

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2011
5835 Grand Avenue, Suite 106
Des Moines, IA 50312

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011 MEETING

OIL Board of Directors present:

- Ron Donald, Chair, Southeast District
- Joy Eden, Vice-Chair, South District
- Ron Jome, Secretary, Central District
- Francis Thom, Treasurer, South Southeast District
- Bob Welsh, Representative from Southeast District
- Harvey Martens, Representative from Central District

OIL Board of Directors not present:

- Mike Otto, Representative from Northwest District
- Neil Wubben, Representative from North District
- Diane Naujokaitis, Representative from Southwest District

Additional OIL member present:

- Jack Schneiders, Central District

The six OIL Board of Directors listed above were declared voting members; Jack Schneiders was invited to fully participate in the discussions but would not be voting.

Chairperson Ron Donald convened the meeting at 10:00 am.

- The agenda was approved as written.
- The minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting of the OIL Board of Directors were approved as written.

Treasurer's report of period 10/26/2010 to 02/28-2011 was presented by Francis Thom and approved by the Board.

Starting balance	\$12,085.79
Receipts	\$ 1,350.00
Expenses	\$ 2,165.23
Ending balance	\$11,270.56

The Board approved paying two additional expenses:

- \$265.69 payable to Ron Donald for plastic "Older Iowans Legislature" clips that he purchased by personal credit card
- \$120.00 payable to daWoods Web Design & Development for the Older Iowans Legislature website updating from September 2010 until September 2011

Discussion of professional memberships in OIL

- Board approved a motion directing the secretary and the treasurer to prepare a cover letter thanking the organizations for being professional members for 2010, explaining that the

fiscal year for OIL is January 1 until December 31, and inviting the organizations to consider repeating as professional members in 2011.

- The professional members for 2011, to date, are Area XIV AAA and Generations AAA.

Discussion of individual memberships in OIL

- The current membership list of the Older Iowans Legislature includes members who are paid up for 2011, members paid up through 2010, members who last paid in 2009, and members who last paid in 2008.
- Action proposed: Contact the individuals who had last paid in 2009 or 2010 and ask them to consider renewing their memberships for 2011.
- The Board of Directors approved the deletion from the membership list of those individuals who have not renewed membership since 2008.

Legislative Reports

- Secretary Ron Jome reported on delivering the plastic clips printed with “Older Iowans Legislature” to each Senator and each Representative on Tuesday January 18, 2011. Each of the 150 lawmakers received a copy of the three Top Priority OIL Bills of 2010 and a cover letter, all held together with the “Older Iowans Legislature” plastic clip.
- Senate File 238, Senate File 119, and Senate File 127 are modeled after the Priority Bills of the 2010 Older Iowans Legislature and, as of today, are referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- The OIL Board of Directors is not pleased with the administration’s proposal to reduce the number of nursing home inspectors in the next few months. Bob Welsh announced a Johnson County meeting on March 14 with Rod Roberts, the head of the Department of Inspections and Appeals. OIL Chair Ron Donald and Bob Welsh will prepare and send a letter to Director Roberts urging the Department of Inspections and Appeals to NOT reduce the number of nursing home inspectors.
- Harvey Martens discussed the importance of supporting property tax bills that provide an assessment adjustment for low income home owners who are 65 or older. Harvey also discussed the importance of supporting Iowa caregiver programs.
- Jack Schneiders discussed the importance of objecting to proposed cuts in human services that will create a huge case load for each case worker who is left employed after the threatened dismissal of “unneeded” human services employees.

District Reports

- Harvey Martens presented ideas for strengthening Central District of Older Iowans Legislature: arrange recruiting programs for OIL at Polk County senior centers.
- Francis Thom reported from South-Southeast District of Older Iowans Legislature
- Joy Eden reported from South District of Older Iowans Legislature
- Ron Donald and Bob Welsh reported from Southeast District of Older Iowans Legislature

Tentative plans for 2011 Older Iowans Legislature session

- Monday September 26 and Tuesday September 27, 2011 in the House Chamber of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines
- Suggested time schedule:

- Monday September 26: gavel in at 12 noon with comments from the guest speaker at 1:00 pm. Committee chairs will meet earlier (perhaps 11:30 am). Committees will meet to evaluate bills from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm. A “Dutch treat” meal and gathering will be held at the Holiday Inn for socializing.
- Tuesday September 27: gavel in at 8:30 am for the House floor session of the Older Iowans Legislature. OIL session will enact bills and elect the Priority Bills of 2011. The annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature will convene after the adjournment of the legislative session.
- Can Older Iowans Legislature get a “state rate” for room rental at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines?

Drafting and submitting OIL bills for the 2011 legislative session

- The Board of Directors suggests that members start drafting 2011 OIL bills on April 30, 2011, the day after the 2011 session of the Iowa General Assembly tentatively adjourns on April 29.
- The Board set July 11, 2011 as the due date for drafts of OIL bills for the September 26-27 legislative session.
- The Board urges collaboration with Senators, Representatives, AAA’s, I4A, and other advocacy groups to write meaningful bills for the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature. Continuing funding for elder care is needed EVERY year and perhaps OIL should consider “omnibus bills”. Chair Ron Donald and Bob Welsh will draft letters for contacting potential collaborators.

Discussion of providing reimbursements for travel expenses to the 2011 OIL session

- Treasurer Thom presented a budget proposal for 2010-2011 that provides for reimbursement of mileage for Board members and for delegates to the OIL sessions of \$0.37 per mile over 100 miles.
- Board of Directors approved a motion to provide reimbursement of \$0.37 per mile for the total round trip mileage **less 100 miles** to the drivers of vehicles going to the 2011 session of the Older Iowans Legislature on September 26-27, 2011. Vouchers for mileage payment will be submitted to Treasurer Thom. This approved motion to pay mileage is for the 2011 OIL session only. Delegates are encouraged to car pool.

News Letter

- Congratulations to Editor Eve Casserly and the OIL Newsletter Team for doing a great job publishing “The Senior Outlook”, A Quarterly Publication of the Older Iowans Legislature. Thanks Team!

Web Page: www.olderiowans.org

- During the February 28 meeting, Chair Ron Donald phoned Kevin at daWoods Web Design & Development and arranged for updated material to be sent to the Older Iowans Legislature website.
- Secretary Ron Jome will send updated information to Kevin for the OIL website at www.olderiowans.org.

Other ideas for promotion of the Older Iowans Legislature

- Continued suggestion that the Older Iowans Legislature might increase its advocacy potential by collaborating with other advocacy groups and with AAA's.
- Need for writers of press releases that can be forwarded to area newspapers
- Shall OIL members again try to amend the By-Laws to lower the membership age requirement to age 55? This will require By-Law amendment approval by two consecutive annual meetings,

Suggested date and time of the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Older Iowans Legislature is Monday July 25, 2011 at 5835 Grand Avenue in Des Moines starting at 10:00 am.

Chairman Ron Donald adjourned the February 28, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Older Iowans Legislature at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Ron Jome
Secretary, Board of Directors, Older Iowans Legislature