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## **Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW) Membership Committee Teleconference Meeting**

April 3, 2023

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

APPROVED MAY 1, 2023

### **Action Items and Motion Items**

#### **A. ILCW Membership Committee Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** ILCW Secretary will address new application process By-Laws update at the next ILCW Executive Committee Meeting, April 6, 2023.
- 2. Action Item:** ILCW Chair will speak with his contact to confirm her ability to participate in the May 15-16, 2023, ILCW Quarterly Meeting.
- 3. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will ask Jason Glozier and Jason Beloungy if they would be able to give a presentation about the difference between lobbying and advocacy at the May 15-16, 2023 Quarterly meeting if ILCW Chair's contact is unable to present.
- 4. Action Item:** Angela Brenna will resend the ILCW recruitment communication to schools' disability coordinators on or before April 17, 2023.
- 5. Action Item:** ILCW Secretary will work with ILCW Program Coordinator to provide him with access to the ILCW Facebook page.
- 6. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will add an agenda item to discuss, strategize, and organize outreach efforts to Wisconsin councils, committees, boards, and commissions based on the list developed by Angela Brenna.

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## **B. ILCW Membership Committee Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Angela Brenna made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting agenda. Eric Riskus seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Jason Endres made a motion to approve the February 23, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting minutes. Angela Brenna seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Eric Riskus made a motion to adjourn the April 3, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting. LySandra Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **C. Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions, Randi Johnson, ILCW Secretary**

**ILCW Membership Committee Members Present:** Angela Brenna; Jason Endres, ILCW Chair; Randi Johnson, ILCW Secretary; LySandra Owens, ILCW Treasurer; Eric Riskus, and ILCW Vice Chair-Elect.

**ILCW Staff:** Tyler Wilcox, ILCW Program Coordinator

### **II. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M. by Randi Johnson, ILCW Secretary**

- The meeting was available via teleconference by calling (312) 626-6799 with meeting ID: 853 9190 3859. The meeting was also available via [Zoom](#).

### **III. Review and Approve April 4, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Agenda**

- Angela Brenna made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting agenda. Eric Riskus seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

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#### **IV. Review and Approve February 23, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Jason Endres made a motion to approve the February 23, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting minutes. Angela Brenna seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### **V. Public Comment on the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) or Related to Independent Living Centers and Services**

- Link to SPIL (<https://www.livebinders.com/media/get/MjIxMjk0OTI=>)
- No public comment received; public comment closed at 2:13 P.M.

#### **VI. Discuss New Member Applications**

- ILCW Program Coordinator has reached out to Ann Belisle who has expressed an interest in joining the council.
  - ILCW Program coordinator has reached out to both Ann Belisle and the Office of Appointments and has been unable to get an update regarding the status of her application.
- ILCW has also not heard any word about the proposed change to the By-Laws regarding the application process.
  - ILCW Secretary will address the new application process By-Laws update at the next ILCW Executive Committee Meeting, April 6, 2023. See Action Item 1.

#### **VII. Discuss Training Topic for May 15-16, 2023 Quarterly Meeting**

- ILCW Chair reached out to a contact from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who is interested in presenting at the Quarterly Meeting. She prefers to present person. At this time, she has limited access to a vehicle, and is unsure if she will have better access to transportation for the May 15-16, 2023 Quarterly.
  - ILCW Chair will speak with his contact to confirm her ability to participate in the May 15-16, 2023, ILCW Quarterly Meeting. See Action Item 2.

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- If ILCW Chair's contact is unable to participate in the May 15-16, 2023 Quarterly meeting, there will be a presentation about the difference between advocacy and lobbying.
  - ILCW Program Coordinator will ask Jason Glozier and Jason Beloungy if they would be able to give a presentation about the difference between lobbying and advocacy at the May 15-16, 2023 Quarterly meeting if ILCW Chair's contact is unable to present. See Action Item 3.

### **VIII. Discuss Outreach Efforts**

- Angela Brenna sent recruitment flyers to 59 schools including the University of Wisconsin system, technical colleges, and private schools.
  - As of the meeting, there has been no response. However, this is not unexpected because most schools are on Spring Break; many of the recipients had "out of office" notifications.
    - Spring Break should be over in one or two weeks at most schools.
    - Angela Brenna will resend the ILCW recruitment communication to schools' disability coordinators on or before April 17, 2023. See Action Item 4.
  - Because we have started communications, we may be able to start working on some in-person outreach efforts as well.
- ILCW Program Coordinator sent a message to the Project Active Citizen (PAC) House program in Burlington, WI, after speaking with his former colleague who is currently providing Independent Living (IL) Skills training to the group.
- ILCW Membership Committee will need to rethink how they approach recruitment in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.
  - Many of the communities have been excluded from the IL movement historically.

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- A change in our messaging and approach is necessary to help communities understand who we are and how IL can help them.
  - In many cases, people are looking for more immediate results than council membership would be able to provide.
  - ILCs need to do a better job of reaching out to historically excluded communities and improve their messaging when speaking with people from those communities.
- May is Lupus awareness month. ILCW Treasurer will be doing a photoshoot to bring awareness Lupus and how it has impacted her. She may be willing to share some of the photos with ILCW for use with marketing materials.
- ILCW needs to have a better social media presence.
  - ILCW Chair and ILCW Secretary are admins for the ILCW Facebook page. ILCW Chair has been unable to provide admin privileges to the ILCW Program Coordinator.
    - ILCW Secretary has been routinely posting on the ILCW Facebook page.
  - ILCW Secretary will work with ILCW Program Coordinator to provide him with access to the ILCW Facebook page. See Action item 5.

## **IX. Discuss Working with Other Councils, Commissions and Committees to Improve Outreach and Recruitment Efforts**

- There are many talented people on Wisconsin's councils, committees, boards, and commissions. It would be a good idea to develop partnerships with them.
  - The Disability Action Network and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD) would be good places to reach out to first. Their missions are very similar to ours.

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- Angela Brenna developed a list of organizations that would be good for ILCW to partner and work with.
  - ILCW Membership Committee should strategize and organize its outreach to these groups at the next Membership Committee Meeting on May 2, 2023.
  - ILCW Program Coordinator will add an agenda item to discuss, strategize, and organize outreach efforts to Wisconsin councils, committees, boards, and commissions based on the list developed by Angela Brenna. See Action Item 6.

## **X. Adjourn**

- Eric Riskus made a motion to adjourn the April 3, 2023 ILCW Membership Committee meeting. LySandra Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 P.M.**