

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 25, 2011  
5835 Grand Avenue, Suite 106  
Des Moines, IA 50312

MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011 MEETING

OIL Board of Directors present:

- Ron Donald, Chair, Southeast District
- Ron Jome, Secretary, Central District
- Bob Welsh, Representative from Southeast District
- Harvey Martens, Representative from Central District
- Mike Otto, Representative from Northwest District
- Neil Wubben, Representative from North District
- Diane Naujokaitis, Representative from Southwest District

OIL Board of Directors with excused absence:

- Joy Eden, Vice-Chair, South District
- Francis Thom, Treasurer, South-Southeast District

Guest of Harvey Martens from Central District

- Donna Buckley, West Des Moines

The seven members of the OIL Board of Directors listed above were declared voting members; Donna Buckley 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 amended.
- The minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting of the OIL Board of Directors were approved as written.

**Treasurer Francis Thom was absent but had previously submitted a financial report covering 02/28/2011 to 07/25/2011 and a copy of the OIL Financial Journal covering 07/01/2010 to 07/14/2011. The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's report.**

Starting Balance—02/28/2011	\$11,270.56
Receipts	\$ 2,250.00
Expenses	\$ 587.58
Ending Balance—07/25/2011	\$12,932.98

RECEIPTS

16 Individual dues – 2011-one 2015	\$ 400.00
7 Professional dues	\$1,750.00
Donations	\$ 100.00

TOTALS \$2,250.00

EXPENSES

Postage-Copy-Printing	\$ 201.89
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OIL clips	\$ 265.69
Da Woods Web Design	\$ 120.00
TOTALS	\$ 587.59

**Board of Directors reviewed an OIL membership list dated July 21, 2011 that had been previously submitted by Treasurer Francis Thom.**

- Chairperson Ron Donald asked the Board to review the list of OIL members and to contact persons who have not yet renewed their membership for 2011 and to ask for renewed membership.
- Chairperson Ron Donald has a goal of seating 75 delegates in the Older Iowans Legislature on September 26-27, 2011 and urged the Board to encourage prior OIL members to renew and to be delegates to the 2011 OIL session.
- The Board discussed the possibility of amending the By-Laws of the Older Iowans Legislature to provide for AT-LARGE DELEGATES that might be seated to have a maximum of 100 delegates at the annual Older Iowans Legislature session in the House Chamber.

**District Reports**

- Neil Wubben—North District
  - Neil reported on efforts to recruit new OIL members from connections in the Elderbridge area agency on aging from Mason City to Denison. Neil has also made some contacts in Fayette County which is in Northeast OIL District.
- Diane Naujokaitis—Southwest District
  - Diane reported on contacts made with Kelly Butts at Southwest 8 area agency on aging concerning recruiting new members of OIL.
- Bob Welsh—Southeast District
  - Bob reported on actions of the Southeast District OIL meeting held recently. The Southeast group had discussed priority bills for 2011 and had discussed the election of delegates to the 2011 OIL session.
- Harvey Martens—Central District
  - Harvey said Central District has a great potential for recruiting new OIL membership but to date there has been little action in recruiting and holding Central meetings. Harvey is focusing on the Polk County senior centers and the local AARP groups as potential sources of new OIL members. Harvey also reported that Jan Fackler, delegate to prior OIL sessions, had recently died.
- Mike Otto—Northwest District
  - Mike reported on the change of leadership at Northwest area agency on aging. Mike is currently working with the new director and discussing possible new options of cooperation between the Northwest agency and the Older Iowans Legislature.

**Discussion of new laws enacted by the 2011 Iowa General Assembly**

- The law requesting the Department on Aging to submit plans for reducing the number of area agencies to the Iowa General Assembly by December 15, 2011 was discussed in depth. Neil Wubben presented information from previous meetings he attended.

### **Accepting advertisements in THE SENIOR OUTLOOK**

- Chairperson Ron Donald had received an inquiry from an advocacy group about the possibility of having advertisements printed in the THE SENIOR OUTLOOK.
- Discussion and action by the Board:
  - No paid advertisements will be accepted for THE SENIOR OUTLOOK.
  - The advocacy group that made the inquiry will be contacted by Chairperson Ron Donald. The advocacy group will be encouraged to join OIL as a Professional member with dues of \$250. As a Professional member the advocacy group can then submit articles for submission to THE SENIOR OUTLOOK. These articles would then be subject to editorial control.

### **Reviewing, amending, and drafting new bills for the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature:**

- A packet of proposed drafts of bills for 2011 is currently under review by the Board of Directors members and by a select group of other OIL members.
- Board members discussed amendments to bills in the packet and discussed options for new bills yet to be drafted.
- The Board of Directors is requesting that the drafts of bills for the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature be submitted to the Board by Monday August 29, 2011. Please submit the bill drafts to Ron Jome, Secretary, Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors discussed the option of an OIL omnibus appropriation bill that would then be one Priority Bill leaving options for other Priority Bills that may not require an appropriation.

### **Options of collaboration of Older Iowans Legislature with other advocacy groups**

- Chairperson Ron Donald will send letters to certain Iowa government offices and private advocacy groups asking for their issues of concern that can possibly be incorporated into Older Iowans Legislature bills to be debated on September 26-27, 2011 in the House Chamber of the Iowa Capitol.

### **Planning for the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature session on September 26-27**

- Contacts are currently underway between OIL and the Chief Clerk of the House, Charlie Smithson, for assignments of committee rooms and for use of the microphones and voting equipment at the Representatives' desks.
- Monday September 26
  - Registration will start at 11:00 am in the House Chamber
  - Session will convene at 12:00 noon
  - Key note speaker: Governor Branstad or Lt. Governor Reynolds have been invited but their calendars have not yet been confirmed.
  - OIL committees will debate and possibly amend the bills before approval. The bills may also be "killed" in committee and not brought to the floor for debate on Tuesday.
  - Evening meal event planned at the Holiday Inn

- Tuesday September 27
  - The bills sent out by the committees on Monday will be debated on the floor of the House. The bills will NOT be amended on the floor. OIL members will vote on each of the bills presented.
  - OIL members will vote for Priority Bills which will then be submitted to the Iowa General Assembly in January 2012.

**Planning for the 2011 OIL annual meeting on September 27**

- Proposed amendments to the OIL By-Laws
  - Reduction of age for membership from 60 to 50
  - Allowing Professional members to have vote at OIL session
  - Increasing the term of office from 1 year to 2 years
  - Authorizing At-Large members to attend the OIL sessions
- Election of officers for 2012

**Travel expenses**

- Board of Directors reviewed a travel expense form for board members and delegates to annual OIL sessions to record their mileage and to be compensated at the rate of \$0.37 a mile over 100 miles.
- The Board approved an amended travel expense form that allows the OIL member to have his/her OIL annual membership of \$25 paid from the travel expense.
- The Board approved paying Board members travel expenses to Board of Directors meetings.

**Suggested date and time of the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Older Iowans Legislature is Monday August 29, 2011 at 5835 Grand Avenue in Des Moines starting a 10:00 am.**

Chairman Ron Donald adjourned the July 25, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Older Iowans Legislature at 2:00 pm.

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