

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN

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Minutes for the 41st Commission Meeting

November 30, 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, Scott Meyer.

Members Absent: Marshall Hickok, David Lauren, Gus Lerandau.

Chair Joe Mastromarino opened the meeting with Commissioner introductions.

Mission Statement Review:

The review of the Commission's mission statement was tabled for a future meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Scott Garman distributed draft copies of the October 2007 meeting minutes. Mike Geanoulis motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Scott Meyer seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Web Site Update:

Scott Garman requested a copy of the WIC letter sent out over the summer on CSM letterhead so he could generate a PDF version of it and post it to the web site. Joe agreed to find his copy and e-mail it to ScottG.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report is delayed in the absence of Treasurer David Lauren.

Task Force on Work and Family:

Mike Geanoulis reported that during the last meeting of the Task Force on Work and Family (TFWF), workplace and education topics were discussed. Mike expects that next month's meeting will include discussions of family and state aid, which he intends to take an active role in.

Commission Name Change Proposal:

No one present at this month's meeting had further comments or ideas on alternate names for the Commission on the Status of Men. The discussion was then tabled for a future meeting.

Commission Mailing Address:

Mike Geanoulis expressed a need for the Commission to have an official and static mailing address. Currently the Commission's web site lists a P.O. Box owned by Chair Joe Mastromarino. Mike motioned to take steps to establish a state postal mailing address in Concord for the Commission. Mailings would then be forwarded to a member of the Commission. Scott Meyer seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Second Biennial Report Preparations:

The Commission entered a work session on its second biennial report, reviewing the current draft and making further assignments for completing the report.

Paternity Fraud:

One of the final sections of the report involved the topic of paternity fraud. Anecdotal evidence suggests that growing numbers of men are being named as the father of a child that later DNA testing proves to be mistaken, or even fraudulent. The Commission feels that while some recommendation needs to be made to protect the certainty of paternity for both the father and the child, the topic was tabled because of time constraints.

December Meeting:

The December meeting of the Commission, normally scheduled for Friday, December 28, is currently on hold until a new meeting location can be secured. Joe Mastromarino will look into alternate locations such as the State Library. Please see the Commission's web site for updates.