

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 29, 2011  
5835 Grand Avenue, Suite 106  
Des Moines, IA 50312

MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2011 MEETING

OIL Board of Directors present:

- Ron Donald, Chair, Southeast District
- Ron Jome, Secretary, Central District
- Francis Thom, Treasurer, South-Southeast 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
- Eileen Heiden, Representative from North Central District

Chairman Ron Donald convened the meeting at 10:20 am.

- The agenda was approved as amended.
- The minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting of the OIL Board of Directors were approved as written.

**Treasurer Francis Thom submitted a financial report covering 07/25/2011 to 08/29/2011 and a copy of the OIL Financial Journal covering 07/01/2010 to 08/24/2011. The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's report.**

Starting Balance—07/25/2011	\$ 12,932.98
Receipts	\$ 675.10
Expenses	\$ 309.59
Ending Balance—07/25/2011	\$ 13,298.49

RECEIPTS

7 Individual dues – 2011	\$ 175.00
2 Professional dues	\$ 500.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
TOTALS	\$ 675.10

EXPENSES

Postage-Copy-Printing	\$ 77.84
Newsletter & Membercard postage	\$ 41.80
Board lunches -7/25/11	\$ 115.95
Board mileage	\$ 74.00
TOTALS	\$ 309.59

**Board of Directors reviewed an amended BOARD AND DELEGATE TRAVEL STATEMENT form submitted by Treasurer Francis Thom. The form provides for payment of the OIL membership dues for 2012.**

**Chairman Ron Donald and the Board of Directors reviewed the agreement with Secretary Ron Jome on annual compensation for expenses. Ron Jome is recording travel mileage between Ogden and Des Moines and is recording postage from Ogden.**

### **District Reports**

- Neil Wubben—North District
  - Neil has promoted Older Iowans Legislature at Elderbridge and has recruited new members. Neil reported that Elderbridge will be partially paying expenses for OIL delegates.
- Diane Naujokaitis—Southwest District
  - Diane reported about David Saffeels, related to Tom Saffeels of South-Southeast District, who is an effective advocate but is a long distance truck driver and not always available for meetings.
- Bob Welsh—Southeast District
  - Bob reported that Southeast District has appointed delegates for the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature. Southeast District has approved the proposed amendments to be discussed at the OIL annual meeting on September 27, 2011.
- Eileen Heiden—North Central District
  - Eileen has talked with individuals in her area about Older Iowans Legislature. Eileen recently enrolled an OIL member in the Northeast District, namely Helene Magee from Dubuque. Eileen and Helene will be co-chairs of a standing OIL committee at the session on September 26, 2011.
- Harvey Martens—Central District
  - Harvey said Central District may have 8 to 10 delegates at the Older Iowans Legislature on September 26-27, 2011.
- Mike Otto—Northwest District
  - Mike anticipates a possible decrease in the number of OIL delegates from Northwest District because travel expenses to the annual sessions will not be paid by the Northwest area agency on aging.
- Francis Thom—South Southeast District
  - Francis has been corresponding with potential delegates via email and snail mail and telephone. Francis reports that he may be the lone delegate from South-Southeast on September 26-27, 2011.

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

- Chairman Ron Donald repeated his goal of having 75 delegates attend the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature. Ron asked the representatives present for a preliminary count of delegates coming to the 2011 OIL session:
  - Northwest District: 3 delegates
  - Central District: 8 delegates

- South-Southeast District: 1 delegate
- Southeast District: 20 delegates
- Southwest District: 2 delegates
- North District: 6 delegates
- North Central District: 3 delegates
- Chairman Ron Donald called for additional efforts to recruit delegates to the OIL session on September 26-27.
  - Delegates shall reside in the District, delegates shall be 60 or older by September 26, 2011, delegates shall be 2011 OIL members by submitting the \$25 membership dues to the OIL Treasurer no later than Monday September 12, 2011.
- Chairman Ron Donald reported on key note speaker options. Both Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds are unavailable to address the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature. Board members made suggestions to invite certain department heads to be key note speakers. The departments included Aging, Inspections & Appeals, Human Services, Public Health, Insurance, SHIIP.
- Chairman Ron Donald asked for decisions on OIL awards to be presented at the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature.
  - Maxine Henry Advocate of the Year Award: Board of Directors nominated Eve Casserly and Ron Jome to both receive the Maxine Henry Advocate of the Year Award for 2011.
  - Professional of the Year: Board of Directors nominated Cynthia Beauman to receive a posthumous Professional of the Year Award for 2011.
  - Legislator of the Year; Board of Directors did not make a nomination.
- Chairman Ron Donald called for nominations for co-chairs for the OIL standing committees and the informational caucuses that will meet on September 26, 2011. The Board of Directors made the following appointments:
  - OIL Committee Alpha: Co-Chairs Francis Thom, Betty Kelly
  - OIL Committee Bravo: Co-Chairs Mike Otto, Harvey Martens
  - OIL Committee Charlie: Co-Chairs Eileen Heiden, Helene Magee
  - OIL Committee Delta: Co-Chairs Neil Wubben, Jack Schneiders
  - Informational Caucus #1: Chair Diane Naujokaitis
  - Informational Caucus #2: Chair Bob Welsh

**The Board of Directors selected bills for submission to the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature and made tentative assignments of the bills to the standing OIL committees which will meet on September 26, 2011.**

OIL COMMITTEE ALPHA, Co-Chairs: Francis Thom, Betty Kelly

- Reactivate the substitute decision maker program, OIL Bill 11-18
- Strengthen legislation regarding assisted living facilities, OIL Bill 11-17
- Establish a single agency responsible for long-term care in Iowa, OIL Bill 11-14
- Promote mental wellness among older Iowans, OIL Bill 11-05

OIL COMMITTEE BRAVO, Co-Chairs: Mike Otto, Harvey Martens

- Determining resource eligibility of Medicaid applicants, OIL Bill 11-30
- Extend Senior Companion program in State of Iowa, OIL Bill 11-26

- Grandparent rights, OIL Bill 11-12
- Property tax relief for low income seniors, OIL Bill 11-06

OIL COMMITTEE CHARLIE, Co-Chairs: Eileen Heiden, Helene Magee

- Quality care in Iowa's care facilities, OIL Bill 11-28
- Restore jobs of state workers who protect the elderly of Iowa, OIL Bill 11-23
- Support full time Department of Human Services offices, OIL Bill 11-16
- Parity reimbursement for home services, OIL Bill 11-01
- Personal needs allowance, OIL Bill 11-10

OIL COMMITTEE DELTA, Co-Chairs: Neil Wubben, Jack Schneiders

- Require health care providers to be licensed and inspected, OIL Bill 11-22
- Standardization of long-term care insurance policies, OIL Bill 11-09
- Support for Iowa direct care professional caregivers, OIL Bill 11-15
- Expansion of the Elder Abuse Initiative, OIL Bill 11-04
- Funding for Iowa Department on Aging and Iowa Area Agencies on Aging, OIL Bill 11-29

**Slate of officers for nomination at the OIL annual meeting on Tuesday September 27, 2011**

- The Board of Directors approved a slate of officers to be presented as nominations at the OIL annual meeting on Tuesday September 27. Nominations from the floor at the annual meeting will also be accepted.
- Slate of officers to be nominated:
  - Chair: Ron Donald, Van Horne
  - Vice-Chair: Mike Otto, Paulina
  - Secretary: Ron Jome, Ogden
  - Treasurer: Francis Thom, Centerville

**Chairman Ron Donald proposed amendments to the OIL By-Laws to be considered at the OIL annual meeting on Tuesday September 27, 2011.**

Chairman Ron Donald introduced the following statement:

Whereas,

The By-Laws of Older Iowans Legislature as amended May 31, 2006 in regards to amending said By-Laws states: "These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order on this subject".

Whereas,

Article 68 of Roberts Rules of Order concerning Amendments of Constitution, By laws, and Rules of Order states: "Constitutions, By-Laws and rules of order that have been adopted and contain no rule for their amendment may be amended at any regular business meeting by a vote of the majority of the entire membership or if the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular business meeting, then they may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those voting, a quorum being present.

Chairman Ron Donald then introduced the following amendments to be considered at the annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature on Tuesday September 27, 2011.

## **Article XI Amendments**

**Present wording:** These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order on this subject.

**Amended wording:** These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted provided such amendments have been presented in writing to the Older Iowans Legislature membership not less than fourteen (14) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, by mail or email to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting, and said amendments gain a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of members voting, a quorum being present.

## **Article II Membership**

Section 2—Regular Member

Current wording 60 years

Amended wording 55 years

Add Section 4 to Article II Membership

Section 4—Professional

Any Professional Organization having paid the yearly dues may have one (1) vote at the regular annual meeting.

Allowing at large delegates to be seated and possess the same privileges as District delegates at the annual Legislative Session. The number of potential at large delegates will be determined by subtracting the number of seated/registered delegates at the time the Legislative Session initially convenes from 100. At large delegates shall be seated on a first come basis.

Chairman Ron Donald adjourned the August 29, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Older Iowans Legislature at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ron Jome

Secretary, Board of Directors, Older Iowans Legislature