

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Atlanta, Georgia
January 18-19, 2013**

President Wagner called the board meeting to order at 1:05 PM EST.

Board Members Present: Chris Wagner, President; Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Vice-President; Kirsten Poston, Secretary; Philippe Montalette, Treasurer; Steve Lovi, Region I Representative; Richard McCowin, Region II Representative; Christopher Patterson, 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: Margie English, Region I Representative; Michael Berger, Region II Representative; & Larry Evans, Region III Representative.

Visitors Present: Staff and Students of Atlanta School for the Deaf, Lissette Wood, Kim Bianco Majeri, Amy Cohen Efron.

The Board began its official Board business on Friday, January 18th, in the afternoon, following a busy tour of the school in the morning. The board got a late start due to the 2-hour delay opening of the school due to inclement weather. President Wagner opened the board meeting with a warm welcome to new appointed board members and visitors. President Wagner thanked Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) for hosting the board in Atlanta, Georgia. A donation for \$500.00 was presented to the principal, Vanessa Robisch for their generosity in allowing the NAD to host its board meeting at AASD. The funds would be used for AASD athletic program.

Ratification of Email Motions

Secretary Poston moved to ratify motions approved by vote of the Board through email.

2013/1-01 (Poston) Move to approve the October 2012 NAD Board meeting minutes as submitted. (M/S/P)

2013/1-02 (Beckman) Move to approve Phoenix, Arizona as the conference site for the 2016 NAD Board Conference. (M/S/P)

Announcement of new President Emeritus

President Wagner announced that Ms. Gertitude Galloway was the new President Emeritus, replacing the late Merv Garretson.

Vice President Draganac-Hawk announced that Tawny Holmes was the recent recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award- Gallaudet University Alumni Association.

Finance Report

Treasurer Montalette held a discussion with the board about the NAD's financial state for the NAD Fiscal year April 1, 2012-December 31, 2012. The year to date report shows NAD is in the black as of December 31, 2012. The NAD is currently at 89% of its financial target as of December 2012 and operating well within budget. NAD continues to pay down its debts from the 2012 conference and its previous creditors.

Headquarters Report

CEO Rosenblum reported that following departure of the COO, the office needs were assessed and the decision was made to hire a Director of Communications. Rosenblum developed the job description for the position, advertised it widely, screened and interviewed individuals. A total of 47 applications were received. A decision to hire will be made by February 1st.

Rosenblum contracted with Angela Ellman to handle event planning for NLTC 2013 Omaha and NAD 2014 Atlanta. Rosenblum coordinated legislative training event in Iowa with the assistance of Region II reps and Kim Bianco Majeri, the training coordinator. The goal of this training was to train advocates on how to do what is best for Iowa School for the Deaf, and legislative advocacy.

Rosenblum reported that ongoing active advocacy continues with HUD for policy clarification and permit the policy change that will allow deaf only housing; meetings with various officials; telephone calls and emails with high level politicians and officials; and a meeting with Cardinal Capital Management.

Rosenblum met with NFL representatives to discuss Super Bowl regarding captioning and National Anthem signer, secured signer and other logistics. Announced that John Maucere will be the signer, and that Pepsi will sponsor John Maucere's trip.

Presidents Report

President Wagner reported that there had been extensive discussion with RID regarding the accountability of the NIC testing between NAD and RID. There continues to be various legislative activities in several states, Iowa, Utah, and most recently Florida on the topic of Deaf education. Wagner reported that ongoing meetings continue with CEASD President Dr. Ron Stern and Executive Director Joseph Finnegan on the joint effort, Child First Campaign. Ongoing meetings continue with RID President Brenda Walker Prudhom, Matthew O'Hara (Interim

ED) and Shane Feldman (New ED) to discuss NAD-RID partnership, NIC testing issues and committee structures. Wagner worked with Kim Bianco-Majeri to initiate Legislative Training in Iowa. Appointed Board Holmes, Region II Board members Berger and McCowin also supported this training on Dec 15. Wagner met with the Executive board weekly. Wagner reported that he met with Scot Atkins and Louis Schwarz regarding the creating of a new NAD Section on Deaf Businesses. Wagner delivered NAD Greetings and Message to CIT (Conference for Interpreter Trainers Conference (via video). Wagner met with appointed Board member Holmes regarding the implementation of Education Strategy Team (EST). Wagner met with Board Member Beckman, CEO Rosenblum and Director Rice regarding Jr. NAD Programs. Met with CEO Rosenblum on 2016 Conference Site Selection. Wagner produced his first two president VLOGS that were distributed to the community. Wagner implemented the NAD Holiday Greetings video for the board with support from NAD HQ office. Wagner continues to meet with Rosenblum in regards to NAD matters. Wagner continues to have ongoing meetings with representatives of Cardinal Capital Management regarding HUD and Deaf Senior Housing. Wagner met with management of E-View Connections regarding possible advertisement opportunities. Wagner participated in CED (Council on Education of Deaf) virtual board meetings. Wagner appointed Jack Cooper as Chair of Elections Reform Committee. Wagner named Marlee Matlin as Honorary Chair of the NAD Foundation. Wagner was instrumental in implementing the NAD's Official Statement on Mervin Garretson's passing. Wagner continues to work with Gallaudet University's President Hurwitz on possible joint sponsored memorial service in honor of Merv and Carol Garretson in April 2013. Wagner accepted invitations to several graduation commencements and state association conferences. Wagner responded to many email correspondences and videophone calls.

Meeting adjourned at 4: 30 pm on January 18, 2013.

Wagner opened the Meeting at 9:05 am on January 19th

Privilege Training

Dr. Bettina Love (Tina Love) from University of Georgia provided the board with an hour of training on privilege. The topic of her training was "Exploring Privilege Before & After." The session focused on how privilege is constructed and maintained within society. The training was well received and a healthy board discussion facilitated by Amy Cohen Efron was held afterwards.

Secretary Poston reviewed the NAD Conference Priorities and provided the board with status updates. All committees have been established as of November 2012, and are beginning to move along with working on their assigned tasks. Quarterly Committee updates are to be provided at the NAD April board meeting.

Section Guideline Updates

Regional Board Members Lovi (Region I) and Patterson (Region II) presented to the board the draft Section Guidelines. Board had a discussion and recommendations on revisions were provided.

Board Legislative Training

Kim Bianco Majeri reviewed the recent legislative training that was provided in Iowa to the board.

NAD 2014 Conference Theme

Region III Board Member Chris Patterson shared the recommendations for NAD 2014 conference theme that were developed by the conference planning committee. The decision was made to present the theme in ASL primarily and this needs will be finalized at the Arizona board meeting. Committee members to do this are: Vice-President Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Appointed Board Member Joshua Beckman, Region IV board member David Reynolds and Appointed Board Member Tawny Holmes.

New Youth Ambassador Program

The board discussed the logistics of the new Youth Ambassador program (including the concept and schedule in further details. Questions were raised about the logistics involving the state associations. Further developments will be shared at the April Board meeting.

National Leadership Training Conference location discussion

Wagner brought up the question if we would like to keep up the unofficial tradition of keeping the NLTC in the Midwest region or open it up to moving between different regions every two years. After discussion, the board determined to keep it in the Midwest due to travel costs and the advantage of having a centralized location.

HUD Presentation

Kathelene Williams of Williams & Edelstein, P.C. provided the board an update on the HUD issue of Apache ASL Trails

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm on January 19.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Poston
Secretary

National Association for the Deaf