



July 28, 2025
NASILC Board of Directors
12:00 p.m. CST via ZOOM

Present:

Officers			
Chair – Brooke Wilson (OR)	x	Secretary – Gloria Garton (NC)	x
Vice Chair – Mel Leviton (ID)	x	Region Rep Chair – Carrie England (CA)	
Treasurer – Jeremy Morris (OH)	x		
Region Representatives			
Region 1 – Aliza Levine (MA)		Region 6 – Janet Sharkis (TX)	
Alt: Molly Cole (CT)		Alt: Bambi Polotzola (LA)	
Region 2 – vacant		Region 7 – Caleb Primrose (IA))	x
Alt: Vacant		Alt: Karen Gridley (MO	x
Region 3 – Kathryn Burritt		Region 8 – Evan Shockley (CO)	
Alt: Vacant		Alt:	
Region 4 – Edward Mitchell (TN)	x	Region 9 – Carrie England (CA)	x
Alt: Megan Coleman	x	Alt: Mellie Adu	x
Region 5 – Tyler Wilcox (WI)		Region 10 – Jami Davis	x
Alt: Steve Locke	x	Alt: Michael Christian (AK)	
GUESTS			
Kathy Cooper (NM)			
Melissa (MD)			
Shelly Richardson (IL)			

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:05 CST by Brooke Wilson-Chair.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted, and those present are listed in the table above. This also included guests.

Member Comment: Karen Gridley recognized the strong representation of SILCs at the NCIL Conference, noting that four SILCs received awards. Awards were presented to Idaho, Tennessee, Arizona, and Maryland. She also shared that she and Ester from Georgia were elected to serve on NCIL's Board of Directors.

Approval of April 28, 2025, minutes:

Mellie Adu made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mel Leviton. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy Morris

- **Year-to-Date Financial Report:** Jeremy presented a thorough overview of the current financial status. The finance report was emailed to members.

Financial Summary through May 31, 2025

Total Cash Balance – \$88,000

Checking: \$53,948.71

Savings: 33,114.32

PayPal: \$1060.62

Old PayPal account has been closed out.

- *Motion:* To approve the financial report was made by **Edward Mitchell** and seconded by **Carrie England**. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously
- **Form 990 Update:** Jeremy reported that an extension was filed, Schedule O was included, and the organization's address was updated. He shared and reviewed the Form 990 with the Council, providing an opportunity for members to ask questions.
 - *Motion:* To approve and file the 990 was made by **Jami Davis** and seconded by **Carrie England**. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Fiscal Policies:** Jeremy provided a comprehensive review of the newly drafted fiscal policies and invited members to ask questions.

Comments for consideration included increasing the spending limit approval threshold from \$500 to \$1,000, as \$500 was viewed as low. After discussion, it was noted that most expenses are minimal and, given the small budget, the consensus was to maintain a modest threshold. Members agreed to adjust the limit to \$750.

There was also a recommendation to revisit audit requirements in the future as the organization grows. While the current threshold was considered low, members recognized the high cost of conducting an audit.

Based on the discussion, the following motions were made:

- **Motion:** To amend Section 6 to increase the spending threshold without addition approval to **\$750**. Motion made by *Carrie England* and seconded by *Edward Mitchell*. **All approved.**
- **Motion:** To amend Section 10, second bullet point, to read:
"If the organization's expenditures exceed \$100,000, the Board will determine the type of audit or external review to be completed at least once every two years, or annually at the authorization of the Board of Directors."
All approved.
- **Motion:** To approve the fiscal policies document as edited, with an effective date of **August 1, 2025**. Motion made by *Carrie England* and seconded by *Edward Mitchell*. **All were in favor; there were no oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

By-laws – Mel Leviton, Chair

Mel Leviton reported that Mellie Adu has joined the By-laws committee. The committee did not meet during the past month. Other members are welcome to join the committee.

Advocacy and National Strategy Committee – Gloria Garton, Chair

Gloria shared that, based on survey results, the top identified priority was **protecting and promoting the Independent Living (IL) philosophy**. Next meeting Tuesday, August 5th.

Membership/Nominations Committee – Mellie Adu, Chair

The committee has been working on improving the nomination and election process. A survey was distributed to all SILCs, requesting their feedback on the nomination and election process, as well as the roles and responsibilities of regional representatives. The committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

2026 SILC Congress Update, Jami Davis

Jami reported that planning for the 2026 SILC Congress is underway. The Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida has been confirmed as the conference venue, and the conference theme will be "RISE." The event is scheduled for March 16–19, 2026, and the contract with the Rosen Centre has been signed.

Registration will open in August. United Health has once again agreed to be a sponsor for 2026.

Next meeting will be tomorrow, July 29, 2025.

Regional Representative Update – Carrie England, Chair

The next meeting will be on August 12th. A reminder will be sent out to committee members.

Partner Updates:

Brooke reminded everyone that a SILC Peer Support call is held every Wednesday at 12 CST. The call is focused on providing support, encouraging ACL partnerships within our state, and is part of the HSRI grant project, and will end in September. Uncertain about what the project will look like going forward after end of September.

NASILC will continue hosting monthly SILC Connection Calls on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time as part of its role under the IL Training and Technical Assistance Center contract operated by the University of Montana's Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

NASILC has partnered with APRIL, NCIL, and other disability organizations, which include sponsoring the NCIL rally at the annual NCIL Conference in Washington, D.C.

During the discussion, Brooke emphasized the importance of states working collaboratively with other disability organizations and ACL partners to align messaging and strengthen relationships.

Adjourn

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 27, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 CST

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria Garton, NASILC Secretary

Approved on: _____