

Membership Committee Report May 23, 2019 Council Meeting

The Membership Committee consisted of Robert Paddy, Mitch Iddins and Jill Demeritt. The committee interviewed and considered seven applicants for one vacancy representing Region 9. Two applicants were self-advocates, four were parents, and one was a sibling of an individual with a developmental disability.

The committee discussed correspondence the Council received from the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions on February 26, 2019 regarding the need to recommend more men and people of color to the Governor for appointment to the Council. The committee agreed since racial and ethnic diversity of members is one of the requirements in the DD Act and the Council is currently under-represented in the number of African American members.

The committee selected an experienced parent advocate who would provide more racial diversity to the Council. Before this nomination could be presented to the full Council for consideration, the Governor appointed Amy Donarski to fill that vacancy.

We are happy to welcome Amy to the Council.