Members Present
Bob Kresmer, Chair
Amy Porterfield
Nathan Pullen
Bea Shapiro

Members Absent
Allan Curry
David Steinmetz

Staff Present
Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions
Bob Kresmer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Amy Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

COVID-19 Vaccination Workgroup Update
Bob Kresmer stated the GCBVI created a COVID-19 Vaccination Workgroup to discuss the vaccination procedures and to ensure that blind and visually impaired individuals in the community were able to access the information. Amy Porterfield stated the workgroup met once to discuss the vaccination procedures, although each county had different processes for vaccinations. Ms. Porterfield stated that once a vaccine was created that could be transported, individuals could receive the vaccination in their homes if they did not have transportation. Amy Porterfield noted that individuals could also use Medicaid to provide transportation as well if they were eligible. Amy Porterfield stated the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)
website was also not very accessible, and individuals had difficulties using the site to schedule a vaccination date. Amy Porterfield stated that Bea Shapiro had initially tested the website, which did work better using Google Chrome as a browser. She noted the final step of the confirmation had a black box on the screen and the user would need to wait until that box disappeared, to indicate the appointment had been confirmed. Amy Porterfield stated the other challenge was that there was a shortage of vaccines, and the appointments that were available filled up quickly. Amy Porterfield stated the website was also requesting that the individual enter their insurance information, although that was not a requirement. Amy Porterfield stated the workgroup was trying to stay ahead of the information and to be able to provide updates to the community. Bob Kresmer inquired whether there was assistance for individuals that were not tech savvy. Amy Porterfield stated that each county had a phone number to call for assistance. Bob Kresmer inquired whether Amy Porterfield was aware of anyone that was successful in obtaining an appointment. Amy Porterfield stated she did not have that information, although the workgroup would discuss that. Amy Porterfield suggested the Public Information Committee develop some outreach information that could be shared with the community.

**Council Membership Discussion**

Bob Kresmer stated that Ed Gervasoni, Ted Chittenden, George Martinez, and Jim LaMay had recently retired from serving on the council. Bob Kresmer stated that Steve Tepper, Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ACBVI) had applied for membership to replace Jim LaMay’s position and John McCann, President of the Arizona Council of the Blind (AzCB) had applied for the AzCB representation position. Bob Kresmer stated that Dean Colston had previously applied for council membership, although he had recently indicated that his work schedule would not allow him to participate on the council at this time. Bob Kresmer inquired whether Lindsey Powers had received any additional applications to the council. Lindsey Powers stated she had not received any additional applications. Bob Kresmer stated that Steve Tepper and John McCann had been interviewed and he suggested the Executive Committee recommend that the Full Council vote on approval of forwarding their applications to the Office of Boards and Commissions.

Amy Porterfield motioned that the Executive Committee recommend to the Full Council that Steve Tepper’s application be forwarded to the Office of Boards and Commissions. Nathan Pullen seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
Amy Porterfield motioned that the Executive Committee recommend to the Full Council that John McCann’s application be forwarded to the Office of Boards and Commissions. Nathan Pullen seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Kresmer stated the Executive Committee would make those recommendations to the Full Council at the upcoming meeting in February. Bob Kresmer stated that George Martinez had retired from the council, therefore the Independent Living (IL) Committee would need a Chair. Bob Kresmer stated that if the Executive Committee members had any recommendations for someone to Chair that committee, to let him know. Bea Shapiro stated that she was unfortunately busy with other committees. Bob Kresmer stated that some council members were not Chairs of committees, and he would contact those council members.

**Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting date of the Executive Committee would be determined.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

A call to the public was made with no response’s forthcoming.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Amy Porterfield motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.