

**National Association of the Deaf  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 16-18, 2015**

**April 16, 2015**

The Board visited Hinsdale South High School (HSHS) at 8:30am for a tour of the Deaf program at HSHS. The Board also went to a HSHS sponsored Transition program where deaf students get job training and develop independent living skills.

**President Chris Wagner called the board meeting to order on April 16th at 1:00 pm at Chicago Hearing Society.**

**Board Members Present:** President Chris Wagner (2014-2016), Vice President Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2014-2016) , Secretary Joshua Beckman (2014-2016), Treasurer Philippe Montalette (2014-2016), Region I Representatives: Steve Lovi (2012-2016) and Michelle Cline (2014-2018), Region II Representatives: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016) and Richard McCowin (2014-2018), Region III Representatives: Gerald "Jerry" Nelson (2014-2018), Region IV Representative: David Reynolds (2012-2016), Region IV Representatives: Sherri Collins (2014-2018), Appointed Representative: Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016) and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Excused:** Region III Representatives: Larry Evans (2012-2016) and Appointed Representative: Pamela Lloyd Ogoke (2014-2016)

**Staff Present:** Lizzie Sorkin; Director of Communications and Allie Rice; Director of Youth Programs

**Visitors Present:** Kim Eischen, Sarah Michaelson, Anne Orozco, Michelle Cunningham, Hugh Woodson, Jermaine Yount, Catina Ana Dearder, Nathaniel Jenkins, Sylvia Orozco, Jacob (Jak) Hickey, Benro Ogunyipe

**President's report- Chris Wagner**

Larry Evans submitted his resignation two weeks prior to this board meeting due to family issues and can no longer commit to serving as a NAD Board member. Interviews were conducted with several people from Region III that can serve for the remainder of Larry Evans' term. Upon completing these interviews, I am pleased to announce that I am appointing Holly Ketchum to serve as the Region III Representative for the remainder of Larry Evans' term.

**David Reynolds move to approved the appointment of Holly Ketchum as Region III Board member. Philippe seconded. The motion carried**

**EDUCATION**

- Had a telephone conference with Assistant Superintendent of Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, William Koehler and NAD CEO Rosenblum regarding NAD's letter to the Governor expressing concerns of ASDB board governance and representation.

- Sent letter to Arkansas School for the Deaf expressing NAD's concerns regarding Superintendent vacancy and board governance. NAD will follow up with education advocacy training to Arkansas Association of the Deaf.
- Met with Claire Bugen, Superintendent of Texas School for the Deaf and Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Director of Outreach Services at TSD regarding recent legislative dialogue. NAD continues to monitor and communicate with TSD representatives.
- Sent letter to Gallaudet University Board of Trustees and its Presidential Search Committee emphasizing importance of having a Deaf individual as the next President of Gallaudet University.
- Met with Council on Education for the Deaf (CED) Board of Directors in St. Louis for its annual meeting. Discussion included invitation to additional national organizations that may have a significant impact on Deaf education. NAD now takes the lead of the Board for the next term.
- Met with James Tucker, CEASD President, to discuss concerns related to Deaf Child Bill of Rights and the IDEA Reauthorization legislation.

#### **NAD – RID**

- Met with RID executive team along with NAD CEO Rosenblum on several occasions to discuss concerns, including, but not limited to:
  - Tennessee legislation – joint statement in the works
  - RID Executive Director vacancy
  - NAD-RID Memorandum of Understanding / Business Agreement
    - VRI Task Force
    - Prisons
    - Certification Committee
  - sComm's media backlash
  - 2015 National Conference
  - RATF Final Recommendations

#### **NAD HEADQUARTERS**

- NAD Executive Board met with NAD CEO Rosenblum on his CEO Annual Report and discussed new goals for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- Met with Rosenblum and Allie Rice regarding Youth Leadership Camp concerns.
- Worked with staff on planning of 2015 NAD Leadership Training Conference
- Met with Nancy Rarus, Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) President regarding tribute to NAD Past President Gertie Galloway. Tribute with a bench dedication to take place June 14, 2015 at Maryland School for the Deaf – Columbia Campus.
- Met with Nancy Rarus and Alfred Sonnenstrahl from DSA in regards to NAD's work on Deaf housing and HUD as well as VRI.
- Coordinated with Rosenblum on USA representation to World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)
- Met with Rosenblum and Lizzie Sorkin on new strategies for external communications.

#### **BOARD ACTIVITIES**

- Met with individual board members during weekly meetings to receive updates and provide resources / support.
- Participated in monthly finance meetings.
- Currently working with Board members on implementation of webinar to be available to the public in late Spring 2015.

- Met with Steve Lovi, Governance Chair, on Board Policy Manual updates and new House Rules for 2016 Council of Representatives
- Met with Past President Council to discuss the criteria for President Emeritus. Agreed to table it until Spring 2015 for further discussion.
- Received invitations to speak at numerous conferences and meetings this Spring and Summer.
- Met with Joel Barish with Montalette and Beckman – discussed NAD and DeafNation issues.
- Sent letters of support to Oregon Association of the Deaf and Oklahoma Association of the Deaf in their legislative efforts.

### **Vice President's report- Melissa Draganac-Hawk**

Representation on behalf of the NAD details (past, current or planned):

- Keynote Speaker - Missouri School for the Deaf - March 3, 2015
- ECE Summit – April 9 – 11, 2015
- New York School for the Deaf – May 11, 2015
- ASLTA Conference – June 24 -27, 2016
- DWU Conference – July 15-18, 2015

NAD Board Involvement Progress (Including Committees):

- Executive Board and Board Videophone Meetings
- DST Videophone Meetings – Ongoing

Fundraising Activities:

- Keynote Speaker's fee
- Presenter's fee

Key Vice President Updates:

- Updating NAD Committees (members' names)
- Collecting COI and Confidentially forms from Chairs

### **Secretary's report- Joshua Beckman**

Representation on behalf of the NAD details (past, current or planned):

- Attended Audism Free America (AFA) rally on April 10
- Will attend American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference this June 24 to 27
- Will attend Youth Leadership Camp this summer

NAD Board Involvement Progress (Including Committees):

- Meeting regularly with executive and board
- Met with Joel Barish about Deaf Nation

Key Secretary Updates:

- Maintain update on Google drive
- Created a calendar of all upcoming board meetings from April to August

## **Treasurer's report- Philippe Montalette**

The budget is updated to the 11th month of the fiscal year, and we are in good shape financially.

## **Region I Board Representatives- Steve Lovi and Michelle Cline**

Todd Murano, new RIAD President will work on RIAD to set new goals to help get RIAD back into shape.

Representation on behalf of the NAD details (past, current or planned):

- SL: Met with Yael Agriss in VA regarding DCAD. Assisted Howard in planning/setup of Chicago board meeting for April. Participated in roundtable event for Deaf organizations in Albany, NY. Working with ESAD to help re-group after President's short notice resignation. Assisting ESAD with fundraising endeavors for their upcoming conference.
- MC: Worked with PSAD to coordinate a joint NJAD/PSAD Legislative Training. Worked with Alan Gifford regarding his 501c3 inactivity. Reached out to Rhode Island Association of the Deaf's treasurer in preparation for Jr.NAD retreat in Rhode Island. Will attend RI Jr. NAD on April 11-12.

NAD Board Involvement Progress (Including Committees):

- SL: Governance with regard to BPM and SACC toolkit updates/LGBT Section
- MC: Youth committee and special section: Mental Health

Key State Association Updates:

- SL/MC: Held Region 1 VP meeting on 1/13/15. Technical difficulties were evident in February, but we were not able secure dates for March due to platform issues. We will have one more meeting before the NAD Board retreat on April 7<sup>th</sup> with all SA Presidents. We continued to reach out to SA's that had not yet paid their NAD association dues. Several Region I SA's continue to be actively involved in efforts to bring about state level interpreter licensure and will be an on-going be a 2015 priority for Region I. SAAC Toolkit updates went out to SA's. Region I SA members continue to discuss the idea of having a Regional Conference in New England sometime late 2015/early 2016 at least 6 months before the Phoenix national conference.

Membership Recruitment Activities:

- SL: Encouraged SA's to continue support NAD with yearly dues. There was still some resistance from some SA's with this but they seem to have reconsidered. MDAD said their dues were "on way" to HQ
- MC: Handed out small "brochure" to different NJAD events throughout February and March.

Fundraising Activities:

- SL: Working on Chicago board meeting fundraiser dinner event.
- MC: Came up with different ideas and discussed with Executive Board along with whole Board during one of the virtual Board Meeting.

Other relevant comments:

- Region I FB Page continues to be updated on a regular basis. There are now 663 likes on our FB page as of 3/29/15. Branding was done on Facebook to ensure uniformity with each Region page. NAD Mag news from Region I SA's was solicited and sent to HQ.

## **Region II Board Representatives- Jenny Buechner and Richard McCowin**

Representation on behalf of the NAD details (past, current or planned):

- Jenny: No events represented between January and April of 2015. Will present at the KAD/KAI/RID conference on June 12 and 13. Will attend SpringFest in Missouri on May 9th, representing the NAD.

NAD Board Involvement Progress (Including Committees):

- Jenny: Continue to post updates on NAD Region II Facebook Page and Twitter. Periodic meetings with State Association presidents continue to take place, sharing updates on the progress of the NAD Board and committees and updates from the community.
- Richard: Continue working with Shilpa Hanumantha, Diversity Strategy Team Chair as NAD board liaison and, as NAD board liaison, helping Interpreter Section to seek the chair asap.

Key State Association Updates:

- Several SA's have bills that are currently being processed through legislature. They are as follows:
  - Indiana: SB47 Cultural Competency in Healthcare. Sitting in committee. SB210 a study to see if state can pay more for hearing aids. HB 1375 requests \$2.5M from general funds to pay for hearing aids.
  - Nebraska LB287 state interpreter licensure (for state jobs only)
  - Iowa is getting set to open their first regional center in Charles City. They have advertised for that position and the new supt has asked the Deaf community to help lobby for ISD budget and additional budget for that regional center.
  - Illinois School for the Deaf is working on a few issues, including HB2657 which addresses hiring licensed teachers/professionals from other states to schools in Illinois, including ISD. SB220 which includes a waiver in the hiring process specifically with CMS for ISD and ISVI. They are also addressing an issue around cued speech at the Illinois School for the Deaf. They have sent a position letter to ISD.
  - There will be more events representative during summer time such as Missouri Spring Fest, Kentucky State Association conference, and more to go around summer time
  - Michigan have grant that will provide the knowledge for licensure and training relate with empowerment of using service around Michigan from state legislator bill that passed in history.

## **Region III Board Representative- Gerald "Jerry" Nelson**

- GENERAL COMMENTS: All Region 3 State Associations have paid their annual NAD dues. Region 3 Board Reps hosted virtual meetings every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month – have not missed any. Information exchanges have been very beneficial among State Associations. At the January virtual meeting, Kim Bianco-Majeri joined the meeting to offer her legislative-related services to state association presidents. As a result, Kim worked with a number of them. SAPs were strongly encouraged to have Kim do the legislative training with the state association memberships in the fall to better prepare for 2016 legislative sessions.
- GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: GAD will be hosting the 2015 Conference at Jekyll Island, GA. More information will be on GAD website and Facebook.

- NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: The North Carolina Interpreters and Transliterator's Licensure Board (NCITB) worked for four years with the State General Assembly to remove the minimum two year A.A. degree requirement for licensed interpreters. Now, an individual can obtain a Provisional License, which allows them to practice in the broader community for 4-6 years with nothing more than a 3.0 (60% accuracy) on Educational Interpreter's Performance Assessment (EIPA). Also, anyone with older RID Certification (pre 2008) can now obtain a permanent license without education.
- OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: The Oklahoma Educational Interpreter Act became law in July 2002. The OAD/OKRID team worked together for a year, and the amended bill became HB 1512. It passed through the House of Representative and is now awaiting for action in the Senate Education Committee.
- TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: TAD is working on several bills: Interpreter Licensure Bill, Domestic Violence Services for Deaf Children (requirement to provide certified interpreter); and Bill of Rights for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. TAD Conference will take place at Fall Creek Falls State Park on Sept. 10- 13, 2015. For more information at [www.deaftenn1897.org](http://www.deaftenn1897.org)
- ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: AAD is working very hard to be ready for the state conference in June. AAD is also looking forward to having the NAD's National Leadership Training Conference in Birmingham, Alabama in September!
- SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: SCAD/SCRID Task Force worked hard to get the Interpreter Bill introduced to both House and Senate. So far both subcommittees passed the bill, but we continue to work to ensure the bills carries through.
- FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: FAD obtained sponsors in both House and Senate for the Interpreter Licensure Bill. Collaborating with other organizations, FAD sponsored a Legislative Rally in early March.
- LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: LAD is pushing for the bill of rights for deaf children, which is in progress. Will know for sure on April 22. For further information - contact Houston Moss 1.225.341.6348
- TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: TAD worked with TX Legislature, other groups, and state officials to ensure that Texas School for the Deaf obtains the needed funds for capital improvements. TAD had their conference at south of the Texas and Wes Singleton was elected as president of TAD.
- ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION: AAD worked closely with the Arkansas School for the Deaf Board and the deaf community to ensure the search and hiring of the new Superintendent is in the best interest of everyone, especially ASD students.

#### **Region IV Board Representatives- David Reynolds and Sherri Collins**

- Idaho
  - Sign Language Interpreter Licensure. Passed out of House. Hearing at Senate on Tuesday, March 21.
- Hawaii
  - SCR41/SR16 (Expected to Pass) Requesting the Department of Education to Offer Courses in American Sign Language.
  - SB963 (Dead) Health Insurance Coverage: Hearing Aid.
  - HB1272 (Expected to Pass) Motion Picture Theaters; Open Movie Captioning and Descriptive Narration
  - SB962 (Dead) Interpreter Referral Services; Appropriation

- SR49/SCR95 (The Senator plan to kill the bill) Requesting the Department of Education to Review the Need for the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Oregon
  - Creation of Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SB449) - OAD received many letters of support and will present the letters at their next hearing on Thursday, March 26th. So far there's no opposition in the support of the bill from the legislators.
- Colorado
  - SB15-178 (Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing sunset review) Recommendations to continue the commission for another 9 years and adding deaf-blind rep on the board and service for deaf-blind population. Amendment will be made to add relocation of the commission under the Governor's office. Deaf Education Reform -- ongoing project and more likely will find sponsors for next general assembly session in 2016.
- Nevada
  - SB13 - Dept of Education - Children's Bill of Rights. Children Bill of Rights was passed 2 years ago). SB13 added new language in the bill. Tawny Holmes is helping to review the bill and provide feedback. PUC lost a case in NV Supreme Court trying to block the State Agency (Aging and Disabilities Services Division) from allowing partial surcharge to be used for supporting Deaf Service Centers in Nevada. We will certainly see better services for the DHH folks in due time.
- California
  - CAD and the Deaf Agencies Coalition sent a joint letter to the Congress reps of the EHDI reauthorization expressing concerns about the current language of the bill. SB 210 LEAD-K Bill is now on the floor. It is a CAD sponsored bill. EHDI National Conference will take place in San Diego, California in 2016 and Deaf community is encouraged to have strong presence. CAD will be involved representing Deaf Californians.
- Will start monthly meeting with region IV every first Wednesday

Michelle Cunningham who works for CHS wants to thank you for all for coming to CHS.

President Wagner called for 15 minutes recess at 3:34pm. The meeting resumed at 3:54pm.

Howard Rosenblum introduced Executive Director Karen Aguilar who works at Chicago Hearing Society.

Karen explained what CHS all about. CHS serves from womb to tomb and Interpreter Referral Services, Hearing aid sales and services, hearing aid bank, free amplified telephone demonstrations, social services and advocacy, youth program, adult role models in education of the deaf, victim assistance program, domestic violence counseling, information and referral and community calendar on the internet.

#### **CEO's report- Howard Rosenblum**

Electronic Report given detailing headquarters activities for the past quarter. Reported on recent updates.

#### **Sections**

- **LGBT- Glenna Cooper, Chair (Steve Lovi, Board Liaison)**
  - Quarterly VP Meetings starting in 2015 for Section Member leaders.

- Updating in house LGBT Section guidelines.
- Post Section information on NAD Website.
- Recruiting new members to join NAD and Section
- Planning for a VP meeting in May 2015 with Glenna to put together a membership drive and possibly a flyer to go along with the membership drive.

**Interpreter Section - Richard McCowin, Board Liaison**

- The report will be submitted during the September Board meeting.

**Deaf Culture & History Section - Kat Brockway, Chair (Jerry Nelson, Board Liaison)**

- Since April 2014; the Section has made a several improvements in the areas of:
  - new mission
  - new goals regarding what DCHS can do.
  - new objectives
- The DCHS members have been actively recruiting new members and old members to return. The fund went from 700's to over 1,000's and is growing steadily.
- Recently, the DCHS has made an offer with a NAD pre-approved letter to recruit the US Deaf History Conference group to join as members hoping to grow double and work together to establish a workshop, training, and others in the future.
- For now, that is all except the welcome comment will be posted to the NAD website Section blog soon, hopefully!

**Senior Citizen Section - Sue Pedersen, Chair (Jerry Nelson, Board Liaison)**

- DSA will have their conference this summer.

Chris Wagner brought up different issues that have been happening in our community. We need to develop talking points for community issues on action items.

President Wagner called for recess at 5:43pm. The board meeting will resume tomorrow afternoon.

## **Friday April 17, 2015**

During the morning, the Board visited Kinzie School in the City of Chicago. The K-8 mainstream program was very impressive. Board members met the parents group and discussed their concerns with the challenges facing education of their mainstreamed children. After visiting Kinzie, the Board reconvened its meeting at Swoboda Deaf Center.

The board meeting resumed at 2:05pm at the Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC).

**Staff Present (not present yesterday):** Kim Bianco-Majeri, State Legislative Affairs Coordinator  
Contractor

**Visitors Present:** Ed Glennon, Elouise McCloyn, Gustavo Diaz, Rosemary Edwards, Robert Uhren.

Ed Glennon explained about the history of the Swoboda Center. He explained the details and information about how SDC started in 1996 and its progress to now. He recognized one family that helped provide the finances that made SDC possible.

President Wagner reviewed the agenda for this afternoon.

President Wagner reviewed the priorities

**PARS-** We met the expectation of the deadline regarding this priority. Howard explained about the progress after our recent board meeting that the neutral platform had been dropped from FCC. FCC is now working on several ideas from VRS provides, and many other different categories that FCC needs to address. All seven VRS companies are concerned about rate cuts, skills rating, speed of answer and CDI. President Wagner asked that Andrew Phillips do a vlog report on this priority.

**FEMA-** No update report yet. President Wagner assigned Neil McDevitt to do a vlog report on this priority.

**Mental Health** - The committee has been working since January with Steve Hamderdinger as chair. Focus on the two aspects of the priority which is combined. President Wagner asked that a vlog report on this priority be done.

**Education Strategy Team** - Working on listing all existing deaf education programs in colleges and universities in the country to help strategize different approaches. Working on a potential deaf education conference during the NAD conference. President Wagner asked that Tawny Holmes provide a vlog report on the EST priority.

**Youth-** Youth Committee is focusing on the two priorities: outreach to mainstream schools and youth day. Allie went to PSAD's youth day to study how it is done, and is working with Martin Price to nationalize this program. President Wagner asked that Martin Price provide a vlog report on the Youth priorities.

### **Appointed Board: Outreach- Alicia Lane-Outlaw**

- Update on branding and cover relate with social media.

- Representation on behalf of the NAD:
  - Annual meeting of Thompson Hall Deaf club in St. Paul, MN
  - Meet Your Legislator Day at State Capitol; advocated for improvements in parent choice for D/HH preK placements
- NAD Board Involvement Progress (Including Committees):
  - Ongoing communications with outreach committee
  - In process of recruiting from Region 4 to fill vacancy on outreach committee
  - See report from outreach chair for additional details.
  - Developed consistent branding for all region Facebook Page profile and cover images, to more clearly differentiate between regions and help community members identify their own regions and reps.
  - Assisted NAD in communicating with community members in regards to technical glitch with inquiry form on website
- Membership Recruitment Activities:
  - Shared various NAD news/activities on social media.
  - Encouraged community members to consider attending NLTC.

**Outreach Subcommittee (fundraising) - Corey Axelrod, Chair (Alicia Lane-Outlaw, Board Liaison)**

- Appreciate being invited to come to the NAD board meeting and provide this report
- Have started working on developing bequest plans
- A subcommittee is working on a gifting policy
- Progress Update (include strategies and timelines):
  - The committee has deferred releasing the NAD Community Survey to the general public due to some logistical issues. The committee is currently coordinating with the staff liaison to build the online components, and several committee members will create the ASL versions of the survey questions/answers.
- The chair is looking to fill a vacancy with a community member from Region 4.
- President Wagner asked Corey Axelrod to make a vlog report.

**Diversity Strategy Team- Shilpa Hanumantha, Chair (reported today by Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Board Liaison and Richard McCowin, Board Liaison)**

- Committee Goals (including Conference Priorities, if any):
- The committee now has shared access on Google Drive and is currently working together to define the five strategies, which was created by the previous DST committee/term (2012-2014).
- The five strategies are named as: Training, Collaboration, Policy, Research, and Youth. Not only is the committee focused on the definition but also figuring out the main goal, action plan(s), timeline plan and current pressuring trends for each strategy.
- The committee is not restricted to only five strategies and will welcome any feedback/modifications as the work progresses. With further inputs from all the 8-committee members, the committee hopes to create and focus on at least one project.
- Progress Update (include strategies and timelines):
- The past month was focused was on recruiting four potential candidates to form an 8-member committee who will meet for the first time online within the next week or two. From previous terms, the committee worked to retrieve old documents/reports and clarify background information/history about DST itself. All the meeting minutes from the past 6 months are uploaded on Google Drive.
- President Wagner asked that Shilpa Hanumantha make a vlog report on this.

**Governance- Steve Lovi, Chair (Jenny Buechner, Board Liaison)**

- SAAC toolkit will be updated during month of June.
  - Develop a succession plan
  - Board retention plan
- BPM: Have some feedback
  - Board absences
  - House rules committee
  - We need to develop the new rule for COR that will cover tomorrow April 18, 2015.
- House Rules Committee member recommendations will be shared in Chicago
- SAAC Manual quarterly updates have been made and will be shared in Chicago
- Board Policy Manual updates have been made and will be shared in Chicago

President Wagner called for recess at 4:00pm and back at 4:10pm for Kim Bianco-Majeri's update on Legislative Affairs. The board meeting resumed at 4:17pm.

President Wagner explained about how Legislative Affairs began in 2012.

**Legislative Affairs- Kim Bianco-Majeri**

- Provided updates on states where she provided legislative training as well as upcoming trainings in other states. Provided updates on house bills from different states. There are many bills focusing on interpreter issues.
- President Wagner is working on theme ideas for providing presentations during state association conferences. He wants to have Legislative Affairs to have some input in the presentations.
- President Wagner asked Kim Bianco-Majeri to make a vlog report.

President Wagner reviewed the agenda for tomorrow.

President called for recess at 5:07pm and will resume the meeting tomorrow.

**April 18, 2015, at Swoboda Center**

**Staff Present:** Andy Foster, Web Support contractor

**Visitors Present:** Tim Carroll, Demir Bekiri, Martin Klein, Hajo Dzanovic, Anna Hichalik, Angela Cortez, Farah Ghafour, Imad Al Dulaimi, Jaime E Rosas, Gurfal Runna, Miguel Duarte, Shabana Khan, Joel Armas, Berenice Lara, Estela Lara, Darrell Washington, Suzanne Salerno, Jason Salerno, Rhychell Barnes, Lisa Roth, Jake Hickey, Juan Bernal, Gary Etkie, Lori Krakora, Ed Glennon

The board meeting resumed at 8:40am.

Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for executive session at 8:45am. Sherri Collins seconded.

Executive session ended at 9:34am

**Jerry Nelson moved to accept evaluations, David Reynolds seconded. Board approved.**

President reviewed agenda for today.

Howard Rosenblum explained about the upcoming National Leadership Training Conference at Birmingham Alabama. More details will be shared during monthly VP meeting and emails.

Howard Rosenblum also reported on the NAD Biennial Conference in Phoenix Arizona. The Arizona Association of the Deaf has been very helpful and already identified several people who will help with the conference as follows:

- **AZAD Liaison - Lisa Furr, President**
- **Volunteers:**
  - Auction Coordinator: Astrid Goodstein
  - Kids Day Care Coordinator: Missy Keast Victorson
  - Workshop Coordinator: Beca Bailey
- We are looking into a few possible sites for July 4<sup>th</sup> gathering –
- There may be tours immediately following the conference on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- We are exploring having Native American and Mexican representatives during the opening ceremony. We are contacting deaf members of those culture groups.

**Spring Webinar discussion-** President Wagner wants to set up the webinar where people can ask questions about what is NAD? We need to set up the series regarding what questions will be asked during the webinar. Board needs to make sure to reach out to members. We need to set up a committee to focus on different topics such as NAD 101 and how to communicate. President Wagner wants to have the beginning action item recommendations by May 1, 2015. The committee for this Spring Webinar is Michelle Cline, Jenny Buechner, Jerry Nelson, David Reynolds, Alicia Lane-Outlaw and Lizzie Sorkin.

President calls for a break to set up the Focus Group (NAD-RID Certification Committee) lead by Glenn Anderson through videophone. Glenn asked nine questions related with NIC certification of how to improve the certification process. Board members responded to Dr. Anderson's questions.

President Wagner called for a 1 hour lunch break recess at 11:37am.

The board meeting resumed at 12:45pm

President Wagner introduced DAEAP president Demir Bekiri to explain about the DAEAP organization which serves the needs of deaf immigrants with respect to obtaining immigration services, passing citizenship tests, getting a green card, and obtaining U.S. citizenship. The board discussed about immigrants issues related with interpreters and accessibility for people who want to move to America.

The board discussed about house rules for 2016 during NAD biennial conference.

Howard introduced Bryen Yunashko who is a DeafBlind leader in Chicago, working for the Helen Keller National Center as a regional representative for the states of IL, WI, and MN to serve the needs of DeafBlind people in those states. Bryen explained about the unique challenges of the DeafBlind community in those three states and what he does with working at Helen Keller National Center. Several DeafBlind individuals provided testimony about the issues and challenges that they face every day, and what they would like for the NAD to advocate for on their behalf.

**David Reynolds moved to approve January 2015 board meeting minutes. Richard McCowin seconded. Motion carried**

President called for recess at 2:53pm and to come back at 3:00pm.

Meeting began 3:08pm

President reviewed the agenda with board.

Sherri Collins moved to set up a DeafBlind Advisory Committee under Public Policy. David seconded. Jenny moved to refer to next meeting. Philippe Montalette seconded. Motion carried. President Wagner assigned Sherri Collins to start on DeafBlind Advisory Committee.

**Jerry Nelson moved to have a NAD resolution for Larry Evans for his service as NAD board. Melissa Draganac-Hawk seconded. Motion carried.**

**Sherri Collins moved to have CDI/DI for our future NAD board meetings. David Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.**

Lizzie Sorkin and Andy Foster provided a report on the NAD website and database. There are many changes and obstacles from the website and database itself. Board and Headquarters will receive an updated report on this before the new website launch.

President Wagner discussed about social media and how to be more careful how we use it as a board.

Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21pm. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Beckman, Secretary