

**Minutes of the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022			Location: Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska, 1750 Abbott Rd., Anchorage		
Attendance Log of Board Members				Staff	
✓	Sabrina Peterson - President	✓	Lynda Hutchins	✓	Pamela Kelley
✓	Jill Simek - Vice President	A	Mellisa Johnson	✓	Melissa Saulnier
E	Kristin George - Secretary	A	Melissa Liebner Martz	E	Kay Papakristo
✓	Fred Traber - Treasurer	✓	Luann Lauesen	E	Jennifer Ivory
✓	Denise Daniello – Member at Large	✓	George Borderieux	✓	Joanne Proefrock
E	Rori Van Nortwick	✓	Charlene Walker		Guests
					Bruce Pozzi
					Kara Thrasher-Livingston
					Sheryl Cook
Legend: ✓=Present A=Absent E=Excused Absence T=Teleconference					

Call to Order:

- Sabrina Peterson, President, called the meeting to order at 5:52 pm with a quorum present.

Mission Moment: Joanne Proefrock reported.

- Joanne introduced former family caregiver Bruce Pozzi who shared his experience with ARA. Four years earlier when his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, he began attending the Savvy Caregiver classes which he found tremendously helpful. Once COVID-19 came along he came in touch with Debbie Chulick and the once-a-week Zoom support group which met for eight week cycles. He participated in that for almost three years. He learned much while hearing from those who were helping their loved ones and he is eternally grateful. The tips and advice in the group meetings were inspirational.

Agenda:

- Denise Daniello moved to adopt the agenda, and Fred Traber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

- George Borderieux moved to approve the May 18, 2022, Minutes, and Fred Traber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director: Pamela Kelley Reported

- ARA has resumed on-site group meetings in Matsu, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. We continue to host online classes and our footprint has expanded statewide.
- We are working on the FY23 budget. We have had some significant developments as our standard liability insurance coverage which came in over the 10% increase mark for this year. We were hopeful this might be offset by an increase in senior grant funding that had made its way through the legislature, however, the governor vetoed that line item which would have been a 13% increase. We are seeing the number of individuals we need to serve increase, the grant funding is staying flat, and

costs are increasing. In the last year our staff saw a small cost of living increase and a bonus which allowed staff to see an increase from 3% to 8% depending on where they were on the wage scale. Pam recommended that the Board take care of the personnel by investing in the staff, ARA's priority asset by using some of the retained investment earnings.

- We received an additional \$50,000 from Fairbanks NorthStar Borough under their America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding which will be available for two years. We will be submitting a grant application also for ARPA federal funds which will be competitive. We have a pending application with the Municipality of Anchorage for ARPA funds. For FY23, we need to identify new and expanding sources of revenue. Pam encouraged the Board to actively play a role.
- The Anchorage Human Services Community matching Grant of \$50,000 is one we've received each year preceding Pam's term at ARA. The MOA has not issued the RFP for FY23-FY24 which usually publishes in April. The concern is that the municipality may be targeting those funds for a separate area of essential human services that may close us out of the eligibility requirements.
- We continue to work with the Moran Group for the recruiting of our CFO. So far, there are seven candidates. Pam will receive another report in two weeks and expects to be screening soon after that.

Thank You to Departing Board Member: Sabrina Reported

- Rori Van Nortwick was thanked for six years of service on the Board.

Board Member Commentaries: Sabrina Reported

- Each Board member shared their perspective using three questions as a guide:
 - What motivated you to become a member of ARA Board of Directors?
 - What do you consider one most essential Strategic Direction?
 - What single goal would you like to see our Board achieve in FY23?

New Board Members: George Borderieux Reported

- George introduced two candidates for Board membership:
 - Kara Thrasher-Livingston
 - Sheryl Cook
- Denise introduced a previous Board member as a returning member:
 - Larry Duffy
- Denise made a motion to accept all three as new Board members. George seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Term Approval: Sabrina Reported

- Sabrina invited Jill Simek and George Borderieux to serve a second term and they accepted. Denise moved to approve Jill and George to a second term and Sabrina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Vote & Slate: Sabrina Reported

- Fred nominated George Borderieux as Secretary and he accepted. Denise recommended an amended slate of Officers with George Borderieux as Secretary. The Board accepted George as Secretary with a unanimous vote.

- Sabrina introduced the new slate of officers:
 - Sabrina Peterson as President
 - Jill Simek as Vice President
 - George Borderieux as Secretary
 - Fred Traber as Treasurer
 - Denise Daniello as Member at Large

Fred Traber moved to accept this slate; Denise Daniello seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

- The Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Saulnier

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Executive Assistant