Minutes of the October 18, 2014 Executive Council Meeting

of the American Council of the Blind of Nebraska (ACBN)

The Executive Council meeting came to order at 1:00 PM at the Regency Lodge, the hotel site of the 2015 ACBN State Convention. ACBN Board members Chris Brennfoerder, Mark Bulger, Jim Jirak, Dale Oviatt, and Glennie Weiland were in attendance. Becky Brennfoeder was also in attendance as a guest.

The minutes from the June, 2014 Board meeting were read. Glennie made the motion "To approve the minutes as read". Chris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #1 Treasurer's Report

a) Dale reported that the ACBN has $44,752.60 in total cash reserves which includes checking, savings and bonds.

b). $3,340.96 in Savings Account.

c) $1,173.26 in the Checking Account.

d) Funds from the CD that matured in September, 2014 have been reinvested into the Vanguard Long Investment Grade Bond Fund. The $20 annual account fee was waived due to the account size. As of October 16, 2014, the account value in the Vanguard Long Investment Grade Bond Fund is $40,238.41.

e) ACBN now has a debit card.

 f) Dale purchased a two drawer file cabinet to safely store records. The cabinet cost was $239. The file cabinet is full.

Chris made a motion "To accept the treasurer's report". Motion was seconded by Glennie. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #2 2015 ACBN State Convention

a) Sherryl Rissi has volunteered to be the convention chair. She is proposing a convention theme of "Health & Wellness".

b) Katie Fredericks, ACB of Ohio State Executive Director, will speak at the 2015 ACB State convention.

c) Glennie made a motion "To conduct all of the ACBN convention business on Saturday only, and not to have any scheduled business on Sunday, at the 2016 ACBN State Convention. And, if possible, to finish all of the ACBN business on Saturday at the 2015 ACBN State Convention." Motion seconded by Dale. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. The potential member's guests and first time attendee will be responsible for their own transportation, hotel costs, and meal costs other than the banquet meal.

Item #3 Membership

a) The board discussed the need to recruit new membership to replacing the aging members.

b) Mark made the motion "To have the ACBN treasury fund up to $1,000, to encourage the Omaha and Lincoln Chapters, to each invite up to10 potential new member guests or encourage existing ACB member first time state convention attendees to the 2015 ACBN State Convention in Omaha." The motion was seconded by Chris. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #4 ACBN Web Site

a) Jim informed the Board that his new computer and new software is not compatible with JAWS.

b) ACBN needs to find someone else to serve as webmaster. This may be accomplished by hiring someone outside the ACBN membership, or by finding a volunteer among ACBN membership or outside, to volunteer their services.

Item #5 ACBN Officer Nominating Committee

Chris, Dale and Mark agreed to serve on the nominating committee at the 2015 ACBN State Convention. The positions of Vice President and Secretary will be up for election.

Item #6 NCBVI Commissioner's Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday November 1, 2014 in Omaha. Jim will send out a call blast to inform the membership about the meeting.

Adjournment

The next ACBN quarterly meeting will be held the third Saturday of January, 2015, in Lincoln. Mark made the motion "To adjourn the meeting". Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM. Minutes were recorded and submitted by Mark Bulger, ACBN Secretary.