

# Meeting of the Board of the Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (VCPEA), Inc. Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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**Present:** Chris Stone, Dawn Lindley, Daveena Sexton, Joyce Walsh, Joyce Martin, Susan Umidi, Marjorie Marker, Gwen Ingram, Dianne Hoffman, Irene Osei, and Judy Hackler.

Meeting called to order at 10:43 by President Susan Umidi. Roll call completed.

**Member Information:** Susan Umidi shared that David Hominik resigned from Board due to health problems. We will miss him and appreciate his contribution to the board. Marjorie Marker will send him a card from all of us. We send him our best and thank him for everything he has done for the board.

Joyce Martin checked with Howard Mason via phone to ask him if he would like to continue being on the Board. He stated that he wants to continue which is wonderful news.

Susan Umidi officially welcomed our new members. Daveena Sexton and Dawn Lindley are unconfirmed Board Members, but considered voting members of the Board. They will be confirmed during the business meeting at the May annual conference.

**Approval of March minutes.** There were no corrections or additions to the minutes as corrected. Marjorie Marker moved to approve; Gwen Ingram seconded.

**Treasurer's report.** Joyce Martin reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss statements, as well as our Davenport total. Not shown is David Hominik's contribution of \$12,000 from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Marjorie Marker is going to follow up on this. Someone needs to take over the guardian oversight of the Davenport account. Daveena Sexton has volunteered to do this. Thank you, Daveena!

**Conference Committee Report:** Joyce Walsh thanked Judy Hackler and Michele Sorenson for help with the wording that allowed us and Kingsmill to cancel the August date and reschedule the conference for 2021. We have not received the addendum from them for the 2021 conference yet, but we have been assured that we are confirmed for May 26-28, 2021. We will have to pay a fee for the room usage; food and beverage will be an additional \$1000. Currently our contract for room block is 130 rooms.

It was noted that the Governor's Conference on Aging will be held in Roanoke the week before our conference.

Marjorie Marker reported that Event Brite was updated for the new conference dates. All registrants were sent an email with the date change and other information. We have only received a request for one refund so far. 144 folks are still registered for the new date.

Thanks to Dawn for all her work on Facebook and Sponsors! This has been a tremendous help!!

Several Board members will be looking into getting continuing education credits for social workers, attorneys, emergency medical staff, law enforcement, etc.

**Website:** Marjorie Marker thanked Monica Uhl from Virginia Navigator. The biggest change has been to the membership section and the conference section. Specific changes were emailed to all Board members. Please take a look at the website to make sure if we have any mistakes so that they can be corrected (vcpea.org).

**Helen Napps Award:** We're going ahead with this at the 2021 Conference, and will begin to ask for nominations. The award goes to someone who has demonstrated outstanding service in the field of aging and working with seniors. Helen passed away about 4 years ago. Recipients get free registration and overnight stays to the conference and are recognized at the conference during the business meeting. Joyce Martin agreed to cross-stitch her beautiful award for the recipient.

There was some discussion about what other conferences are doing and some consideration on perhaps having Zoom webinars. Judy offered assistance with webinar information. Daveena Sexton asked that we share their August event(s) information (we can put on website and Facebook).

**Other Business:** Marjorie Marker is sending a card to Melissa Harper, a former board member, from all of us; her husband passed away last week.

Chris Stone wins for the best hair as most of us could be seen face-to-face on Zoom!  
Thanks to Venus Bryant for setting the Zoom meeting up for us.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Next Board Meetings are:

September 9, 2020  
November 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie Marker and Dawn Lindley