



January 27, 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)	a	Region Rep Chair – Carrie England (CA)	x
Treasurer – Sidna Trimmell (OK)	x		
Region Representatives			
Region 1 – Aliza Levine (MA)	x	Region 6 – Erica Graser-Gates (AR)	a
Alt: Molly Cole (CT)	a	Alt: Jennifer Whitcomb (TX)	a
Region 2 – Denise DeNoto (NY)	a	Region 7 – Caleb Primrose (IA)	a
Alt: Vacant	a	Alt: Karen Gridley (MO)	x
Region 3 – Kathryn Burritt (DE?)	a	Region 8 – Scott Lindbloom (CO)	a
Alt: Vacant	a	Alt: Amber Sparks (WY)	x
Region 4 – Edward Mitchell (TN)	a	Region 9 – Carrie England (CA)	x
Alt: Roshaine Byfield	a	Alt: Dawn Lyons (NV)	x
Region 5 – Tyler Wilcox (WI)	a	Region 10 – Mel Leviton (ID)	a
Alt: Jeremy Morris (OH)	a	Alt: Jami Davis (ID)	x
GUESTS			
Shelly Richardson		Joey V	
Mellie Adu		Dionne Rauseo	
Richard Petty		Beth Meyer	
Sandra B.			

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. 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 October 28, 2024 minutes:

Minutes are posted on the website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Aliza Levine and seconded by Karen Gridley. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee - Sidna Trimmel, Chair

Sidna presented the finance report. She reviewed in detail the list of expenses paid and income (membership dues and registration) received. A copy of the Finance report was shared in advance.

FY 2024 year-end – information as of January 10, 2025

Expenses: Checking balance is \$50514.42

Savings: \$33112.96

PayPal balance: \$34891.74

Membership: Total of 32 members (this includes one affiliate membership)

Motion to approve by Amber Sparks and seconded by Jami Davis. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2025 SILC Congress: Carrie England (provided by Jami Davis)

SILC Congress will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida, March 11-13, 2025.

The Conference Planning Committee is meeting every other Friday, as of Friday. Currently, we have 95 registrations. This includes 86 attendees and 9 PCAs. We also received a couple of sponsorships (Q90 and United Access). Contracts are in place for CART; we have not received any ASL requests to date.

The room block at the Rosen Center on Tuesday is sold out, and a waiting list has been created. Days Inn is another option across the street. More info on the website. As of today, 19 ADA rooms have been reserved. Rosen Centre had the most accessible rooms (69 rooms with roll-in showers) out of all the hotels considered. In the future, the conference planning committee needs to consider the number of ADA rooms available when

choosing a location. The conference planning committee needs to start identifying potential locations for 2026. The point was raised that there is often a benefit to scheduling multiple years at the same hotel. Brooke shared that the Rosen Centre will offer a 5% discount off the master bill if we decide to secure a contract with them for 2026. Motion was made by Amber Sparks to have Brooke discuss costs with the Rosen Centre for SILC Congress 2026. Seconded by Karen, the motion passed unanimously.

ACL will be in attendance and will present two sessions. The NASILC website has excellent information about the Conference.

Bylaw Amendments: Mel Leviton, Chair (provided by Brooke Wilson on behalf of Mel)

The proposed bylaws are posted on the website and have been shared in emails. The process to approve the bylaws was described as follows: the bylaws committee works on the bylaws and sends the proposed changes to the executive committee. The executive committee then reviews and makes any recommendations/changes if needed. It then goes to the NASILC board for approval before being distributed to the full membership for a vote of approval. The bylaws need to go out 30 days in advance of voting.

Several articles and sections in the bylaws were discussed, and changes were made. Items raised included the current SILC address listed in the bylaws, who is eligible to be an officer, who determines the designated representative for a SILC, removal of board members, some grammatical changes, and how officer vacancies will be filled. Sidna and Brooke clarified that the principal mailing address can't change since it was the address used when NASILC was incorporated. We can change the mailing address, and the red text in the bylaws notes where the future address will be inserted. Mellie Adu offered information on iPostal1 for future use. A question was raised about who is eligible to be an officer. The membership committee has been discussing this as well. Several questions and discussions followed about attendance and removal of board members regarding excused vs non-excused absence, and how we would enforce it. The suggestion was to address these issues through policies and procedures, rather than bylaws.

Motion was made by Jami to distribute the proposed bylaws to the membership. Second, by Amber Sparks, the motion passed unanimously.

2025 Membership and Nominations: Mellie Adu, Chair

Mellie outlined the process for the annual elections. We will conduct a call for nominations for all upcoming vacancies, including the region reps and alternates. This year, voting will be held in person at SILC Congress, but we are looking at some proposed changes for the future to include NASILC members who cannot attend in person, but still allow them to vote.

Motion was made by Jami to move forward with sending nominations out for chair, treasurer, even-numbered region reps, and alternates and odd numbered vacancies. Seconded by Amber, the motion passed unanimously.

Advocacy and Outreach: Gloria Garton, Chair

The NASILC Resource Directory submissions are still coming in. We are currently missing the information for 18 states. Gloria thanked everyone who completed their information. The Resource Directory will be available at SILC Congress and there will be a brief overview of the data shared at SILC Congress.

We will also distribute a survey to determine our next advocacy priority at SILC Congress.

General Updates:

- Technical and Training Assistance Update – NASILC has requested to be included in the contract proposal. Their proposal in the past has not named NASILC, although NASILC has provided letters of support. If we are included, we could bring back SILC Speaks. Also, in the past, presentations provided by the TTA at SILC congress helped offset some of our costs.
- Human Services Research Institute – HCBS Grassroots Advocacy update – HSRI has a Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) grassroots advocacy project. NASILC did not have a contract with

them this past year, but in November 2024, we were invited to be included. The contract would provide NASILC with \$25,000, in return for disseminating information and having an HCBS session at SILC Congress. There is NO staff or consultant required.

A motion was made by Amber to authorize Brooke to sign the 2025 HSRI contract for \$25,000 for the grassroots advocacy project. Seconded by Gloria.

Adjourn

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria Garton, NASILC Secretary

Approved on: _____