

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
Executive Committee
Minutes of January 3, 2008

Committee Members Present

Donna Powers, Chair
Ed Myers, Vice Chair
Kim March Force, Vice Treasurer
Randy Collins, Secretary

Members Absent

Gene Heppard, Treasurer

Staff

Tony DiRienzi, Exec Director
Sharon Engelhardt, Exec. Assistant

Donna Powers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM in the SILC conference room at 2400 North Central Ave, #105, Phoenix, Arizona.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made. (Note: Kim March-Force had to leave the meeting early due to cellular telephone interference).

SILC Credit Card:

- Tony DiRienzi reported that the SILC credit card was approved by Wells Fargo Bank and it has been received. There is a \$15,000 limit. All credit card transactions will strictly adhere to the SILC credit card policy approved at the last meeting.
- The card was recently used to authorize payment to the Fort McDowell Conference Center for expenses connected to the National Vote Alliance Conference scheduled in April 2008. SILC is responsible for the local coordination and will serve as the fiscal agent for the conference.

SILC Attorney:

- Tony DiRienzi recommended that the council consider changing the current law firm representing SILC.
- He suggested engaging a smaller firm that would bill SILC at a discounted rate less than we are currently being charged.
- Tony reported he contacted some other attorneys to explore what their expertise, interest, and rates might be.
- Tony reported that he recently met with attorneys from Mohr Hackett and he was favorably impressed by their interest and response.

- That firm serves as ABIL's general counsel and ABIL highly recommended them.
- The attorneys from Mohr Hackett verbally quote rates much less than what we are presently charged.

Randy Collins motioned to approve changing from the firm of Fennimore and Craig to the law firm of Mohr Hackett Pederson Blakely Randolph, PC to serve as the SILC general counsel. Seconded by Edward Myers III. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING/AGENDA:

- Next meeting is February 6, 2008.
- Agenda item of the Audit report to be included.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Edward Myers, III motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Randy Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 12:26PM

Prepared by: Sharon Engelhardt_____SILC staff

Reviewed by: Tony DiRienzi/Donna Powers_____SILC ED/SILC Chair