**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

Nominating Committee Minutes

April 29, 2014

Embassy Suites

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Lonnie Cowan, Danny Perry, Shari “George” Polur Elsie Speed, Jimmy Wise, and Stephanie Sharp

**Members Absent:** Ann Smits, David Beach

**Guests:** Jan Day, Marilyn Mitchell

**Staff:** Dave Matheis, Germaine O’Connell, Patrick Shirley, and Kari Skaggs.

**Interpreters:** Tom King, Elise Kitchen, and Amy Gruenwald

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

A quorum was recognized.

SILC Coordinator, Germaine O’Connell, called for any additions to the agenda. SILC Member, Lonnie Cowan, motioned to not elect a chair since it will be changed at the June meeting. Jimmy Wise, second. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Staff Liaison, Dave Matheis, interjected stating that a council member needs to run the meeting. SILC Chair, Elsie Speed opposed, called for a voice vote, and noted that the committee needs a council member to run the meeting according to the by-laws. Lonnie Cowan, yes; George Polur, no; Danny Perry, no; Elsie Speed, no; Stephanie Sharp, no. Motion failed to pass. SILC Member, Stephanie Sharp motioned to elect Elsie Speed as the chair for the Nominations Committee for just this meeting. Lonnie Cowan, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Introductions and Welcome:** Introductions were made and guests welcomed.

**Question of Chair:** The matter has been resolved; Elsie Speed will act as chair.

**Slate of Officer Nominations:** Elsie Speed directed the committee’s attention to the Results of Officer Survey passed out prior to the meeting. She noted that SILC Member, Paul McKee, would like to serve as Member-At-Large. Elsie Speed called attention to page 35 of the March Meeting Booklet which is the By-Laws Section B, which pertains to the Nominating Committee, and read aloud from that section.

Elsie called attention again to the Results of Officer Survey for Vice Chair, noting that the following are eligible to be submitted and voiced their preference to run for Vice Chair: Shannon Caldwell, Benita Lind, Marilyn Mitchell, and Tony Carmack. Discussion was held regarding renomination and term limits of members. Elsie Speed called for a vote. Lonnie Cowan made a motion to accept the list of names for the office of Vice Chair. SILC Member, Danny Perry, second. George Polur called to not accept all four names. Voice vote: Jimmy Wise, yes; Lonnie Cowan, yes; Stephanie Sharp, nay; George Polur, nay; Danny Perry, nay. Motion failed to pass. George Polur motioned to discuss, briefly, four names person by person, and put forth one or two names for Vice Chair. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding each person before the nominating committee. Lonnie Cowan motioned to cease discussion and go forth. Danny Perry, second. Discussion was held regarding the vote. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. George Polur motioned to write on a piece of paper the three names in their preference of 1, 2, or 3 and give to Germaine O’Connell to tally. Stephanie Sharp, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Elsie Speed noted the results that the number one position is Benita Lind, number 2 is Marilyn Mitchell, and number 3 is Tony Carmack.

Elsie Speed called attention to the Results of Office Survey noting that the following names are for consideration for the Member-At-Large positions: Mike Freholm, Shannon Caldwell, Benita Lind, Danny Perry, Tony Carmack, Paul McKee, Stephanie Sharp, and Marilyn Mitchell. Stephanie Sharp motioned to open the floor for discussion on each said name. George Polur, second. No opposition or abstentions. Stephanie Sharp has removed her name from consideration. Lonnie made a motion to accept Stephanie Sharp’s removal. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Discussion was held regarding each candidate. George Polur motioned to rank the members names 1 through 7, give them a number, and proceed from there. Lonnie Cowan, second. No oppositions. Jimmy Wise briefly left the room however there is still a quorum. Elsie Speed questioned what to do regarding Shannon Caldwell not being renominated, inquiring if a letter has been sent out. Patrick Shirley noted that Elsie Speed, as Chair, will need to send out the letter. Germaine O’Connell noted the ranking by the Nominating Committee. Lonnie Cowan motioned that the committee choose two names and send those names to the SILC Committee. George Polur, second. Discussion was held regarding the number of Member At Large positions to be filled. No abstentions, one opposition. Motion carried. George Polur motioned for those names to be Mike Freholm and Danny Perry for the positions of Members-At-Large. Stephanie Sharp, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Germaine O’Connell read the slate of names to present to the council.

**Next Steps and Meeting:** Elsie Speed noted that the committee will be receiving word from staff support regarding future meetings.

Danny motioned to adjourn. Lonnie second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.