Doug is asking each board member to call two state Arcs and ask some basic questions about what services their Arc offers, and information about affiliation fees for local chapters. Discussion held; Delaine will send out the state chapter information, with Board members assigned to 2 or more states to personally call. She will also send out the Background/Questionnaire for Board members to use for collecting information, after she and Doug refine a few questions. We also need to have chapters define how they work on/with advocacy.

Local Funding for Arc Chapters: Doug talked about local chapters needing to apply for funding for small business loans and other support. Link for funding is on the Arc Board page (called 'Funding for your chapter' and 'SBA loans and supports'). Another Iowa fund offers money for lost revenue, which Arc of Iowa has applied for, but has not heard back.

Get Your Absentee Ballot: Share the link ('Vote') from the Board Agenda page, so that people can apply to get an absentee ballot in order to vote in the Primary Election in June.

Other Business:

Work is being done to include persons with disabilities in the next funding package from the Federal Government.

Julie reported that she has talked with Charles Grassley recently. She reported that he had mentioned the possibility of a forum by and for persons of disabilities, to talk about issues such as getting to work, service providers, etc. Grassley would like the Arc of Iowa take the lead and help him to host the forum, later, after the Coronavirus shut-down is over.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is creating a letter to send to the federal finance committee regarding consideration of support for people with disabilities.

Paula shared that she knows of online conferences with information that Arc members might be interested. She will share that information with Doug or Delaine, who will then pass it on to Arc members across the state.

Delaine recapped plans for gathering information from the other state chapters. She suggested having another Zoom meeting on April 29 to discuss that information. She also hoped to have financial information and update on the grant application at that time.

12:10: Meeting Adjourned