Policy Committee

3/3/16

Present: Joshua Kaufman, Keith Greenarch, Oshana Watkins, Rene Cummins. Staff: Debbie Hippler Absent: Vicki Smith

Meeting convened: 9:00 am

* Time conflict for Vicki Smith on the first Thursday of each month at 9 am. Don’t move the meeting she’s hoping to find someone to fill the position Mercedes was in and they will attend in her place.
* Sandy Ogburn requested we consider having for Thursday Member Enrichment Trainings, Karen Hamilton, NC State ADA Coordinator and Member of the Council on Developmental Disabilities.
	+ Keith G. Reported that Karen is able to do mini-grants of around $600 each for a projects, etc.(Keith is part of a group doing one with the mayors office now)
	+ Members could use one of these in their home communities and spread the word to others in their home communities to apply as well.
	+ Group voted to invite Karen and Joshua will follow up with Sandy with an affirmative response. Date tentatively July or Oct. more on that when we have it.
* Request from Membership Committee to establish a policy about and outline a Mentorship Program for SILC. Membership would implement the process after established.
	+ Working group for development, Joshua K. (Policy), Sandy O. (Membership), and Oshana W. (Policy) – Joshua will reach out to Sandy about this.
	+ Develop a cycle to keep new members ready to assume leadership roles as longer term members cycle off.
	+ Mentor would be responsible for explaining the Committees and assisting with identifying committees that fit Mentee interests.
	+ Goal is for Mentee to be ready to take on Mentee of their own after 1 year on SILC. Previously this has informal, lasting for 1 to 2 quarters at most.
	+ Membership requests that we develop a policy and a process to outline this.
	+ Suggestions for implementation included;
		- ILRU videos and history
		- Time-line
		- CIL information
		- Visit a CIL closest to Mentee (Mentor or other SILC member would accompany them to their local CIL)
* Potential presentation by Paula McElwee who is with ILRU (in charge of training) for July Member Enrichment training. Rene and Debbie met and spoke with her at the recent SILC Congress.
	+ Paula is in CA and would be close in time to the NICL Conference and would be traveling east anyway so there is potential to add this to her agenda for the trip.
	+ Paula is also in charge of the SILC Net, which is a network and support source for technical support and assistance for SILC’s across the country.
	+ Funding from the SILC office for activities should be able to cover travel expenses if need.
	+ Debbie will reach out to see if this is feasible and get back to the group.
* Next Policy Meeting April, 7 at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 am