

JOINT COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, June 17, 2009
3:00pm – 4:00 pm EST

Conference Call: 218-486- 1600
Participant Passcode: 830615

Attendees: R. Pearlman, J. Rolsky, R. Gibson, K. Sacco, L. Brownlee, K. Altwies, T. Filipo, N. Fox, S. Cox, K. Wallace,

Absent: P. Singer, A. Hayo, D. Johnson

Call to Order & Agenda: R. Gibson at 3:12 PM EST

- 1) Chair's Report & Introductions – *Rick* -5 minutes
- 2) Conference Report – *Rick* – 10 minutes
 - a) Joelle Ruben – 5 minutes
- 3) Secretary's Report – *Kristine* – 5 minutes
 - a) Vote on May Board Meeting Minutes
- 4) Treasurer & Finance Committee Report – *Jared, Tom* – 10 minutes
 - a) Financials
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Development Committee Update – *Susan* – 5 minutes
- 6) CEO Report
 - a) Programs & Services and Administration - *Tom* – 5 minutes
 - i) Report attached
 - b) COA/Hague Update – *Jared* – 5 minutes
- 7) Caucus/Committee Report
 - a) Education Committee Update – *Kathy* – 5 minutes
- 8) Staff Fundraising/Development – *Tom* – 10 minutes
 - a) Be The Answer Campaign
- 9) Next Board Meeting – *Rick* – 5 minutes
 - a) Schedule next board meeting - July, 2009
 - b) Determination of the need for an in-person board meeting

Board Meeting
March 11, 2009
Conference Call

Development: T. DiFilipo

Susan & Tom met recently to prioritize development tasks. Items discussed were webinars (categories, curriculums, etc.), a signature event to be held in DC each year, an “in-kind” donation list of items for

JCICS that could be shared at the conference, a parent/adoptee campaign, and a new marketing/branding effort called "Be the Answer".

The IRI has received a \$4500 donation, will be put towards an advocacy trip to Ethiopia in late April as JCICS has been asked by the consulate there to come for a visit.

Families For Orphans Act: T. DiFilipo

The actual text was sent to the board along with an explanation of each section. There will be a congressional meeting to decide when the bill should be introduced, JCICS should know by the end of next week. NCFCA will announce its support of the full bill, JCICS will not, given its concerns about providing false US citizenship that is retroactive to birth.

MOTION: JCICS supports Title 1 only of the Families For Orphans Act.

N. Fox MOVED/ J. Rolsky SECONDED

PASSED by Majority

Finance Update: T. DiFilipo

Jared, Kristine & Abby are working on the finance committee along with Tom. There was a budgetary increase of \$5,000 to allow for conference planning. JCICS will be eliminating another staff position, but will not have to actually lay an employee off as Joelle Ruben has submitted her resignation. She will be leaving JCICS to pursue her Master's in Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. It appears that there is a chance the conference may be close to break even. Currently there are 200 full registrants, 85 Adult Adoptee Institute participants and 150 Medical Institute participants.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 4:33 PM EST.

S. Cox MOVED/ K. Sacco SECONDED

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Stultz, Secy