

NMD United Board of Directors Meeting
May 13, 2020
8:30 PM - EST
Minutes



Location	Virtual Zoom Conference
Attendance	<p>Emily Wolinsky (E.W.), <i>President</i> T.K. Small (T.K.S.), <i>Vice President & Treasurer</i> Kendra Scalia (K.S.), <i>Secretary</i> Dan Darkow (D.D.), <i>Board Member</i> Andraea LaVant (A.L.), <i>Board Member (Late)</i> Brooklyn Marx (B.M.), <i>Board Member</i> Ali Ramos (A.R.), <i>Board Member</i> Michael Wasser (M.W.), <i>Board Member</i> Maria Sotnikova (M.S.), <i>Board Member (Not Present)</i></p>
Call To Order	E.W. called the meeting to order at 8:34 p.m.
Adopt Minutes	T.K.S. moved to adopt February 19, 2020 minutes. M.W. seconded. Approved. B.M. moved to adopt December 18, 2019 minutes. T.K.S. seconded. M.W. and A.R. abstain. Approved.
Announcements	<i>None.</i>
President's Report	E.W. was contacted by an ILC asking to go through the VILS Unites Texas group to help reach out for his grant. E.W. presented about the Organization to a Rotary Chapter and other groups.
Vice President/ Treasurer's Report	<p>T.K.S. reviewed the Q1 Report. The financial status remains healthy.</p> <p>T.K.S. stated we should not count on the Alex's Capes and Tiaras event this year. Without the event, we will be okay this year. We need to continue to grow our revenue resources. K.S. discussed a virtual option for the event, which has always existed. T.K.S. will reach out to Karen Landis to offer assistance with establishing a date and getting out event information.</p>
Secretary's Report	K.S. will resume Secretary duties immediately. Thank you to E.W. and others for assisting with responsibilities during recovery.
Chapter Updates	E.W. announced Atlanta is doing a weekly meet-up for coffee hour. Austin and Houston chapters continue to meet regularly.
Current Projects	<p>B.M. provided an update on the website and social media activity. The new COVID guide is generating clicks. K.S. asked B.M. to upload Agendas and Minutes.</p> <p>K.S. announced ALEF is now on the new uConnect platform. There are some changes we've identified are needed such as follow-up contact. It's important we have others trained on the system. ALEF has dispersed over \$4,000 to date, which is under the target goal. There are no PCA Advertising grant requests this year. K.S. believes it is related to the new uConnect system and COVID. It appears we need a video tutorial</p>

	<p>on how to use uConnect and to do more outreach. K.S. announced we're seeing a broader community of grant applicants referred from other organizations, including from MDA. We also have had to decline applications because parents or social workers are applying on behalf of someone else. T.K.S. noted his preference for the new format and system that he interacts with to send out payments. It has made his work easier.</p> <p>E.W. announced there are no Virtual University events scheduled. However, we have opened up regular Zoom rooms for folks to host their own social gatherings, including Stitch-N-Bitch, Tech Talks and others.</p> <p>K.S. updated on EVV. The focus right now is on getting a delay for EVV FMAP penalties into the next COVID stimulus bill. It's crucial right now because we cannot have HCBS cuts due to the inability to get EVV off the ground during lockdowns and pandemic. Cures 2.0 will be coming out in the next session. Last December we submitted more than 1,000 comments over one weekend to Congress while drafting language for the next Cures Act. The Cures 2.0 Concept Paper includes a prohibition on GPS and biometrics. We are looking to expand the draft language to address issues with live-in providers and shared living spaces. NCIL will not support carve outs for specific groups, but <i>Stop EVV</i> remains open to all advocacy efforts.</p> <p><i>A.L. arrives.</i></p>
Old Business	<p>B.M. and E.W. will have a 2019 Annual Report available soon. A.L. can edit. A.R. will assist with graphics/layout.</p> <p>T.K.S. reported the 2019 taxes are delayed due to COVID.</p> <p>E.W. stated we will look at having New Board applicant Happy Hour rather than a formal interview process.</p>
New Business	<p>E.W. and K.S. encouraged Directors to post advocacy sign-on letter opportunities to the Board group in a poll format.</p> <p>E.W. uploaded data from the COVID survey. E.W. would like to brainstorm in the future what to do with this information. We also need to update the COVID-19 guide. K.S. inquired with some national organizations if they would be interested in using our COVID survey data for narrative purposes but there wasn't any interest at this time.</p> <p>E.W. announced our birthday is June 2 (2014) and we need to discuss any fundraising events.</p> <p>A.L. spoke on the opportunities NMD United has in doing a screening or partnership with Crip Camp. We can look at a panel discussion with a diversity of perspectives, connecting a topic back to the Crip Camp lessons. E.W. brainstormed a 'camp letter' idea in light of COVID canceling summer camps, a way to reach out to those missing out on the experience this year. K.S. thanked A.L. and Stacy for assistance organizing a Crip Camp showing in July with another organization. This movement can develop the solidarity needed between disabled and non-disabled communities.</p> <p>E.W. discussed a potential NMD Art Auction and Virtual Talent Show. Members can donate their art for the auction or sign up to perform at a virtual event. This is an opportunity as a fundraiser event.</p>
Adjournment	<p>T.K.S. moved to adjourn meeting. D.D. seconded. Approved.</p>

	Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm
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Respectfully submitted by,

Kendra Scalia, *Secretary*
NMD United Inc.

Adopted by the Board:

March 28, 2021
(Date)