# Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council

**Meeting Minutes -**May 12, 2022 |9:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Call to order

Robyn Block, MNSILC chair, called the hybrid meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. with a quorum present. Members of MNSILC participated in the meeting using Zoom. Linda Lingen, MNSILC Vice Chair, was on site at State Services for the Blind, 2200 University Ave West, Suite

## Present

Brian Baker, Robyn Block, Paulo Matheus Carvalho Chaves de Castro, Bonnie Danberry, Rosalie Eisenreich, Deborah Gleason, Gloria LaFriniere, Karen Larson, Stephen Larson, Linda Lingen, Larry Lura, Mohamed Mourssi Alfash, Tom Reed, Judy Sanders, Julia Washenberger

## Absent

Haley Kimmet**,** Lisa Harvey

## Excused

Joe Dailey

## Ex Officio Present

Ed Westerlund

## Ex Officio Absent

David Fenley

## Ex Officio Excused

Ed Lecher

## Staff Present

Jo Erbes

## Guests

None

## Approve the May 12, 2022 Agenda

Judy Sanders made the motion to accept the meting agenda for May 12, 2022; Brian Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

## Approve Minutes - March 10, 2022

Rosalie Eisenreich made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2022, MNSILC meeting as presented. Larry Lura seconded the motion. The motion carried on roll call vote.

## Approve Minutes - April 14, 2022

Minutes not available

## DEED VRS Update

Brad Westerlund reported on the release of Part B grant notice. DEED/VRS staff continue to work remotely. Grants to the CILs are in the final process.

## June 9, 2022 – Virtual meeting with Access North

MNSILC members will meet virtually with staff from Access North from 9 to noon on June 9th. The council discussed information they want to receive from staff. MNSILC will share information about the council and host a public forum.

## Update – SRC – G

There was no report.

## Presentation

Tom Reed made a presentation about communication etiquette when talking with people who use alternative forms of communication.

## Public Comments

Deborah Gleason talked about a blog she shared with the council through “Disability News: A week in review”. There was discussion about what to expect during the public comment portion of the agenda and encouraging people to participate to learn about the expectations from the public.

## Committee Reports

### Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee has been inviting other disability organizations to talk about their advocacy efforts. They discussed expanding collaboration and cooperation with other organizations. It was suggested MNSILC host an training related to advocacy and lobbying.

### Conference Planning Task Force

Heather Everson, Options CIL staff, designed a logo for the conference. Brian Baker reached out to Crip Camp and received permission to air the movie at the conference. Karen Larson volunteered to co-chair the Conference Planning Task Force.

### Executive Committee

Reviewed committee participants to make sure there is uniform representation on each committee.

### Finance Committee

Bonnie Danberry, Treasurer, reviewed expenses through April 2022.

### Outreach Committee

MNSILC received one piece of art work from a youth interested in independent living. The committee reviewed questions to ask during the SPIL public forums.

## SPIL Meeting dates and public forum plans

Deborah Gleason made a motion to hold SPIL review sessions for October 18th and 19, Judy Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was amended to include November 16th and 17th; Deborah Gleason and Judy Sanders accepted the amendment. The motion carried. Brad Westerlund and Jo Erbes will work with MAD and Holly Johnson, Lanterna Consultants to review the contract agreement. There was discussion about hosting train the trainer sessions.

## National Conference Participations and Expectations

MNSILC will be sending members to SILC Congress and the NCIL Conference. During the August MNSILC meeting those attending the conferences will be asked to share information about sessions they attended and what they learned.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a virtual meeting from 9 to noon with staff from Access North and a short MNSILC business meeting from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Adjourn

At 12:10 a.m. Stephen Larson made the motion to adjourn the meeting ,

Respectfully submitted, Brian Baker, Secretary

Recorded by Jo Erbes