

**Statewide Independent Living Council  
Nominating Committee  
AZSILC Board Room  
5025 E. Washington, Suite 214, Phoenix, Arizona 85034  
Minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**Council Members Present by Teleconference**

Scott Lindbloom, Rudy Buchanan, Jennifer Longdon

**Staff Present**

Larry Wanger, Lea Laffartha

**Welcome/Introductions**

Rudy Buchanan called the meeting to order at 2:01pm and introductions were completed.

**Committee Purpose and Scope of Meeting** Larry Wanger reviewed the purpose for the committee meeting. This committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates who have agreed to run for office at our Council meeting on June 18, 2015. Terms for the new officers would begin on July 1, 2015.

**Review of AZSILC Bylaws**

Larry provided an overview of the AZSILC bylaws, specifically the portion of the document pertaining to election of officers and requirements noting that all terms are for two years and that a candidate can serve two terms of two years in an office.

Larry indicated that a challenge we have is that we have a number of Council members who have terms ending on July 1, 2015 and those eligible for another term have not yet been reappointed. Therefore, we cannot nominate any of them for office.

Scott indicated he read something on the governor's website that the board members can serve until the governor's office finishes the appointing process. Larry will check into this

Jennifer also noted concerns over electing someone whose term expires in 2016 and the concern that we would find ourselves once again having this conversation and trying to identify officers.

There was a question about requirements for our Council and Larry provided an overview of state and federal requirements. Essentially, we must have at least 15 members including representatives from various places and a majority of persons who have a disability. If current members are not reappointed and applications for new appointees are not processed before July 1, we would no longer be able to conduct business as we would be out of compliance with state and federal statute.

Jennifer Longdon suggested moving forward with the effort to establish a slate of officers. Jennifer also asked, as members of the nominating committee, if she and others on the committee could not run for

office. Larry suggested discussing the open positions on the Executive Committee before we head in that direction.

### **Identify future Executive Committee Vacancies and discuss Candidate Recruitment**

Larry noted that all officer positions will be open on July 1 and that we need nominees for each. The terms of Larry Clausen, Pete Weaver, Danita Applewhite, and Scott Lindbloom all end on June 30, 2015 and they are all eligible for 2 full terms as they were appointed to finish terms of members who left the Council. Scott, Pete, Larry, and Danita have applied for re-appointment but we do not know how long the wait for governor's appointment will take. However, these individuals cannot be considered for nomination given the possible delay in their confirmation. Bob Michael's term as chair ends on July 1, 2015, as does Rudy Buchanan's term as Vice Chair. Larry stated that Pete Weaver and Dr. Danita Applewhite have both expressed willingness to serve on the Executive Committee but cautioned the committee against recommending them as their terms expire on 6/30/15 and we do not know when they would actually be reappointed.

There was additional discussion regarding ways we might insure a stronger Executive Committee in the future. One of these ideas included electing two officer positions now for one year and the others for two-year terms thus insuring some experience on the committee in the future.

Larry then reviewed the list of members who have terms expiring on June 30, 2016 who could be considered for election to the Executive Committee. These include George Garcia, Rudy Buchanan if he were willing to continue, Jennifer Longdon, Georgia McLaughlin, Jenn-Yun Tein, and Joe Lee Yazzi. There are a few members who may not be able to serve as officers including Dara Johnson and Paula Seanez as they are considered ex-officio.

### **Pending Council Appointments**

Jennifer Longdon motioned that SILC staff have a discussion with all who are eligible to determine their level of interest in serving as officers. Scott Lindbloom seconded and Rudy Buchanan called a vote and all were in favor of Larry having discussions with the potential candidates about their interest in running for an executive position.

Jennifer Longdon also suggested that we reconvene for next week to give Larry time to talk with Council members and for Larry to talk to the Governor's office about continuation of membership.

Jennifer Longdon motioned to allow Larry Wanger to approach people depending upon the information that Larry receives about appointments from governor's office. Scott Lindbloom seconded and all approved of motion.

We will reconvene on May 14, at 2 pm by teleconference.

### **Call to the public**

There were no public comments.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Rudy Buchanan motioned to adjourn and Jennifer Longdon seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.