



**NAMI California Board Meeting Minutes**  
**DATE: February 16, 2012**  
**Conference Call**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dorothy Hendrickson, President; Mark Gale, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Frances Tibbits, Treasurer; Shannon Jaccard, Secretary; Randy Beckx, May Farr, Ratan Bhavnani, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, Navah Statman and Shannon Peterson.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brenda Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jessica Cruz, Executive Director and Margot Carmassi, Administrative Manager/Executive Assistant

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Dorothy Hendrickson.

**CONSUMER COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Becks Hawkins, Consumer Programs Director, presented a proposal to the Board regarding the creation of a Consumer Council. Becks explained this proposed Consumer Council would be a specific committee that would mirror the existing NAMI National Consumer Council model.. Becks expressed the importance of consumer's being part of the official process and having their voice be heard. This Consumer Council would serve as an Advisory Committee to the NAMI California Board of Directors that would share the same mission and visions.

A NAMI CA Board member would Chair this Committee as well as one NAMI California Staff member, who would be a non-voting member. This committee would also have one representative from each of the nine NAMI California Regions. The committee would also include a Vice Chair, Secretary and Past Chair positions.

It was proposed the Consumer Council would focus on specific issues that are commonly faced by consumers. These categories would include empowering and educating consumers, policy creation, stigma and discrimination reduction, multi-cultural areas of interest and a commitment to welcoming and orientating new Council

members.

There was much Board discussion and questions were posed as to what this council would need in regards to support services and financial resources. There was discussion regarding the relationship with possible Consumer Council members and their relationship with the Client Network. All agreed that all information must be gathered and that though this may present an opportunity to bridge an old gap, caution must be taken and past adversarial positions need to be also considered.

President Dorothy Hendrickson asked Becks to review the new information that was just sent from NAMI National regarding their newly developed Consumer Council. It was also requested that a budget and timeline was provided to the Board before a decision is made. Information will be reviewed and sent to the Board for careful consideration and continued discussion at the next Board meeting.

Decision on the Consumer Council was tabled to the next board meeting.

The Board continued the previous conversations regarding the NAMI affiliate applications that have been received by NAMI CA for approval. Three applications have been received from NAMI Alameda, NAMI Alameda South and NAMI Placer. Applications were reviewed at the last Board meeting in January.

## **NAMI AFFILIATE APPLICATIONS**

**Motion:** A Motion to approve, independently or collectively, the three affiliate applications from NAMI Alameda, NAMI Alameda South and NAMI Placer.

**MOTION** by Ratan Bhavnani

**Second:** Navah Statman

**MOTION PASSED**

## **MOTION #1**

**MOTION AMENDED:** A Motion to approve, independently or collectively, the three affiliate applications from NAMI Alameda, NAMI Alameda South and NAMI Placer pending the submission of all required documents.

**MOTION PASSED**

There were no Committee Updates from the Board with the exception of the Finance Committee update.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Finance Committee Update:

Frances Tibbits, Board Secretary, informed the Board that the current contract accountant in the NAMI CA office is no longer meeting the accounting needs and will be replaced in March. Financials for January have been delayed. A new position will be added at NAMI CA office to fill this accounting vacancy. Frances will send more information as it is available.

Three applications have been received by NAMI California for the vacant seat on the NAMI California Board of Directors. Not all Board members were able to review the applicable applications in detail. The three applications will be resent to the Board members in the order they were received. These applications will be reviewed prior to the next NAMI CA Board meeting.

**NAMI CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S  
APPLICATIONS**

**ADJOURNED**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Shannon Jaccard  
NAMI CA Board Secretary

5-19-12  
Date