CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS
All board members and staff introduced themselves. No guests were present.

ADOPT AGENDA
A change in the agenda was made to include a report from Shannon Jaccard on recent events in San Diego that impact issues of interest to NAMI California.

MOTION 1:
May Farr moved to approve the amended agenda. Mark Gale seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CLOSED MEETING
9:00 a.m. to noon; board development, review of strategic plan from 2007-2010

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REPORT
Shannon Jaccard reported on the background of events leading up to new legislation introduced by Assemblyman Fletcher, commonly known as Chelsea’s Law. This legislation is aimed at Sexually Violent Predators and is a response to a resent rape and murder in San Diego. Discussion was held on NAMI California’s response and fact-finding with Fletcher’s legislative staff. This issue will be followed up by the Government Affairs committee.

MOTION 2:
Keris Myrick moved to continue to research and work with NAMI National on developing a policy addressing the issue that Sexually Violent Predator is not synonymous with mental illness. The motion was seconded by Shannon Jaccard. The motion passed.

FUND DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND SPONSOR DEVELOPMENT
Coleen Peters reported on the annual conference planning. She stated that speakers have been confirmed and 23 workshop proposals have been submitted to date. A brief discussion was held regarding the awards presented at the conference.

MOTION 3:
Charlie Hearn moved to add an award to honor a NAMI member for
outstanding advocacy serving veterans. Gail Evanguilidi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The conference planning committee is encouraging a broader spectrum of sponsors and exhibitors. Board members committed to personally contacting potential sponsors and exhibitors from a variety of nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

**MOTION 4:**
Sherman Blackwell moved that each NAMI California board member solicit sponsorships from their local Affiliates. The motion was seconded by Coleen Peters. The motion passed.

**WISDOM LEGACY**
Charlie Hearn brought a guest, David Burrill, into the meeting to do a presentation about a project called Wisdom Legacy. The work of the project can be found at [www.wisdomlegacy.org](http://www.wisdomlegacy.org). This project is currently being piloted in three NAMI CA Affiliates. Discussion was held as to its efficacy and viability at the state level.

**MOTION 5:**
Charlie Hearn moved that the Executive Director take the lead to assemble an ad hoc committee to engage Wisdom Legacy to explore a contractual relationship. The motion was seconded by Mark Gale. The motion passed. Volunteers for the ad hoc committee are Mark Gale, Charlie Hearn, Shannon Jaccard, Sherman Blackwell, and Brenda Scott.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

**BOARD NOMINATIONS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**
Keris Myrick reported that the following board members are rotating off of the board: Frances Tibbits, Charlie Hearn, Keris Myrick, and Dorothy Hendrickson. Keris and Charlie will not be running for re-election. Keris reported that she had done an analysis of board needs and determined several needs, especially to have increased board representation from northern California. The Executive Director was instructed to send out a special call for nominations from the Bay Area and Superior Region Affiliates.

**AFFILIATE LIAISON AND STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE**
Trula LaCalle reported on her meeting with the Southern Region Affiliates on April 29, 2010. She said that the meeting was well attended and provided an opportunity to let those Affiliates know what will be expected of them over the course of the next few years in regard to the Standards of Excellence and what NAMI California plans to do to assist Affiliates.

**ADJOURN**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
NAMI CALIFORNIA

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2010, Irvine Marriott

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Scott, President; Mark Gale; First Vice President; Charlie Hearn; Second Vice President; Gail Evanguelidi; Frances Tibbits; Sherman Blackwell; May Farr; Keris Myrick; Coleen Peters

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Roberta English, Dorothy Hendrickson, Shannon Jaccard

STAFF PRESENT: Trula LaCalle, Ph.D.

CALL TO ORDER
ESTABLISH QUORUM
ADOPT AGENDA
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
A quorum was established.
The agenda was amended to incorporate the treasurer’s report with the budget and finance report.

MOTION 1:
May Farr moved to approved the agenda as amended. Keris Myrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS &
PUBLIC COMMENTS
none

ADOPT MINUTES
The minutes from the January 30, 2010 were reviewed. It was noted that no minutes were taken for the January 29, 2010 meeting as that day was a board development day with NAMI National consultant Valerie Hunter and no business was conducted. Corrections to the minutes were noted.

MOTION 2:
Mark Gale moved to approve the January 30, 2010 minutes as amended. Charlie Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
The President requested to go into closed session at 8:55 a.m. The business meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S
REPORT
Trula LaCalle reported on activities in relation to advocacy, Affiliate relations, leadership development, media relations, and operations. She answered board member questions and requests for additional information.

TREASURER’S REPORT;
Charlie Hearn led the board through a detailed discussion of the financial
BUDGET AND FINANCE

Report and called attention to year-to-year comparisons and cash flow issues. Keris Myrick, Treasurer, requested that it be noted in the minutes that revenue is down due to smaller individual donations, smaller Walk donations from the Affiliates, fewer grants from pharmaceutical companies, and delayed payments from the California Department of Mental Health. At the same time expenses are down from the previous year.

Charlie Hearn presented information on a possible fund development idea that had begun in Pennsylvania. The concept uses the web to create a sort of Wikipedia for mental health issues. As a user-driven media it provides searchable answers to common questions, but not in the typical FAQ format. Advertising could be used to drive revenues. The ad hoc committee that was developed to explore contracting with Wisdom Legacy also will conduct a beginning information gathering on the possibilities of this enterprise.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

PRIORITY BILLS

Frances Tibbits, Chair, reported on our support position for SB1169 (claims process); AB 1600 (parity); and AB2234 (older adults with mental illness). Letters regarding these bills were submitted to the appropriate Assembly and Senate committees.

FEDERAL PARITY REGULATIONS

Frances Tibbits and Trula LaCalle have been working with Government Affairs work group member, Michael Shepard, to develop written comment regarding the federal parity regulations. Overall support for the regulations is needed to counterbalance an attack on the regulations that has been waged by managed health care industry. Michael Shepard will submit written comment by May 3, 2010 the comment deadline.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mark Gale submitted a report on activities related to a review of the LPS law by a group of mental health organization leaders. He also submitted a report on CDCR’s planned facility expansion in San Joaquin County. The San Joaquin NAMI Affiliate had requested assistance in obtaining information on the planned facility and guidance on responding to community reactions to the facility. Mark Gale and Trula LaCalle reported on their conversation with Clark Kelso, Federal Receiver, and Sharon Aungst, Director of CDCR mental health services. Mark then reported on a subsequent inquiry to Ken Cohen, Director of Health Care Services for San Joaquin County.

PUBLIC POLICY

USE OF SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Coleen Peters conducted a discussion of a proposed policy in regard to NAMI Affiliates maintaining the charge over NAMI signature programs when working in conjunction with other agencies. She also discussed the need for Affiliates to share their translated materials of NAMI signature programs. It was concluded that the Public Policy Committee need to contact NAMI National to obtain more information on the National policies and how this may interact or impact the needs and activities of California Affiliates.
LPS CONSERVATORSHIPS
Gail Evanguelidi presented a video and PowerPoint presentation on a mentorship program to help families with the LPS conservatorship process in Los Angeles County. She requested no action from the board but she noted that other counties are wanting to implement a similar program and local mentor-leaders will be needed outside of Los Angeles County.

INTERFACE WITH PUBLIC MEDIA
Charlie Hearn pointed out the press tactic of contacting NAMI San Diego and NAMI California separately without letting either know that contact had been made by both. He advised Trula LaCalle to contact local Affiliates whenever a local issue comes to the attention of the media and to coordinate a response to the media.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Coleen Peters, substitute for Secretary Dorothy Hendrickson

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Brenda Scott, President