

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN**

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Minutes for the Thirty-Fourth Commission Meeting

April 27, 2007 1-4 PM

Legislative Office Building Room 2006, Concord, NH

These minutes were taken by Scott Garman.

**Members Present:** Joe Mastromarino, Scott Garman, Mike Geanoulis, Marshall Hickok.

**Members Absent:** Gus Leraudeau, David Lauren.

Chair Joe Mastromarino opened the meeting at 1 PM. Mike Geanoulis requested to add two agenda items:

- Neil Bouton
- Debrief of HB704 (CSM renewal legislation)

Joe Mastromarino accepted these additional agenda items.

**Secretary's Report:**

Scott Garman motioned to accept the March meeting minutes as presented. Marshall Hickok seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Web Site Update:**

Scott Garman reported that the only changes made to the web site in the last month were posting of the meeting minutes.

Scott noted that for this month's update, a ZIP file of data provided by Dr. Stevan Gressit, will be posted. This file includes research on Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) and Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD) that he drew upon in his testimony.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Due to the absence of David Lauren, the Treasurer's Report is deferred until the next meeting.

Joe Mastromarino noted a check was received from Andreas Ziebart for \$500.00. Marshall Hickok

believed that there may be a statute requiring state agency gifts of over \$100 to be deposited in our account immediately upon receipt. In Treasurer David Lauren's absence, Mike Geanoulis offered to walk the check over to Administrative Services during the meeting break to ensure it is deposited promptly.

### **Education Report:**

Scott Garman noted receiving some statistical information about college enrollment projections from Richard Smaglick, who attended last month's meeting. This included a report, "Projections of Education Statistics to 2015," from the National Center for Education Statistics. This report included enrollment projections in degree-granting institutions, and predicts that by 2015, there will be 8.2 (41.2%) million men and 11.7 million women (58.8%) enrolled in colleges and universities.

### **Men's Equality Congress Conference Announcement:**

Scott Garman announced that a men's issues conference, the Men's Equality Congress, is being held from July 13-14, 2007 in Washington, D.C. The topic of the conference this year is "Boys and the Boy Crisis." Scott noted that he has registered for this conference and will be attending a pre-conference workshop by Warren Farrell, who will be discussing data from an upcoming book on the topic of boys' issues. For more information, please see their web site at <http://www.trueequality.com>.

### **Debrief of HB704 (CSM Renewal Legislation):**

Mike Geanoulis noted that HB704, which repeals the sunset of the Commission on the Status of Men, passed the NH House and Senate, but its fiscal note was rejected in the House Finance Committee. Marshall Hickok mentioned that he believed the bill had also been signed by the Governor recently.

Mike believes that the original fiscal note of \$60k/annually feel short because an insufficiently strong case was made about the financial impact to the state of the Commission's work. Mike hopes that our future efforts focus more strongly on our fiscal impact to the state, so that a future effort could be made to obtain funding from the state. This would allow our work to rise to a higher level with a paid Executive Director. Mike also wants it to be made known that we will welcome and would greatly appreciate any participation from the public toward this end.

Scott Garman also suggested that our next biennial report include a "Fiscal Impact" section at the end of each of the report's main sections, along with a fiscal summary of all issues addressed.

Mike Geanoulis suggested that we contact Neil Bouton of DHHS about social costs of fatherhood and broken families. Mike offered to invite Mr. Bouton to a future meeting after finding out if he is qualified to talk about economic issues related to these social problems.