



NFI Board Conference Call Minutes – February 16, 2017

Attending:

Deborah Buehler, Nikk Conneman, Rita Cummings, Jim Helm, Gloria McAnulty, Kaye Spence, Bjorn Westrup

Absent with apologies: Jeff Alberts, Mandy Daly, gretchen Lawhon, Heidelise Als,

Agenda:

1. Update on Heidelise Als accident

During the recent snowstorm in Boston, Heidi slipped on the ice resulting in several serious fractures in her spine. Discharged from the hospital on the 14th February to a local rehabilitation hospital where she will remain for four to eight weeks to recuperate. She is able to walk but in a great deal of pain. Gloria McAnulty to keep the board up-to-date on her progress.

2. Review & Accept Board Minutes

- a. January 2017 minutes approved to be posted to the NIDCAP website
- b. October 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes status. Jim Helm to send the final version for posting to the NIDCAP website

3. Committees and their respective Councils/Task Forces/Initiatives Updates

- a. Program
 - North American NIDCAP Task Force Update – Deborah on behalf of gretchen Lawhon Updated report distributed to the board from gretchen and Dorothy Vittner. Thus far, Deborah Buehler, Rodd Hedlund, Jim Helm, Jennifer Hofherr, Melissa Johnson, Linda Lacina, and Karen Smith have joined the Task Force. The group is in the formation stage, and will identify tasks and responsibilities for the group.
 - NIDCAP Foundations Program Task Force – Nikk Conneman contacted a company in Holland that works with e-learning in an effort to work with us to put our training programs online. Trial program with Rotterdam center first, and Nikk will then report back to the board on outcomes by the late April board meeting. Kaye Spence recommended that the group function as a Task Force, and requested that Nikk write up a short description of their objectives.
 - NFI Science & NIDCAP Committee – Jeff Alberts (no report)

b. Finance

- Updates – Gloria McAnulty

Gloria is in touch with Edmonton hosts regarding financial arrangements for the October conference including development of a budget for the conference. Kaye, Jim and Gloria are in discussions with Edmonton regarding potential sponsors for the conference.

Other reports were deferred until the March Board Conference call.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Cummings, Board Secretary

February 16, 2017