



TACC Triple-A Council of California

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 7, 2004

Concord, CA

- I. Call to Order. The general meeting of the Triple A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by President William Hollabaugh at 11:05 am, May 7, 2004
Pledge of Allegiance: Deferred due to meeting location lacking a flag.

- II. Roll Call. A quorum was established. Those present:

PSA 1	Victoria Onstine	PSA 19	Matty Fegan-Perry
PSA 2	Suzanne Rossi	PSA 20	David Wilder
PSA 3	Gail Locke	PSA 21	Barbara Affolter
PSA 5	Joanne Weber	PSA 22	Tom Murray
PSA 6	Bill Hollabaugh	PSA 23	Doris Payne
PSA 7	Gerald Sharrock	PSA 26	Past President Roberta King
PSA 8	Arlene Elliott	PSA 27	Bob Marshall
PSA 9	Charles McLain	PSA 28	Richard Lundin
PSA 10	Anne Mack	PSA 31	Joe Cox
PSA 12	Havard Staggs	PSA 32	Nancy Dolton
PSA 13	Bud Winslow	PSA 33	Margaret Mooney
PSA 18	Donald Hunt		

Also Present: Alternate Mildred Johnstone (PSA 3), Alternate Annie Sadler (PSA 8), Alternate Dick Southern (PSA 12),

Guests Inell Woods (PSA 19), Betty Rogers (PSA 21), Jim Levy (PSA 22), Rhonda Walton (PSA 31), Joanna Selby, CCoA

Absent: PSA 4, PSA 8, PSA 11, PSA 14, PSA 15, PSA 16, PSA 17, PSA 24, PSA 25, PSA 29, PSA 30

- III. Introductions/Announcements:

Reminder all PSA's to request their PSA Director send TACC Council updates to the CCoA office directly.

Little Hoover report came out last night. All members urged to download and review the report. www.lhc.ca.gov/lhcdir/report173.html

- IV. Motion to approve amended agenda: Agenda to include discussion of IHSS Advocacy issue due to need for immediate action. Staggs/Cox/Webber amendment. Unanimous.

- V. Motion to approve Minutes of February 25-26, 2004 approved with the following amendments: Pg 1, section II roll call spelling correction Suzanne Rossi; Pg 2, section VII, line 9 spelling correction Nancy Dolton McLain/Staggs. Unanimous.

- VI. Correspondence: AARP CC Letter to Gov. Schwarzenegger received 4-1-04 re: budget priorities.
- VII. Financial Report, Joe Cox Treasurer: Approx \$39927 in budget after remaining expenses paid. Update on TACC funding sources: #1 Line 52: Senate Bill to revise the line item check off boxes appears "dead" for now, but may resurface. This could affect TACC's abilities to get sufficient funding. So far this year total contribution dollars are down although the number of contributions is up.
- VIII. Report of CCoA Executive Director, Ray Mastalish:
Personnel update- Jeane Bowe has left CCoA to take a position in the Controller's office. Notification was received yesterday from the Financial Office that the position is approved, and will be posted. There are 6 applicants at this time.
Discussion of proposed FY '04-'05 state budget adjustments- Block grants and 5% funding reductions. The Senate did not accept the block grant proposal but did ok the 5% reduction. The Assembly did not accept either option. The overall budget proposal is now to the Conference Committee.
CCoA/CSL Reorganization – A spot bill AB 1994, filed by P. Berg regarding the relationship between CCoA and CSL is out of committee. CSL Joint Rules Committee has agreed that the time allotted for appropriate separation proceedings is adequate. Plans for formal separation are in progress.
Orientation Manual- Has been updated and is out to all members. Members are reminded to pass it on to your successor.
TACC 's Role with SB910, (LRSPA) – Advocacy will be a primary focus, especially in light of the upcoming changes in state programs and services. LRSPA power point presentation is being taken to various PSA's who are sponsoring educational forums. We are reminded that Oregon could never have made their sweeping changes without a strong, informed advocacy. A well-attended workshop stressed Advisory Councils/PSA's using the LRSPA as we form the next 4-year Plan and correlating LRSPA focus areas to Area Plan objectives. The CCoA will be sending a hard copy of the full LRSPA to each TACC member. It can also be downloaded from the CCoA website "Work in Progress" and from the TACC website.
- Discussion held re: where to find resources to assist with advocacy efforts. Some ideas:
D. Wilder: The state ILC's did their training using federal dollars for the disabled. These funds are not age specific; seniors can qualify. Suggest PSA's call their local ILC and ask them to come to a council meeting; ask about grant opportunities.
J. Weber: AARP has an advocacy-training program.
J. Selby: At an American Society on Aging event, spoke with a group of older Californian working women mentoring younger working women. We can network with such groups.
- IX. IHSS Advocacy: Discussion on current Governor budget cost-cutting proposal to ask for a federal waiver to fund the Residual Services program through Medicaid, and if it is not approved, eliminate the program.
Motion to send a letter to the federal Senators and Representatives asking them to go on record supporting services for seniors and the disabled, and a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger asking for the preservation of the IHSS Residual Services Program "to promote the dignity of individuals and their ability to stay at home, to retain the Public Authority and to continue the State's participation in wages." Weber/Payne
Approve: 19 Oppose: Perry Abstain: Dolton, Rossi

X. Committee Reports

- Legislative Committee, Havard Staggs, Chair
Due to time constraints the following bills were selected for review at this meeting and made the following recommendations:

Support:

AB 1240 – Enhance the penalties for violating RCFE Criminal Background Check regulations

AB 1886 – Property tax postponement for seniors and disabled citizens

AB 2611 – Expand current Elder Abuse Reporting regulations

ACR 154 - Proclaim May as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month

Oppose:

SB 1736 – Income Tax Return Voluntary Contribution Designations Revision

Motion to approve the above recommendations: Staggs/Mack Question: Dolton

Approved: 17 Opposed: Perry, Lundin Abstain: Dolton, Rossi, Payne

Discussion held on how the Legislative Committee picks bills to consider, acknowledging that there are many more bills that could be considered. It is noted that CSL forms a “top ten proposals” list that could be used along with CCoA lists. Suggestion made that TACC request the CSL Joint Rules Committee provide the TACC Legislative Committee with its top ten proposals list.

D. Wilder noted the accommodations made for members with sight limitations and thanks the Chair for following the letter and spirit of the Public Records Act, and the Brown Act, i.e. making documents in large type and on computer disc available to all members.

- LRSPA Committee, Don Hunt, Chair: Committee has not met yet.
Recommend liaison to CCoA committee is Don Hunt. Will be discussed at the next session of CCoA.
- Older Californians Act Implementation Committee, Roberta King, Chair
Committee will be having a name change, Nancy Dolton to inform us of new name.

Discussion held on whether a member holding additional membership to another organization should be the sole representative of TACC.

Motion made: TACC shall establish a policy that when TACC is establishing representation to any outside organization, in the interests of wider representation TACC shall select a non-member of that outside organization. Wilder/Perry Unanimous.

- White House Conference Committee, Bill Hollabaugh, Chair: Has not met yet.
- Orientation Committee, Nancy Dolton, Chair
 1. Power Point Presentation – Is formulated, requires ongoing updating.
 2. Ongoing training – Advocacy is first major topic.
“About TACC” page established on website.
- Communication Committee, Helen Karr, Chair: Deferred
- Line 52 Committee, David Wilder, Chair: Deferred

XI. Reports from Planning and Service Area's: PSA 10, PSA 19, PSA

XII. Public Comment

Information given on AB 2536 re: Installing grab bars in hotels and motels.
Sponsored by Sally J. Lieber, this bill came from a CSL proposal.
It passed the Judiciary Committee 8 to 1 on May 4, and has gone to the Assembly floor.

Next Meeting: July 28-29, 2004, Sacramento, California

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Onstine, Recording Secretary