

Annual Conference - Nashville, TN

In response to an overwhelming hue and cry to host a Senior Citizens Consortium conference, we eventually selected the month of October and the city of Nashville, TN as the date and location for the desired conference. The conference was scheduled and a significant number of people indicated they wanted to attend. However, as the time drew near, the participants committed to the conference became smaller in number and eventually was reduced to just a very few participants.

All attending SCC participants agreed that it was a good session, that it would have been much better if more had been able to attend and if we had a bit more time to spend together. We will work diligently to make this happen for the 2008 Conference.

The actual conference was initiated on October 11 through 13 and we had five people in attendance. Four were regular participants in the SCC activities and one was a guest. On Friday afternoon the Executive Director and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors convened an official SCC business meeting. All four SCC participants and the guest participant attended this business meeting.

Proceedings of the SCC First Annual Conference Business Meeting

Item of Discussion # 1:

During this first ever SCC business meeting we discussed whether the Senior Citizens Consortium was to be operated as a senior citizens organization involved with advocacy and senior issues and was to provide various other benefits to the organization's members;

OR

Whether it should simply become a social gathering place for the SCC member forum and its participants.

Agreed and Resolved:

We all agreed that the SCC organization should become a fully functional and viable organization and that we should take every possible action to ensure that this happened.

Item of Discussion #2:

The subject of the participants who have dropped away from the organization was a major topic of discussion. We were concerned about the reasons and how we might encourage these folks to return.

Agreed and Resolved:

We hope to have a working plan soon that will attempt to recruit these folks back into the organization. We also will work to encourage participation by new members.

Moving Forward, Discussion and Decisions:

The group made several determinations about the organization and about decisions on how to move forward. These determinations are as follows:

1. **We decided** that a formal Charter, a set of By-Laws, and a Mission Statement would be finalized and posted on the web site. A number of examples were provided in previous months by various members of our Board of Directors. These will be used to serve as the baseline for the SCC operational documentation. Harvey will take on the task of

- finalizing these documents and preparing them for review. MaryAnn will head up a review group of these documents.
2. **We decided** that a maximum effort would be initiated to perform an outreach to the people who had been participants on the board and then dropped away for whatever reason. This outreach would be to inform them of the re-organization and invite them to join the new organization as fully registered members who will actually have a hand in the operation and management of the future for the SCC.
 3. **We decided** that the SCC would have formal registration for membership and that official membership cards and certificates would be issued to those people who wanted to be active members. Membership notices and an application would be transmitted to the current SCC participants. Each person who is registered on the SCC forum would be offered the opportunity of becoming an official, registered member of the organization. Those individuals who registered as members would have full voting rights and would have an official say in the operations of the entire organization, including its web sites and other facilities.
 4. **We decided** that all of the individuals who are participants on the SCC Member Forum would not be required to register as members to continue to access the forum. However, they will be considered as ad hoc participants and not official SCC members if they are not fully registered. They will have no say in the operation of the SCC organization, will not have voting rights and will not be eligible to hold SCC offices.
 5. **We decided**, however, that the future of the ad hoc participation on the SCC facilities, such as the SCC Member Forum, SCC BLOG, SCC Chat Rooms etc. would be determined by the Board of Directors and facilitated by a vote of the general voting membership.
 6. **We decided** that the organization deserved to have elected officials and that these officers and board members would be elected by the registered membership through a true balloting process. The initial voting would be conducted through manual processes and a formal ballot would be mailed to each person who was registered in the SCC MEMBERSHIP DATABASE. This database is currently being created.
 7. **We decided** that the interim management organization currently in place would continue to function until the membership drive could be completed and a nomination/election process could be conducted for new members.
 8. **We decided** that an effort would be expended to recruit the former members of the Board of Directors to reassume their duties on the Board for the interim process and then if they desired, stand for election to a full term.
 9. **We decided** that the organization would need to establish an official Board of Directors rather than the ad hoc one that currently existed. This board would then take responsibility for the governance of the organization and would work with the other elected officials to ensure that the SCC was operating within the parameters and with the concurrence of the Board and the General Membership. This Board of Directors and the companion Advisory Board will be made up of members who were nominated and elected by the General Membership.
 10. **We decided** that the Advisory Board would form an adjudication committee whose duties would be to oversee the participation on the SCC facilities with regard to any and all disciplinary actions. We further decided that once in place, the Advisory Board committee would be the sole determinant of which members or participants may be restricted from participation and in what fashion this restriction should take.
 11. **We decided** that a funding stream would be established using an annual dues basis. Additional funding for the organization would come from member's generosity in additional donations, special project fund drives and other means of revenue generation.

12. **We decided** that we had the right and obligation to take these actions to pursue the realization of a true senior citizen's organization. We further decided that these actions were in line with our duties as officers of the organization.

The SCC mission statement and Charter and By-Laws document will be prepared and posted to the SCC web site by not later than the 10th of November, 2007. A notification will be posted for all members in both the SCC Forum and the SCC BLOG. Additionally, notices will be transmitted by Email to all active and inactive members.

Annual Conference Locales

We are aware that attendance at the annual conference is difficult for a lot of folks, due to transportation to the various locations. In the spirit of trying to encourage attendance, we will rotate the meetings to various geographical locations in order to encourage the larger membership to attend.

Conference Business Meeting Attendance

Furthermore, all parties within the SCC organization should understand that the first annual conference was conducted with only four active members of the SCC attending. Critical decisions were made at this conference and in future conferences even more critical decisions will be required.

The major purpose of holding an annual conference is that all decisions reflect the desires of the MAJORITY of SCC membership. Naturally, we will make every reasonable effort to be inclusive, whether through proxy statements or other devices. However, it is imperative from a legal perspective and for organizational stability that we have full membership cooperation and participation.

Creating a Chapter-oriented Organization

The SCC will also expand into State or Regional Chapters in the future. These chapters will focus on local issues and will have local chapter officers. The lead in each chapter (regardless of the lead person's title) will also be a member of the SCC Board of Directors.

This Annual Conference Proceedings Report is respectfully submitted by:

"signed"

Harvey Hodges

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