

MINUTES OF THE EDI BOARD MEETING  
7/24/08 (July)

Board Attendees: Winston, Don, Mark, Peter, Blane, John, Jonah

Other Attendees: Leslie, Rayne (assistant to Leslie), Debby Graudenz (voted on to the Board at this meeting.)

The meeting came to order at 6:43.

Public Comment

Jonah said that Sondra Thaler's memorial at CIL was fine, and he brought handouts from the memorial for the Board. The memorial for Karen Craig will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that Debby Graudenz was in attendance as a potential Board recruit.

Leslie acknowledged that Dona Spring, recently deceased, had done a lot of work for EDI. Peter asked that the Board adjourn on behalf of the deceased, and there was general agreement.

Approval of Minutes

Peter moved, Jonah seconded, and the minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda

Jonah said that he would like to see a joint EDI/CIL committee set up.

Debby Graudenz introduced herself and gave her reasons for wanting to join the EDI Board, which included wanting to give back to the community and to learn more about EDI. Her nomination to the Board was added as the first item under Action and Discussion.

Item D was postponed.

Jonah commented that he would prefer Executive Session on the early side.

President's Report

Leslie said that there was a lot of stuff to be discussed in Executive Session. Mary Vradelis will be contacting the EDs soon. Mary also wants to meet with the Board. Bruce will be meeting with the Board next Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.

## Executive Directors' Report

In June, there were 330 attendant calls, 66 transportation calls, 29 demand-response transportation calls, and 4 repairs.

Two new male attendants and one new female attendant were hired. Two attendants resigned and one was terminated.

The office assistant from Senior Assets will continue with EDI for possibly another year.

Leslie attended a disaster preparedness meeting on June 30 sponsored by the City. The meeting emphasized getting the entire staff involved in the planning process and on having drills. Leslie hopes to work on this in the next month.

Leslie needs to work on a newsletter and on revising the employee handbook, probably at her home.

The end of the year surplus supplied a shredder, a laptop, training videos, a printer, two first aid kits, van repair, and employee bonuses.

There will be a 13-year Anniversary Party at EDI on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 P.M. at the EDI office and the Board members are invited.

The City of Berkeley contract monitor for EDI, Angelique DeCoud, is resigning at the end of July.

The representative at the Golden Gate Regional Center asked about designing a program like EDI's. Leslie told her \$500, 000, and the representative told her that she would get back to her, after suggesting that private funding could be used for startup costs.

## Nomination of Debby Graudenz to the Board

The Board members introduced themselves to Debby, and then she was asked to go outside while the Board discussed her nomination. Having heard her speak earlier and from having reviewed her resume and Board application, Don moved, Blane seconded, and Debby was unanimously approved to become a Board member.

## Disabled Lawyer Search

Peter has reestablished contact with his initial prospect, and will attempt to determine a time and place for her to meet with the Board.

Don asked to see copies of Doug Farmer's invoices and other members of the Board also said they were interested in seeing them, so Leslie was asked to supply copies of some of Doug's invoices for the next Board meeting. Don agreed to send an e-mail to Leslie to remind her.

### Status of Repair Service

John said that Louie is leaving EDI. He said that Louie has a lot of wheelchair parts and other material and that he would attempt to store some of the stuff under his house. The other Board members were interested in obtaining more of the material than John could keep and asked John to consider making Louie an offer for his material and finding a place to store it. It was agreed that John would do what he could about holding on to the equipment and that Leslie would look at the finances. Blane said that EDI might be able to rent the scooters, but Mark pointed out that it could require additional insurance.

Peter said that EDI should do something special for Louie to recognize his many years of excellent service. Don moved, Jonah seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to purchase a plaque and write a letter for Louie. Peter will follow through on purchasing the plaque.

EDI tools will be kept in the office when John gets a key.

### Filling Board Vacancies

Blane posted the openings on the berkeley-disabled list-serve, and said that he would post them again and maybe post them on craigslist, as well. Debby asked if the Board was looking for specific skill sets such as accountant and lawyer and the other members generally thought this was a good idea.

### ED Search

It was noted that the Board was waiting for Mary Vradelis to begin her consultation work with EDI, and that the item was generally postponed until next month. Don said he was concerned that the inaction was to continue. Blane replied that the Board was in process, and there was general agreement from the other Board members. Peter said he would like to move toward having an interim ED. Leslie asked if an interim ED would replace her and said that her work as Co-ED was beginning to take a toll on her body. Peter replied that the original interim ED concept did not include replacing Leslie.

At 8:37, Jonah moved, Winston seconded and the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session, inviting Leslie.

At 9:27, the meeting was adjourned.

