

Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2018

Members Present

Amy Porterfield, Chair
Bob Kresmer
Ed Gervasoni
Sharonda Goode
Donald Porterfield

Members Absent

Dan Martinez
Ted Chittenden
Nikki Jeffords
Jim LaMay

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Amy Porterfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm in the Council Liaison Office, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Bob Kresmer moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Donald Porterfield seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

GCBVI Slate of Nominations Discussion

Amy Porterfield stated she appreciated everyone's efforts and hard working during the previous couple of years. Ms. Porterfield stated she enjoyed participating on the council and wanted to continue the council in a different capacity. Amy Porterfield stated that she recommended that Bob Kresmer be nominated as the Chair position for the upcoming council elections.

Amy Porterfield motioned that Bob Kresmer be put forth as a nomination for the council Chair position. Ed Gervasoni seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Amy Porterfield inquired whether any committee members had any recommendations for the Vice Chair position. Bob Kresmer inquired whether Amy Porterfield would consider participating as the Vice Chair position. Amy Porterfield stated if she was to accept an Officer position, she would consider the Secretary position. Amy Porterfield noted that Nikki Jeffords had expressed interest in leadership positions in the past. Ed Gervasoni stated that Allan Curry had expressed interest in a leadership role during previous elections. Amy Porterfield stated that Allan Curry was nominated for a leadership role within the council previously, although Mr. Curry had not attended many Full Council meetings or participated on any committees. Amy Porterfield stated that Dan Martinez would fulfill the role of the Vice Chair position. Bob Kresmer inquired whether the Executive Committee should contact members directly regarding their interest in serving as the Vice Chair. Amy Porterfield stated the committee could identify two individuals as tentative Vice Chair nominations.

Sharonda Goode motioned that Dan Martinez be put forth as a nomination for the Vice Chair and Nikki Jeffords as an alternative for the position. Bob Kresmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Amy Porterfield stated that Ted Chittenden had served as the council Secretary and had been overseeing the development of the GCBVI Annual Report. Amy Porterfield stated that she would consider different responsibilities of the Secretary such as handle council correspondence, which she would be willing to handle. Bob Kresmer inquired whether the Public Information Committee could be responsible for developing the GCBVI Annual Report. Amy Porterfield stated the Public Information Committee was responsible for the development of the GCBVI Annual Report.

Bob Kresmer motioned that Amy Porterfield be put forth as a nomination for the Secretary position. Sharonda Goode seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

GCBVI Annual Report Discussion

Amy Porterfield stated that she developed a report that could be included under the Legislative and Public Policy Committee. Lindsey Powers stated she would include Amy Porterfield's report in the GCBVI Annual Report and distribute to the Public Information Committee members. Bob Kresmer

stated the council approved the submission of the GCBVI Annual Report at the previous Full Council meeting.

GCBVI Policy and Legislative Discussion

Amy Porterfield stated that Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) requested council feedback regarding the Client Equipment policy draft. Ms. Porterfield stated her feedback requested the policy allow that clients could participate in Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services and remove barriers to employment. Amy Porterfield stated that blind and visually impaired individuals often needed technology to participate in VR services and would continue to need technology once employed. Lindsey Powers stated she would forward Amy Porterfield and Dan Martinez's feedback to the council members.

GCBVI Membership Discussion

Amy Porterfield stated that some members' terms would be ending and would need to apply for re-appointment. Bob Kresmer stated that he had been re-appointed as a member from 2015-2018 and he would need to reapply for appointment. Lindsey Powers stated that Sharonda Goode and Dan Martinez's membership terms would end at the end of the year. Amy Porterfield stated that Sharonda Goode would be moving to Iowa. Sharonda Goode stated that her husband had accepted a position in Iowa, and she would be moving prior to Christmas. Ms. Goode stated that she would miss everyone on the council and she appreciated being able to participate on the council. Amy Porterfield stated the council would need to fill the open National Federation of the Blind of Arizona (NFBA) position, two Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) positions and two General Community member positions. Amy Porterfield inquired whether Lindsey Powers had received Janet Fukuda's application for membership. Lindsey Powers stated she had not received Ms. Fukuda's application. Bob Kresmer stated the council also had a position open for a parent of a blind child. Amy Porterfield stated the council would continue to recruit individuals to fill the open positions and would complete the required applications for reappointment.

Ed Gervasoni stated the Assistive Technology (AT) Committee had two other council members besides himself that could fill the Chair position and inquired whether Bea Shapiro could be appointed in that position. Amy Porterfield inquired whether the AT Committee would meet before Sharonda Goode moved out of state. Sharonda Goode stated the AT Committee would meet to discuss the committee's presentation at the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE). Amy Porterfield stated the AT

Committee could discuss who would be appointed as the committee's Chair at that meeting.

Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting date of the Executive Committee would be determined. Agenda items are as follows:

- Policy and Legislative Discussion
- GCBVI Membership Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

A call to the public was made with no responses forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

Bob Kresmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Donald Porterfield seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.