

**Spinal Cord Leaders Council
Monthly Teleconference Meeting**

**Thursday, November 15, 2007
3PM**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Gray, Phyllis, Kennedy-Kreiger Institute
Johnson, Mark, Shepherd Institute
Karp, Gary
Kloter, Karen, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Hospitals
Larson, Eric, National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Maher, Pat, National Spinal Cord Injury Association
MacDonell, Chris, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Hospitals
McDonald, John, Kennedy-Kreiger Institute
Morris, Andrew, United Spinal Association
Roth, Marcie, National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Tobin, Paul J., United Spinal Association
Vance-Lauritzen, Sunny, University of Utah
Weisman, James, United Spinal Association

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chair Paul J. Tobin.

2. Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted as submitted.

3. Minutes of 11/7/07

A concern has been raised about possible application of IRS lobbying rules to the Spinal Cord Leaders Council (Council). It was determined that this is not a concern at this time since the Council is not a formalized 501(c)(3) corporation. Rather, it is a consortium of non-profits whose participation on this Council is de minimus in light of our individual activities and as a Council we are not soliciting funds. The minutes were approved as submitted on a motion by Mark Johnson, seconded by Chris MacDonell, and passed unanimously.

4. Review of Roster

Mr. Tobin stated he is still waiting to hear from some individuals on the designation of primary and alternate members of the Council. Follow up will be done to Miami Project, University of Rochester, ASIA, and others in order to finalize the list of people who want to be active on the Council. If someone wants to be carbon-copied without actual participation, this can be arranged.

5. Committee Reports

Three broad areas were identified at the annual meeting, and committees were formed; however, there is a need for additional volunteers to work on these committees. Several people volunteered; the updated list below reflects current composition of these committees.

Durable Medical Equipment and “In the Home” – Andrew Morris (Chair), Marcie Roth, Lee Page, Ida Cahill, Pat Maher.

Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act – Bruce Morgan (Chair), Marcie Roth, Mark Johnson, Susan Prokop, Sunny Vance-Lauritzen, Andrew Morris, Phyllis Gray, Gary Karp and John MacDonald.

Candidate Healthcare Platforms – Marcie Roth (Chair), Peggy Hathaway, Sunny Vance-Lauritzen, Eric Larson, Phyllis Gray and John MacDonald. The committee will be reviewing what the candidates put forth as their healthcare plan and formulating a questionnaire geared toward helping them prioritize the needs of our constituency. A working draft of the questionnaire will be disseminated to the entire body prior to the next meeting.

Communications Committee – Eric Larsen (Chair), Paul Tobin. The purpose of this committee is to make the Council visible on the web and in publications.

The above committees will convene via teleconference over the next month to define the charge of the committee and to set preliminary targets. Having these committees working simultaneously on diverse issues is a very positive step going forward.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 3:00 PM Eastern Time.