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Please join us in celebrating the life of our dear friend Sid Katz

Sidney Katz was born in Newark, NJ on October 13, 1950 and most recently resided in Union, NJ. He graduated from Cranford High School in 1969. Sid was married to Sheryl Seeder Katz in 1978. Sid was actively involved in advocacy for almost half of his entire lifetime. Sid was a 30 year member of Community Access Unlimited (CAU) and one of the 'founding fathers' of the Helping Hands Self-Advocacy Group at CAU; and most recently the New American Movement for People with Disabilities.



Sid was involved in the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project and New Jersey United Self-Advocates (NJUSA) for over 25 years. He was a former President of both of these groups, and has held

various officer positions and has been instrumental in creating by-laws and policies. Sid recently obtained a position at CAU as Self-Advocacy Field Coordinator. Sid served as a Board Member of CAU. Most recently Sid was the President of Helping Hands, Coordinator for NJUSA - Northern Region & the New Jersey Alternate Representative for the national group, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE). Sid was an active member of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), attending and speaking at many national and regional conferences of AAIDD.

Sid is profoundly a lifetime achiever of educating, promoting and advocating for the rights of

Region IX and New Jersey Chapter combined Newsletter

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individuals with cognitive and developmental disability, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard and everyone is a member of the community with equal rights and responsibilities. Sid's strongest belief was that every citizen should have the same opportunities for freedom, pursuit of happiness and be an integral part of the community and society as a whole.



Sid will be deeply missed by his many friends, fellow advocates, co-workers and admirers in New Jersey and around the Country.

The repast will be held at L'Affaire, 1099 US 22, Mountainside, NJ on June 13, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

Please call (908) 354-3040 ext. 272 to RSVP.

New Jersey Chapter and Region IX AAIDD combined Meeting

The Region IX and NJ Chapter AAIDD will hold its next meeting at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the AAIDD Annual Conference; Room: Allegheny.

The Agenda will include discussing and developing a training/workshop schedule for the new year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**AAIDD Region IX and NJ Chapter
Combined Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

1. **Attendance:**
2. **Minutes:**
3. **Financial Report:**

NJ Chapter

Revenue: - 0 -
Expense: \$1,755
R/E (\$1,755)

Assets: \$18,598
Liabilities: - 0 -
Fund Balance b/f: \$20,353
R/E (1,755)
Total Liabilities & FB \$18,598

Region IX

Revenue: - 0 -
Expense: \$8

Assets:
Checking : \$15,073
Savings: 14,775
Total: \$29,848

Liabilities: - 0 -
Fund Balance b/f \$29,855
R/E (8)
Ending F/B 29,848
Total Lianilities & FB \$29,848

4. **Activities 2012/2013**

Workshops:

- SIS Training, 8/24/12
- Community Integration, 9/14/12
- Relationships and Sexuality, 3/21/13—3/22/13

5. **Planning for 2013:**

- Updated Planning Committee report

6. **Region IX & NJ Chapter Newsletters**

- Need for material

7. **SIS/New Business**

8. **Announcements**

9. **Next Meeting:**

Region IX & NJ Chapter: Thursday, August 15, 2013; 3:30pm - 4:30pm at Community Access Unlimited, 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202; (908) 354-3040. For directions, please visit www.caunj.org

10. **Adjourn**

Leadership Roster

Region IX Chapter

Bermuda: Ellen E. Douglas
Maryland: Jennifer Wagner
New Jersey: Sidney W. Blanchard
Pennsylvania: Michael L. Powanda
West Virginia: Gabriel A. Nardi

Region IX Board

Chairperson: Sidney W. Blanchard
Chair Elect: Bernadette Griswold
Vice President: Alvin Cox
Secretary: Sheila McDowell
Treasurer: Mercedes Witowsky
Immediate Past Chair: Paul F. Spangler
Member-at-Large: Open
Jennifer Wagner
Assembly Representative: Todd S. Wilson

New Jersey Chapter Board

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community, and that
power is growing.



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AAIDD Region IX Meeting MINUTES
January 19, 2012

1. **Attendance:** Quorum present
2. **Financial Report:** Treasury Report: \$17,885.
3. **Member at Large opening: Discussion of Mid-Winter Leaders Meeting on 12/4-5, 2011:** Sid Katz Report: Was about 20 people there. Non-Board members were not invited to sit in on Board meeting. Sid Katz was the only person with disability in attendance.
 - a. Received report of Cuba trip by AAIDD members planning to go to Portugal
 - b. Board nominations committee: Sid K. was not vetted to be on ballot. Had training on inclusion/employment by Bill _____

Yemi Haijededun, DSP:
 Sid and Yemi were asked to write an article on the meeting.
4. **Future Events:**
 - National Disability Policy Seminar, April 23-25, 2012
Washington, DC
 - AAIDD National Conference June 18-21, 2012
Charlotte, NC – Call for Papers
5. **Special Notes:**
 - Bill Gaventa, AUCD, 2011 Special Recognition Award
 - Three Region 9 members recognized for recruiting 3+ new AAIDD members: Joanna Pierson; Sid Blanchard; Bill Gaventa
6. **Training for 2012:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition and Physical Health: • Community Nursing and Supports: • Technology and Supports • Supports Intensity Scale • Positive Behavioral Supports using the PBS Curriculum • Adolescent Youth with Disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Integration and Community Connections • AAIDD Definition Manual • Sex Education for PWD and Support Staff • Group Dynamics in Residential Living Settings • Employment • Essential Life Planning
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7. **Newsletter:** Request for Articles/Notes: due by February 15
8. **Next meeting date:**
9. **Old Business**
 - Michael Powanda: No report
 - Who speaks for us? Article Committee: due by February 15
 - Alliance on Full Participation Article: due by February 15
10. **New Business:** Alvin Cox, Vice President, volunteered to contact Maryland and Pennsylvania and, if practicable, visit. He will offer assistance and potential regional support in order to support their efforts. The Region IX Board agreed to fund Alvin's expenses.
11. **Announcements**
12. **Adjourn**

AAIDD NJ Chapter Meeting MINUTES
January 19, 2012

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2. **Minutes:** October 20, 2011. Motion to accept: Myrta R. Second Sid K. Passed.
3. **Financial Report:** Treasury Report: \$17,885.
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 - ◆ Myrta Rosa named to NJ DD Council
 - ◆ Three Region 9 members recognized for recruiting 3+ new AAIDD members: Joanna Pierson; Sid Blanchard; Bill Gaventa
7. **Training for 2012: In progress and will be established by February 29.**
Wilmar Larrota was named Chair of the committee
8. **Newsletter:** Request for Articles/Notes by February 15. Newsletter will be published shortly thereafter
9. **Next meeting date:** End April/May
10. **Old Business**
 - ◆ HMO Committee Report: Rendered by M. Witowsky
 - ◆ Who speaks for us? Article Committee.
Sid Katz/Myrta Rosa: Article is due February 15
 - ◆ Alliance on Full Participation Article
Bernadette Griswold: Article is due February 15
11. **Announcements**
 - ◆ Paul, Yemi, Sid Katz, Katie – Documentary
 - ◆ Paul: Stop the Bullying Campaign in November
12. **Adjourn**

AAIDD Training Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 24, 2013

Rolando Zorrilla called to order the regular meeting of the **AAIDD Training Committee Meeting** at 2:00pm on **Friday May 24, 2013** in the **Board Room**.

Attendees

William Busch, Bernadette Griswold, Tracy Honig, Wilmar Larrota, Tony Provenzano, Tiffany Rhoney, Rosemary Schafer, Gillian Speiser, Vanessa Tuohy, Charlene Walker, Danica Williams, Rolando Zorrilla

Purpose of Meeting: *To discuss each training committees' meeting minutes and task analysis*

Announcements:

- "Race to Catch the Future"- AAIDD 137th Annual Conference; June 3-6, 2013, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Call for Proposals- CFLE Conference- Sexuality & Relationships

Items Discussed

- Discussed status of each subcommittees' meeting goals and task analysis.
- Discussed future training dates for upcoming trainings
- Approval for IA self instructs

Training Committee Action items

- All training committee chairs must ensure task analysis and meeting minutes are updated in the shared directory.
- Each committee's task analysis should outline objective, tasks, sub-tasks, assigned person(s) to task, and include due dates and dates of completion
 - Reach out to outside agencies, organizations, and trainers to be included in creation and implementation of curriculum.
- Each committee to prepare a brief 10 minute "report out" discussing an overview of group's progress.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 2:00-4:00 pm in the Board Room.**

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

AAIDD 137th Annual Meeting

June 3-6, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.aaid.org/content/6546.cfm?navID=75>

2013 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase

October 2-3, 2013, Denver (Broomfield), Colorado

<http://www.ancor.org/training-events/2013-ancor-technology-summit-showcase>

NADD 30th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show

October 23-25, 2013, Baltimore, Maryland

<http://thenadd.org/30th-schedule/>

2013 TASH Conference

December 11-14, 2013, Chicago, Illinois

<http://tash.org/conferences-events/tash2013/>



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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Premium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Classic | <input type="checkbox"/> \$595 Corporate |

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Annual Dues \$ _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education (\$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Process & Advocacy (\$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual/Social Concerns (\$10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families (\$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services (\$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student & Early Career Professionals (<i>no cost</i>) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology (\$10) |

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