

**National Association of the Deaf**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**West Trenton, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**April 14-16, 2016**

**April 14, 2016 at Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD) in West Trenton, New Jersey**

**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 Representative: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016); Region III Representatives: Gerald “Jerry” Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2015-2016); Region IV Representatives: David Reynolds (2012-2016) and Sherri Collins (2014-2018) [participating through videophone]; Appointed Board Member: Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016) and Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Excused:** Region II Representative: Richard McCowin (2014-2018).

**Staff Present:** Lizzie Sorkin, Director of Communications

The Board meeting began at 1:25pm

President Wagner recognized and thanked the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf for giving us a tour of the school, and giving us an overview of their history by their school administrators, staff, and students.

President Wagner asked NJSD Alumni Association President Tom Sparks to share the Alumni Association’s concerns about the school and thoughts about how we can improve the school.

President Wagner requested a report on all priorities and committee work.

**PARS:** Howard Rosenblum indicated that the PARS priority was mainly completed with our 2014 completed position paper, but gave an update on PARS activities with the FCC and agreed to provide this update on PARS through a vlog to be posted on the NAD website.

**Emergency Management:** Howard Rosenblum gave an update on the emergency management priority and indicated that the emergency management expert group under Public Policy was

working on finalizing a position statement that establishes best practices in emergency preparation.

**Mental Health:** Howard Rosenblum provided an update on the mental health priority and explained the work of the mental health expert group under Public Policy to create a new position statement on preserving current levels of services through the ongoing health care reforms.

**EST:** David Reynolds gave an update on EST and the AEBSP project. EST will have a presence at the NDEC during the NAD Conference in Phoenix, AZ. EST is working on developing a book on best practices for educators of deaf children.

**YST:** Michelle Cline gave an update on YST work related with the National Deaf Youth Day, and how we will plan for National Deaf Youth Day, which will happen on March 6, 2017.

**Outreach:** Alicia Lane-Outlaw gave an update on the activities of the Outreach Committee focusing on NAD's approach to communication, fundraising and gifting. The information that has been researched and compiled will be completed and brought to next NAD board. The Outreach Committee's Fundraising Subcommittee submitted a report on its review and recommendations for fundraising purposes, which the Board reviewed.

Steve Lovi moved to accept the Fundraising Recommendations from the Fundraising Subcommittee of the Outreach Committee. Holly Ketchum seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**VRI Task Force:** Holly Ketchum gave an update on the progress of the VRI Task Force, which includes updating the guidelines for health care providers. The committee discussed their plan how to educate the health care providers to use the guidelines.

**Finance:** Philippe Montalette gave an update on NAD's current financial status. The 2015-16 fiscal year has ended, and the Board will get a full update on the final report for the 2015-16 fiscal year soon.

Michelle Cline moved to approve the September 2015 Board meeting minutes. Steve Lovi seconded. The motion was carried.

Michelle Cline moved to approve the January 2016 Board meeting minutes. Steve Lovi seconded. Motion was carried.

President Wagner called for recess at 2:25pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:50pm.

President Wagner discussed the conference schedule, and went over the duties of each Board member during the conference. Various parts of the conference were discussed.

Jenny Buechner moved that the OGG members who are registered for the NAD conference shall vote online on the five nominees for OGG delegates by June 1, 2016. Melissa Draganac-Hawk seconded. The motion was carried.

President Wagner called for recess at 4:53pm.

## **April 15, 2016 at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (PSD) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**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) [participating through videophone]; Region III Representatives: Gerald “Jerry” Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2015-2016); Region IV Representatives: David Reynolds (2012-2016) and Sherri Collins (2014-2018) [participating through videophone]; Appointed Board Member: Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016) and Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Staff Present:** Lizzie Sorkin, Director of Communications

President Chris Wagner resumed the Board Meeting at 11:17am at PSD in PSD. Wagner thanked our hosts at PSD for giving us a wonderful tour of the facilities and programs.

President Wagner reviewed the agenda today about the COR process and the conference itself. COR seating will be assigned according to each organization’s title in alphabetical order. However, for the election session, COR seating will be assigned based on the regions.

Steve Lovi gave an update on delegate registration and the logistics for delegates’ preparation.

President Wagner called for recess at 11:56am

The meeting resumed at 1:08pm

President Wagner made welcoming remarks to the visitors and explained the meeting’s agenda.

President Wagner reviewed the agenda and listed the topics to be discussed: the COR process, the election process, the OGG delegate selection, the Bylaws amendments, the Regional Caucuses and the NLTC 2019 site selection.

The NAD Board engaged in a discussion about the voting system for both the General Forum and COR.

Pamela Llyod-Ogoke provided her report on the election process, including what is being shared with the public in terms of applying to run for a position, the information that is shared with the

public, the questionnaire that candidates need to complete, and more. In addition to Pamela, there are two people who are on the election committee: Alan Hurwitz and Jerry Nelson.

Howard Rosenblum brought up concerns about the proposed plan for the OGG delegates. The concern was the nomination process that someone would nominate that person without being aware about it. A plan was developed to contact all OGG delegates that were proposed and determine their interest.

Michelle and Holly discussed the status of priority motions being proposed for this conference. A few motions have come in and the focus will be on collecting more motions. A committee has been formed, but so far there is now one person from Region IV and a representative from each of the other three regions are needed

President Wagner called for recess at 2:45pm

The meeting was resumed at 3:02pm.

Wagner introduced Neil McDevitt who is the chair of the Emergency Management Expert Group under Public Policy and is working on one of our priorities and he is the Executive Director of DHCC.

Neil made remarks about the DHCC which provides different services to the Philadelphia area. DHCC provides many kinds of service such as interpreters, ASL classes, communication access, and other services to meet the different needs of the community. Neil identified several issues that are impacting deaf individuals in the Philadelphia area:

- VRI issues - Health Care providers' offices are now using VRI as primary choice for communication access.
- Now health care providers are forcing deaf people to use their own mobile phone to call interpreters to provide communication access during a medical visit.
- Right now, cross-disability organizations are very aggressive in pushing many deaf services to become a part of the organization without providing direct service for deaf people. Neil asked the NAD to work with him and other advocates to send a letter to the NCIL about this issue.

Joshua Beckman gave a report on proposed changes to the bylaws. There are no amendments proposals yet but the bylaws committee has been established. The committee will begin working on a few amendments.

President Wagner discussed about the Regional Caucus agenda during the Conference.

President Wagner opened a discussion about selecting the NLTC 2019 site. Howard Rosenblum gave a report on various sites that were researched and listed the possible sites that were finalized as possible for 2019. He provided the pros and cons comparison and information on the hotels and locations for each site.

Sherri Collins moved to pick Albuquerque, New Mexico as NLTC 2019 during September 19-22. Jerry Nelson seconded.

Jenny Buechner moved to table the motion that Sherri Collins made. Michelle Cline seconded.

Jerry Nelson moved to recess the meeting till tomorrow at 4:35pm.

## **April 16, 2016 at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (PSD) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**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: Richard McCowin (2014-2018) [participated through videophone] and Jenny Buechner (2013-2016); Region III Representatives: Gerald “Jerry” Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2015-2016); Region IV Representatives: David Reynolds (2012-2016) and Sherri Collins (2014-2018) [participated through videophone]; Appointed Board Member: Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016) and Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

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The NAD Board Meeting started at 8:45am.

Alicia Lane-Outlaw moved to call for executive session. Jenny Buechner seconded. Executive session started at 8:50am.

Holly Ketchum moved to end the executive session. Philippe Montalette seconded. Executive ended at 10:48am.

Steve Lovi moved that the NAD Board, with the consultation of outside legal counsel, respond to RID President Dawn Witcher’s April 5, 2016 letter. The letter will reiterate NAD Board’s position that the NAD has no legal liability with respect to the NIC. Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Melissa Draganac-Hawk moved to have 10 minutes break at 11:02am.

Meeting resumed at 11:15am.

Philippe Montalette moved to resume discussion on Sherri Collins’ motion that was tabled yesterday. Joshua Beckman seconded.

Sherri Collins withdrew her motion.

Jenny Buechner moved to host 2019 NLTC at Little Rock, AR on October 17-21, 2019. Holly Ketchum seconded. The motion carried.

President Wagner called for recess at 11:56am.

The meeting resumed at 1 pm with President Wagner welcoming Elvia Guillermo, who provided a two hour diversity training with a specific focus on Latino and Hispanic culture.

Philippe and David led a discussion about awards for the 2016 conference. The board made decisions on who will receive the awards.

President Wagner expressed thanks to all board members for everything that was accomplished over the past two years.

Steve Lovi moved to make a resolution to recognize President Chris Wagner during his last formal board meeting as the President of NAD. Melissa Draganac-Hawk seconded.

Michelle Cline moved to adjourn the meeting. Holly Ketchum seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.