

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
South Carolina Victim Assistance Network  
May 8, 2008

**Present:**

Brett Macgargle  
Larry Bergmann  
Dottie Cronise  
Ritchie Tidwell  
Mary Ann Stroup  
Saylor Fox  
Riley Bost  
Hope Blackley

**Absent:**

Dean Kilpatrick  
Gail Few  
Gwen Herod  
Don Zelenka  
Luck Campbell  
Patty Patterson

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes from January 10th meeting.

No minutes were taken at the General Membership meeting held during Victim's Rights Week on March 28, 2008. An Annual Report was handed to SCVAN Members during the meeting. Veronica Kunz provided a "year in review" presentation.

The Board briefly reviewed the Executive Report sent via email to the Board, reviewing the months of March, April and May.

**Ex Officio Membership:**

Ex-Officio Board members' time limits to serve have expired. Brett Macgargle will contact them to see if they still want to serve on the Board. We will instill a tighter policy to adhere to our By-laws. If regrets are not sent before missing two consecutive Board meetings, Board will ask them to excuse themselves from the Board to provide a space for a more active Board member. New ex-officios are needed who have experience in public relations, fundraising, marketing and advertising.

Discussion was held regarding donations made to SCVAN via the United Way. Veronica will inquire to see what percentage we receive of direct donations to SCVAN.

**Outreach Strategy for victims:**

Electronic newsletters (which may be created by "Constant Contact") will be sent to our membership and others who are active in SCVAN activities. We will include articles specifically for crime victims, for example, "Coping Skills for Crime Victims." Information will be provided about joining SCVAN. These can also be printed as fliers to be passed along to victims in shelters. VRW recruitment blast: thank you for coming to VRW. Recruit one member to join SCVAN. Send these "recruitment blasts" at regular interval. For example: September is recruitment month. Join us for luncheon. If you recruit the most members, you are eligible for a "grand prize."

**Outreach strategy for Advocates, other criminal justice professionals:**

Ask SCLEOA, Chiefs/sheriff's associations to add us as a link. Veronica will work with Dean while she attends the Victim Assistance Academy to develop a membership recruitment strategy.

**Program Updates:**

**CVISS New Website demonstration:**

Justin Ashley provided a demonstration. Recommendations: save pictures of the Memory Board to the VRW homepage. Provide our contact information so victims may send pictures of their loved ones to us. Post those pictures on VRW page. Post on homepage "What SC Citizens Say About SCVAN". Obtain quotes from VRW award winners, legislators who have received awards, quote from Chief Justice Toal, victims who have attend IOLTA presentations and VRW. We will add link to new legislation that has passed, and provide a link (map) to state legislators. Add Board members to listserv.

**IOLTA:**

Susan Quinn provided a presentation on her project, "Underserved Citizens 411." Powerpoint presentations will be loaded onto our website.

**Crime Victim Legal Network – Phase 4**

Federal Enforcement Project will be extended through May 31, 2008.

Phase 4 blends the federal and state projects together. The \$160,000 grant is for one year, from the period of 2/1/08 – 1/31/09.

**Legislative Outreach:**

Riley Bost would like to serve as Chair of our Legislative Committee. We will request Vicki Bourus, Laura Hudson and the Victim Services Coordinating Council to alert SCVAN should they need Board members to assist on crucial pieces of legislation.

Meeting Adjourned 1:50 pm.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
JULY 10, 2008  
SCVAN OFFICES – 10:30**