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

February 5, 2024

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

APPROVED APRIL 1, 2024

Action Items and Motion Items

A. ILCW Membership Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** ILCW Chair will provide Ramsey Lee with information regarding the Aging, Disability, and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference via email.
- 2. Action Item:** Julie Bergan will investigate the Kenosha Expo and provide information to the Membership Committee and/or Full Council to help them determine if it is worthwhile for ILCW to have a booth at the event.
- 3. Action Item:** Randi Johnson will contact the University of Wisconsin-Madison Engineering department to find out if they are still holding the Assistive Technology event, and if so, to learn how ILCW may get involved.
- 4. Action Item:** Eric Riskus will work with staff at Midstate Independent Living Choices (MILC) to determine if it would be possible and appropriate for ILCW Program Coordinator to provide a presentation to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point special education students who are learning about the Independent Living (IL) Movement at MILC.
- 5. Action Item:** Jason Endres will provide ILCW Program Coordinator's contact information to a professor at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to help facilitate a discussion about the possibility of ILCW Program Coordinator giving his class a presentation about the Independent Living (IL) Movement.

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- 6. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will provide Randi Johnson the Special Olympics Representative's contact information so her sister can take part in the meetings with the proposed health care access community group.
- 7. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will provide the Special Olympics Representative with Julie Bergan's contact information so that she can take part in the meetings with the proposed health care access community group.
- 8. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will continue to add a discussion about new conferences, expos, and similar community activities to future ILCW Membership Committee meeting agendas.
- 9. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will add a discussion regarding development of a "youth ILCW" to the next ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Agenda.
- 10. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will add a discussion about developing a conference attendance and travel document to the next ILCW Membership Committee meeting.
- 11. Action Item:** ILCW Program Coordinator will provide the full Council with training about the use of the ILCW Training Trackers on both the Survey Monkey and Microsoft Word platforms at the February 19-20, 2024 ILCW Quarterly meeting.

B. ILCW Membership Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Jason Endres made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting agenda. Julie Bergan 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 December 4, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting minutes. Eric Riskus seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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3. Motion Item: Eric Riskus made a motion to adjourn the February 5, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting. Jason Endres seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Randi Johnson, ILCW Secretary

ILCW Membership Committee Members Present: Julie Bergan; Jason Endres, ILCW Chair; Randi Johnson, ILCW Secretary; Eric Riskus, ILCW Vice Chair-Elect; and Tyler Wigington.

ILCW Membership Committee Members Absent; Excused (*):
LySandra Owens*, ILCW Treasurer.

Guest(s): Ramsey Lee.

ILCW Staff: Tyler Wilcox, ILCW Program Coordinator.

II. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM.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 February 5, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Agenda

- Jason Endres made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting agenda. Julie Bergan seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 4, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

- Jason Endres made a motion to approve the December 4, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting minutes. Eric Riskus seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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

- Link to SPIL (<http://www.livebinders.com/media/get/MjQ3MTE0MMDM=>)
- Ramsey Lee provided comments.
 - Ramsey thanked the Council for their hard work.
 - Ramsey requested information about the upcoming Aging, Disability, and Independent Living Network (ADILN) conference.
 - ILCW Chair will provide Ramsey Lee with information regarding the Aging, Disability, and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference via email. See Action Item 1.
- Public comment period closed at 2:15 P.M.

VI. Discuss New Member Applications

- Felix Thomas asked for information about ILCW membership in November of 2023. They reached out to ILCW Program Coordinator in January. ILCW Chair has set up meeting to interview Felix.
- Mary Jane Grande has been updated regarding her status. The Governor's Office of Appointments has her paperwork, and Mary Jane has been approved for recommendation by the Membership Council. She is currently "wait-listed" and will be appointed to the council when someone retires, a term ends, or ILCW expands the number of members in the Council through the ILCW Bylaws or Executive Order.

VII. Discuss ILCW Attendance at Conferences in the State of Wisconsin

- The intent of looking over the conference list developed by Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC) is to determine if there are other conferences or similar events which ILCW should be present at.

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- Julie Bergan will investigate the Kenosha Expo and provide information to the Membership Committee and/or Full Council to help them determine if it is worthwhile for ILCW to have a booth at the event. See Action Item 2.
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison engineering department used to have a program that addressed assistive technology. Randi Johnson participated in the event several years ago.
 - Randi Johnson will contact the University of Wisconsin-Madison Engineering department to find out if they are still holding the Assistive Technology event, and if so, to learn how ILCW may get involved. See Action Item 3.
- Eric Riskus has participated in several events in the Steven's Point, Wisconsin area.
 - Eric Riskus worked with a 3rd grade Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) club to show students how careers in STEM can help persons with disabilities.
 - The University of Wisconsin-Steven's Point special education classes often spend a couple days at Midstate Independent Living Choices (MILC) to learn about the Independent Living (IL) movement.
 - Eric Riskus will work with staff at Midstate Independent Living Choices (MILC) to determine if it would be possible and appropriate for ILCW Program Coordinator to provide a presentation to special education students who are learning about the Independent Living (IL) Movement at MILC. See Action Item 4.
- Jason Endres has worked with a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire who teaches special education.

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- Jason Endres will provide ILCW Program Coordinator's contact information to a professor at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to help facilitate a discussion about the possibility of ILCW Program Coordinator giving his class a presentation about the Independent Living (IL) Movement. See Action Item 5.
- ILCW Program Coordinator was contacted by a representative of Wisconsin Special Olympics who is trying to create a community group to discuss access to quality healthcare for persons with intellectual disabilities (ID). ILCW Program Coordinator will be meeting with her and would also like a council member to attend so that a person with lived experience with ID can join the group.
 - ILCW Program Coordinator will provide Randi Johnson the Special Olympics Representative's contact information so her sister can take part in the meetings with the proposed health care access community group. See Action Item 6.
 - ILCW Program Coordinator will provide the Special Olympics Representative with Julie Bergan's contact information so that she can take part in the meetings with the proposed health care access community group. See Action Item 7.
- ILCW Program Coordinator will continue to add a discussion about new conferences, expos, and similar community activities to future ILCW Membership Committee meeting agendas. See Action Item 8.
- ILCW Program Coordinator will add a discussion regarding development of a "youth ILCW" to the next ILCW Membership Committee Meeting Agenda. See Action Item 9.

VIII. Discuss Development of ILCW Conference Attendance and Travel Document

- LySandra Owens suggested that ILCW put together a travel tips document following her experience at the Self-Determination Conference.

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- LySandra Owens intended this document to be developed for use by the Council but developing it for the Wisconsin Independent Living Network (WILN) may be appropriate.
- Difficulty traveling around the State seems to be an issue that many persons with disabilities encounter. It might be a good idea to develop something that could be used by anyone in the State.
 - It is possible that development of Conference Attendance and Travel document will require a separate workgroup.
- LySandra Owens should be present for further discussion about this item. This agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- ILCW Program Coordinator will add a discussion about developing a conference attendance and travel document to the next ILCW Membership Committee meeting. See Action Item 10.

IX. Discuss ILCW Membership

- ILCW Program Coordinator and Randi Johnson recently met with the Governor's Office of Appointments Director Joe Magestro and staff person Evan Steck.
 - The previous appointment's director made some terms shorter to stagger how many council members would have to be replaced each year.
 - Previously, the entire councils' terms expired in the same year. Replacing all 11 seats in the same year is very difficult.
 - Those who have shortened second terms are not eligible for re-appointment. However, per state law, they may continue to serve on an expired term until a replacement has been found, or they are no longer eligible to serve based on federal regulation.

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- Jason Endres may continue to serve on the council until July 1, 2025, but will be serving on an expired term from July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2025.
- LySandra Owens is eligible to serve another 3-year term.
- Randi Johnson is eligible to serve another 3-year term.
- There has not yet been any word back regarding the disparity between the ILCW Bylaws and the Executive Order. The Office of Appointments is continuing to seek legal advice and will update ILCW Program Coordinator as soon as more information becomes available.

X. Discuss Training Topic for February 19-20, 2024 ILCW Quarterly Meeting

- ILCW Council members have not been shown how to use the training tracking tools that ILCW Program Coordinator has developed; this will be the topic of the training at the February 19-20, 2024 ILCW Quarterly meeting.
 - ILCW Program Coordinator will provide the full Council with training about the use of the ILCW Training Trackers on both the Survey Monkey and Microsoft Word platforms at the February 19-20, 2024 ILCW Quarterly meeting. See Action Item 11.

XI. Adjourn

- Eric Riskus made a motion to adjourn the February 5, 2024 ILCW Membership Committee meeting. Jason Endres seconded the motion. ILCW Membership Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:56 P.M.