

**April 28, 2025**

**NASILC Board of Directors**

**12:00 p.m. CST via ZOOM**

**Present:**

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| **Officers** |
| Chair – Brooke Wilson (OR) | x | Secretary – Gloria Garton (NC) | x |
| Vice Chair – Mel Leviton (ID) | x | Region Rep Chair – Carrie England (CA) | x |
| Treasurer – Jeremy Morris (OH) | x |   |  |
| **Region Representatives** |
| **Region 1 – Aliza Levine (MA)**  | x | **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 |  |
| **Region 3 – Kathryn Burritt**  |  | **Region 8 – Evan Shockley (CO)**  | x |
| Alt: Vacant |  | Alt:  |  |
| **Region 4 – Edward Mitchell (TN)**  | x | **Region 9 – Carrie England (CA)**  | x |
| Alt: Megan Coleman |  | Alt: Mellie Adu | x |
| **Region 5 – Tyler Wilcox (WI)**  |  | **Region 10 – Jami Davis**  | x |
| Alt:  |   | Alt: Michael Christian (AK) |  |
| **GUESTS** |
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| John Wall - WY |   |   |   |
| Shelly Richardson - IL |   |   |   |
|  Dawn Lyons - NV |   |   |   |

**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**: None

**Approval of January 2025 minutes:**

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

**Treasurer’s Report: Jeremy Morris**

Jeremy provided an update on the treasurer’s transition. Jeremy, Brooke, Gloria, and Sidna met to review and discuss what needed to be done, update accounts, and update signer information with the bank. Currently, Jeremy and Brooke are the only singers. He has updated QuickBooks starting with October 2023 to capture 2024 Congress revenue, expenditures, membership, and conference registration. Checking accounts have been reconciled. We will send a report out later. A new PayPal account was created as well. A draft of financial policies has been sent to the Executive Committee for review. The Executive Committee will discuss it at their May and June meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**By-laws – Mel Leviton, Chair**

Bylaws were approved at SILC Congress. They are currently reviewing the finance policies and several recommendations from the membership and nomination committee. Mellie Adu offered to join the committee.

**Advocacy and National Strategy Committee – Gloria Garton, Chair**

A brief review of the advocacy survey results was shared, which cited that the number one priority was protecting the IL philosophy.

The NASILC resource directory is not posted on the website. We are in the process of updating a few states based on new information received and will send it out to members via email.

**Membership/Nominations Committee – Mellie Adu, Chair**

The committee includes. Karen Gridley (MO), Scott Lindbloom, Amy Wink (NY), and Gloria Garton (NC). The committee has been working on improving the nomination and election process. Several recommendations have been shared with the Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee for consideration.

Following the recent SILC Congress, several vacancies remained for Region Representative and Alternate Region Representative positions. A call for nominations was issued to address these openings.

As a result of this process:

* **Amy Wink** was elected as the **Region 2 Representative**.
* **Steve Locke** was selected to serve as the **Alternate Representative for Region 5**.
* While a nomination was received for **Region 8 Alternate Representative**, no votes were cast for that position. Therefore, the **Region 8 alternate seat remains vacant**.

As with all elections, the established process for confirming eligibility and conducting votes was followed in compliance with our procedures for annual elections.

The Membership and Nominations Committee is discussing how to improve the elections process. The committee will be sending out a survey to the membership in the near future to gather feedback.

**2025 SILC Congress Update, Carrie England**

The 2025 SILC Congress was an immense success. We had 120 attendees. The 2026 SILC Congress will be held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, FL. Feedback from attendees was mainly positive. The Conference planning committee will utilize information from the SILC Congress evaluation surveys to plan for next year. All invoices have been paid.

Brooke announced Jami Davis will chair the 2026 SILC Congress planning committee. The dates are March 16-19. The contract with the Rosen Centre has been signed. There are some benefits to having it at the same location, including a discounted rate and following a similar planning process.

**Regional Representative Update – Carrie England, Chair**

The committee has not met since SILC Congress and is in the process of identifying a speaker to invite to their next meeting.

**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. The first call had 42 people in attendance.

NASILC is now part of the new IL training and technical assistance (T & TA) contract operated by the University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities. Monthly SILC calls will resume starting in May. The meetings will typically include a training topic followed by a discussion. They will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 Pacific starting in May.

The IL T & TA project will also hold a monthly “Ask Anything” call. This meeting is open to CILs, SILCs, and DSEs and will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm EST

NASILC has partnered with APRIL and NCIL to release three joint statements addressing the proposed restructuring of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the serious impact that funding cuts in the President’s budget could have on people with disabilities and the organizations within ACL’s network.

During the discussion, Brooke emphasized the importance of states working collaboratively with their ACL partners to align messaging and strengthen relationships. The group also considered NASILC’s approach to public messaging, noting that while a thoughtful, measured response is often best, timeliness is also critical to ensuring our voices are heard.

Given that NASILC operates without paid staff, members discussed the possibility of creating a decision-making framework, such as a decision tree, to guide future responses.

Mellie Adu made a motion to empower the executive committee to make that decision on behalf of the organization. Second by Jami. Motion carried. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 28, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 CST

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria Garton, NASILC Secretary

Approved on:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_