



National Association of Disability Examiners

2015 Council of chapter Presidents Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

Thomas Gautier, CCP Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

A call for proxy documents was requested with two proxies received from the VT and IL chapters.

Announcements from the NADE Old Board meeting included an update regarding the new tax status. The deadline to comply is 1/1/2016. There are several state chapters who were not allowed to comply due to parent agency rules and state rules. Therefore, these chapters will be included in compliant chapters for “tax purposes only” and will remain as they currently are listed under NADE so these chapters will be covered under the NADE umbrella. The Chapter Services Handbook has been updated in red with a How to Guide to go along with the new bylaws. This is an excellent guide and reference tool for incoming new chapter presidents as well as a reminder for experienced chapter presidents. During the mid-year and old board meeting, the term for the Chair position for Council of Chapter Presidents was changed to a two-year term, effective this year.

Good Morning Social Security would like to do more stories about the DDS across the nation. This is a great way to promote your NADE Chapter by submitting a story about your chapter’s accomplishments, charitable events, etc.

Membership issues were discussed, as NADE is stronger through its membership. The more members we have and retain the stronger and more capable the organization is, therefore accomplishing our goals. Our membership dropped by a little over 800 members after a very strong increase during the fall of last year. The CCP Chair asked the presidents to share ideas with the group. Some of the ideas from the CCP Chair, NADE Board and Chapter Presidents included, printing copies of the NADE Advocate for new potential members to have visual information about our accomplishments. Invite new employees to a Meet & Greet break and

showcase your chapter activities and NADE. It was voiced, “Don’t just tell it, you have to sell it.” Use visible bulletin boards in your office to post your chapter’s events and accomplishments. Remember, Membership Grants are available if used for membership recruitment. Several possible uses are, free membership drawings, contests and reduced membership by \$10.00 giving your five potential new members from a \$50 Membership Grant. Show the National NADE Training Conference CD’s during you membership drives. Ask your co-worker friends to become members. Remind everyone that NADE is Your Voice and through your membership, your voice will be heard. There was a lot of discussion regarding ideas to recruit and retain members as well as other chapter activities. Chapter Presidents were encouraged to share ideas with other chapters through communication with each other, CCP Chair, Regional Presidents and Regional Directors.

Linda Davis of the Mississippi Chapter informed everyone about a special fund raising basket for the 19-month-old child of one of their MADE Chapter Members. The child is in St. Jude’s Hospital and the parents are unable to work due to the child’s illness and being hospitalized out of state. Please take a moment to view the basket of Mississippi goodies and donate to this child’s treatment. All bids and donations will go to the family; the child’s father is a MADE member. Debbi Chowdhury, Northeast Regional Director spoke to the group as well and encouraged everyone to please help this child by bidding on the goodie basket and in turn taking care of one of our own members.

Communications through email was discussed. Thomas Gautier, CCP Chair asked that communication please be sent through either the CCP Chair or Regional Directors in an effort to minimize duplicate emails to the members and chapter presidents. Emails will come out asking chapters to share their ideas. A lot of ideas and information can be found on the Regional Director’s reports about the chapters in each region. These report will be uploaded on the NADE Website.

Roberts Rules of Order was discussed and handouts were sent to all chapter presidents by CCP Chair, Thomas Gautier. There was also information presented on how to conduct a successful meeting.

NADE feels that mentoring is important for incoming positions. Several executive board members gave their perspectives regarding position they have held. Tonya Scott, NADE Secretary Perspective; Janet Geeslin,

Regional Director Perspective; Jennifer Nottingham, Past President and Legislative Director Perspective. These perspectives were very helpful, informative and enticing.

Election of CCP Chair for the upcoming NADE year. There was one declared candidate, Thomas Gautier from North Carolina. The floor was open for nominations by Membership Chair, Donnie Hayes. After a minute there was a motion made to close nominations by Kevin Allen, Washington. There was a 2nd to this motion by Tonya Scott, Georgia. A call for the members to object was made, no objections were voiced. With all members agreeing, Thomas Gautier was elected as incoming CCP Chair, which carries a two-year term. The room applauded.

There was a call for final questions and/or concerns, there was none.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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SE Regional President Elect