July 27, 2026
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)	x
Treasurer – Jeremy Morris (OH)	x		
Region Representatives			
Region 1 – Desi Forte (MA)		**Region 6 – Janet Sharkis (TX)**	
Alt: Aliza Levine	X	Alt: Bambi Polotzola (LA)	
Region 2 – Amy Wink (NY)	X	**Region 7 – Karen Gridley (MO)**	X
Alt: Vacant		Alt: Caleb Primrose (IA)	
Region 3 – Kathryn Burritt (DE)	X	**Region 8 – Amber Sparks (WY)**	
Alt: Vacant		Alt: John Wall (WY)	
Region 4 – Edward Mitchell (TN)	X	**Region 9 – Mellie Adu (AZ)**	
Alt: Megan Kuhlwein (KY)		Alt: Dawn Lyons (NV)	
Region 5 – Tyler Wilcox (WI)	X	**Region 10 – Jami Davis (ID)**	X
Alt:		Alt: Michael Christian (AK)	
GUESTS			
Michael Evola			
Patrick Lee			
Lorna Mae Silcott			
Laure Goodman			

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:04 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 April 27, 2026, minutes:

Motion by: Mel Leviton

Seconded by: Kathryn Burritt

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy Morris

Year-to-Date Financial Report through: Jeremy presented a high-level overview of the NASILC's current financial status from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. The finance report was emailed to members and is posted on the NASILC website.

- **Revenue** – we raised **$52,287.24** in total revenue through June 30, 2026.
  - $23,599. 00 in conference revenue
  - $23,259.50 in grants
  - $5,428.74 in membership
- **Operating Expenses** from January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 were **$53,553.89**
  - $51,083.68 conference expenses
  - $84.99 contract/professional expenses
  - $1,226.79 insurance expenses
  - $466.19 office expenses
  - $692.24 operating expenses.
- **Net Revenue** -$1,266.65 (a $6745 increase from 2024)

A detailed narrative report is available on the NASILC website.

Balance Sheet:

- As of June 30, 2026, the organization reported total assets of $150,549.91

There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously

Motion by: Karen Gridley
Second by: Carrie England

Committee Reports:

By-laws – Mel Leviton, Chair: The by-laws Committee met last week and will determine a regular meeting schedule.

Advocacy and National Strategy Committee – Gloria Garton, Chair:

The Advocacy and National Strategy Committee discussions focused on the importance of clearly communicating the role and value of Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs) to Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and other disability organizations. Another key concern was the challenge of obtaining meaningful consumer satisfaction survey data and determining how to use it appropriately to evaluate statewide Independent Living outcomes without creating the perception that SILCs are monitoring or evaluating individual centers' performance.

Membership/Nominations Committee – Melli Adu, Chair

Brooke Wilson provided an update on behalf of Committee Chair, Mellie Adu, reporting that the committee is reviewing proposed changes to the election process in conjunction with the organization's bylaws. The committee is developing a crosswalk to identify necessary revisions and ensure the proposed election procedures align with the bylaws, promote consistency, and support a clear and transparent election process.

2027 SILC Congress Update- Jami Davis, Chair:

SILC Congress will be held at the Wyndham, San Diego, CA. The dates are March 16-18th, with A pre-conference on March 15th. The Orlando hotel couldn't accommodate our dates.

Regional Representative Update – Carrie England, Chair:

The Regional Representative Committee met in June to discuss and clarify the roles and responsibilities of Regional Representatives. The Committee plans to develop a document outlining these responsibilities at its next meeting, anticipated for August or September.

Partner Updates- Brooke Wilson

Brooke Wilson provided an update on partner activities with the Independent Living Training and Technical Assistance (IL T&TA) Center. She highlighted upcoming training opportunities, including SPIL 101 and an "Ask Anything" session, designed to provide information, guidance, and technical assistance to the Independent Living network. Brooke also invited attendees to share suggestions for additional training topics they would like to see offered in the future.

General Updates- The Executive Committee meets monthly.

Brooke announced that the October Board meeting will be rescheduled to November and held in conjunction with the in-person Board retreat in San Diego. The retreat will be limited to Board members, and due to funding constraints, Alternate Regional Representatives will not be able to participate this year.

Adjourn

Carrie England made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Karen Gridley seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 CST

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria Garton, NASILC Secretary

Approved on:_____