

## **AUTIS Board Meeting 15 Jan 08**

Meeting called to order at 1140 am

Present: Brenda Sessions, Gary Isom, Dick Wyatt, Blake Denison, Tom Chilton, Tonya McKinney, Tina Benton, Barbara Blaylock

Not present: Brian Midkiff, Nancy Jauernig, Dave Phillips, Kevin Gorman and Gary Korte

Secretary report: minutes of last meeting approved.

President's report (Tonya McKinney)

Tonya will turn in the name change and address change to the State of Arkansas office after the changes have officially been made.

Tonya called the State Attorney General's office concerning registering with their office as a non-profit organization and they have not returned her call.

Treasurer's report (Brian Midkiff)

No report

Vice President report (Gary Isom)

Since there was a quorum of the board present, authorization to distribute the new bylaws to the membership was approved. The general membership will be given the opportunity to register their vote on the bylaws adoption at anytime before March 15, 2008. For convenience, members who do not respond to the email distribution will be considered as voting in favor of the adoption of the bylaws. During the March Board meeting, the votes will be tallied. Assuming a favorable vote, the bylaws will be officially adopted at that time.

Both the Strategic Plan and the Investment Plan were approved by the board.

AUTIS June 2008 Conference

Conference will be held June 4, 5, and 6, 2008 at the Clarion by the Lake in Hot Springs. Several themes were discussed. Tom Chilton volunteered to take key words for the theme back to his think tank and request they come up with a theme.

Sponsors are needed.

Speakers including keynote and motivational speakers are needed.

If anyone has suggestions for the theme, subjects to include in the conference, speakers, etc. please notify Barbara Blaylock ([bjblaylock@ualr.edu](mailto:bjblaylock@ualr.edu) or 569-8901 ext 8901).

Information on the AUTIS grant and the application will be sent to Tonya McKinney to be put on the AUTIS webpage and Barbara Blaylock will e-mail the information to all the AUTIS members.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Submitted by Barbara Blaylock  
AUTIS Secretary