

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Phoenix, Arizona
April 11-13, 2013**

President Wagner called the board meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Board Members Present: Chris Wagner, President; Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Vice-President; Margie English, Region I Representative; Steve Lovi, Region I Representative; Richard McCowin, Region II Representative; Michael Berger, Region II Representative; Larry Evans, Region III Representative; David Reynolds, Region IV Representative; Julie Rems-Smario, Region IV Representative; Joshua Beckman and Tawny Holmes, Appointed Board Members; & Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer(CEO).

Board Members not in attendance: Kirsten Poston, Secretary; Philippe Montalette, Treasurer; Christopher Patterson, Region III Representative.

Visitors Present:

April 11 at ACDHH: Lizzie Sorkin, NAD Staff, Tom Posedly, President, Arizona Association of the Deaf, John Dickinson, Helen Young (RID), Tom Buell, Larry DeVenny, Sean Furman, Becca Bailey, Timothy Lewis, Emmett Hassen, Linda Bove, and Astrid A. Goodstein

April 12 at Hilton El Conquistador in Tucson: R. Cardenas, Joy Saunders, Mike Crago, Ava Crowell, Letha Thibodeaux, Billy Padilla, Glenn Lockhart, Missy Keast, Kim Bianco Majeri, and Lissette Molina Wood.

April 13 at Apache ASL Trails: Gregg Brooks, Kenn Good, Chris Clements, Audree , (Adele) Walker, Bernice A. Harmon, Ann H. Myers, Kathleen A. Smith, Alice Duncan, Linda Hancock, Jan Heil, Patricia Bernacki, Ray Clark, Shaun Flores (?), Donna Lee Noel, Irene Havin, Linda Weaver, Kenneth Weaver, Mark Svedin, Vickey Svedin, Raymond D. Anderson, Veng Angkham, Warlita Angkham, Ryla Hartman, Randy Sage, Katie Andrews, James J. Howard, Bernie Horwitz, Mary S. Case, Kathy Wilbanks, Donna W. Taylor, Tina Todd, George Sierra, Mary Lou Flesh, Buddy Singleton, Bernice Singleton, and Robert Javense (?).

Ratification of Email Motions

2013/4-01 (Berger) Move to approve the NAD budget as submitted. (M/S/P)

The email motion was ratified.

Other Board Minutes

2013/4-02 (Beckman) Move to approve the January 2013 NAD Board meeting minutes as submitted. (M/S/P)

2013/4-03 (English) Move to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2014. (M/S/P)

2013/4-04 (Holmes) Move to approve finalized budget report for 4th quarter of 2013. (M/S/P)

2013/4-05 (Lovi) Move to set up this video and social media HUD campaign with 2 board members, co-chairs, to coordinate with headquarter (M/S/P)

2013/4-06 (McCowin) Move to instruct President and CEO NAD to share situation with HUD to national deaf organizations. (M/S/P)

2013/04-07 (Beckman) Move to have a plan of action for Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind and Phoenix Day School for the Deaf before April 25. (M/S/P)

2013/04-08 (Draganac-Hawk) Move to approve a conceptual draft of Mental Health Statement Position. (M/S/P)

2013/04-09 (Holmes) Move to establish resource for state associations and affiliates by subscribing to a basecamp website resource. (M/S/P)

President Wagner thanked Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing for meeting space in ACDHH. Two representatives of ACDHH, Carmen Green, Deputy Director, and Melinda Villera, Assistant to Executive Director gave welcoming comments.

Finance Report

The Board discussed the last quarter of 2013 fiscal year and fiscal year 2014. (See attached)

Presidents Report

President Wagner stated that all of his reports have been shared with Board through Board Video Conference on March 24.

Status Updates of Priorities for 2012-2014

Region I board member English reviewed with the board the status of 2012-2014 Priorities.

Discussion regarding NAD Operations

Legislative Training is transforming to be Legislative Affairs Team supervised by Howard Rosenblum, CEO. The HQ and team will come up with a package of Legislative Training fees. The final draft will be submitted to the Board prior to 2013 National Leadership Training Conference (September) in Omaha, NE.

Rosenblum introduced Lizzie Sorkin, NAD Director of Communications, to the Board. He explained that the Director of Communications will be taking some duties and responsibilities of State Association Coordinator as proposed by the delegates at the 2012 Biennial Conference.

NAD Leadership Training Conference (NLTC) will be held at Hilton Omaha on Oct 3 – 5, 2013. The theme is *Defy Expectations, Achieve Feats!* The three tracks are: employment, personal & professional, and education. The whole program is coordinated by Angela Ellman, Michael Berger, Richard McCowin, and Nebraska Association of the Deaf. There will be an opportunity for the Board to visit Iowa School for the Deaf after the NLTC conference and board meeting.

The board recessed for dinner with Arizona Association of the Deaf Board at Postino Central restaurant and meeting resumed at 1:45p at Hilton El Conquistador next day (April 12) after NAD Board visited Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind.

Deafhood Training

Alyce Reynolds, a retired professor from Ohlone College, provided the board with an hour and forty-minutes of training on Deafhood. The training was based on the book: *Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood* by Paddy Ladd.

The Board met with the CEASD Board for forty-five minutes to discuss how NAD and CEASD continue working on Child First Campaign.

The board recessed for dinner and the meeting resumed at 10:15 am at Apache ASL Trails on April 13.

Housing Urban Development (HUD)

The Board had a forty-five minutes tour of Apache ASL Trail. Robert McCormick, Director, AAT; Katie Voss, Housing Consultant for Cardinal Capital; Linda Russell, On-Site Manager, AAT; Mary Vargas, Attorney, Stein and Vargas; and Michael Traylor, Director, Arizona Department of Housing explained their roles and involvement in the HUD situation. Also, they described the next steps they believe should be taken.

Committee / Strategy Team / Task Force Updates

State Association and Affiliates Committee, Employment Task Force, Committee, and Election Form Committee will send their guidelines or action plan before the next board meeting in October 2013.

Julie Rems-Smario pointed out that she will work with Public Policy committee in regards to the Child Protection Service position statement.

Event Representative

The Board reviewed the Event Representatives and made effort to attend many State Association and National events for next three months.

Draganac-Hawk requested that the board enter into executive session at 4:25 pm to discuss NAD Board's performance.

Board Meetings

October 6-7, 2013 – Omaha, NE

January 17 – 19, 2014 – Jacksonville FL

April 2- 5, 2014 – Rochester, NY

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm. The Board attended to Town Hall at Renaissance Phoenix Downtown hosted by ACDHH and Arizona Relay.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa S. Draganac-Hawk
Vice-President

For Kirsten Poston
Secretary
National Association for the Deaf