

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking Board of Directors

March 23rd, 2022

Present: Teresa Davidson, Kim Hilby, Katie Kyker, Maggie Tinsman, Tom Barr, Jessica Rohrs, Dr. Shannon Findlay, Sister Shirley Fineran, Linda Harrell, Alyse Hardin, Alka Khanolkar, Dr. George Belitsos, Dr. Joseph Moravec, John Chesser

Guests: Gretchen Brown-Waech (Attorney General's Office)

I. Call to Order (Belitsos)

Belitsos called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He explained that this is a special board meeting with only one agenda item. Belitsos began by explaining what has happened since the March 8th monthly board meeting. He proposed that Moravec speak first and explain the reason for his opposition to the Fundraising Committee motion. After this, the Fundraising Committee will speak and explain the reasons for their recommendation. This would lead into opening it up to the board for questions and comments, followed by a vote on this motion. The tabled motion is as follows:

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Fundraising Committee to give 30-days notice that the NAHT intends to terminate the MOU with the Foundation for Inspired Giving to create a giving portal to facilitate the SOS's IBAT initiative.

Belitsos began by explaining that at the last board meeting on March 8th, a motion was made to have this special one agenda item board meeting, and the board approved this special meeting motion. The Board debated the recommendation of the Fundraising Committee for 37 minutes on March 8th, but could not come to a resolution, so the motion was tabled. The following week Belitsos sent out a message to the board announcing the date of this special board meeting, as well as a summary of the March 8th board meeting, and what all would happen at this special board meeting.

After this email, Belitsos was informed that Moravec would no longer be able to host this special board meeting. Belitsos then resent the new zoom link to the board with the zoom link that would now be hosted by Chesser on March 22nd. He apologized for this late notice but explained that this could not have been avoided.

Belitsos also explained that he included two email conversations in his recent email to the Board. One was an email from the Secretary of State's office concerning this matter, as well as Belitsos' response to this SOS memo. The other was an email (that was also sent to the whole board) from Moravec which expressed anger towards Belitsos for sending out the SOS's email to the whole board. Belitsos responded to Moravec's letter

and sent it to the entire board.

Moravec went on to explain his strong opposition to the motion, which included much of what he wrote in his 2 page memo to the entire board.

Kyker, the chair of the Fundraising Committee, next spoke in favor of the motion. Her reasons to support the motion were the same as given in a memo to Moravec and the Foundation and copied to the full Board. Following this, Chesser, the vice-chair of the NAHT spoke in favor of the motion as well. Belitsos also spoke in favor of the motion.

Board members next asked questions and discussed their views for and against this motion. After 1 hour and 15 minutes of discussion, Beltisos then called for a vote and read off the following motion again:

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Fundraising Committee to give 30-days notice that the NAHT intends to terminate the MOU with the Foundation for Inspired Giving to create a giving portal to facilitate the SOS's IBAT initiative.

The vote was unanimous in favor of passing the motion and recommendation of the Fundraising Committee.

Following the vote, Tinsman requested that *“the Foundation for Inspired Giving make a presentation to the NAHT board regarding increasing donations for the Network only.”* Rohrs seconded the motion. Belitsos asked for any discussion.

Moravec asked for clarification as Tinsman phrased it as “Network only”, if that includes any organization that is part of the Network. If so, he said that he would concur with that. Tinsman said that she thinks that is fine, as long as the board votes on it.

Chesser said that we should clarify this even further to prevent issues from occurring again. Belitsos asked Tinsman if she meant that “Network only” would mean NAHT only, and she stated that is what she originally meant. Belitsos explained that this would not include other coalitions, organizations, or allies, it would only include the NAHT.

Sister Fineran asked for an amendment to the motion that the presentation would include what it would mean if they were to have it open for all of the resources that are on our Network, and then the board can vote on that.

Tinsman accepted this as part of the amendment which would be “and also to compare with including other allies.” Davidson seconded this motion. Belitsos accepted this as part of the motion.

Belitsos called for a vote, and **the vote was unanimous in favor of passing this motion.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Next Board Meeting: April 12th 2:30-4 pm