

**National Association of the Deaf  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
January 14-16, 2016**

**January 14, 2016 at Jean Massieu School (JMS) in Salt Lake City, Utah**

**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 Representative: 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); Appointed Board Member: Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Excused:** Region I Representative: Steve Lovi (2012-2016); Region II Representative: Richard McCowin (2014-2018); and Appointed Board Member: Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016).

**Staff Present:** Lizzie Sorkin, Director of Communications; and Tawny Holmes, Education Policy Counsel.

**Visitors:** Martin Price, Youth Strategy Team Co-Chair

The Board meeting began at 1:29 pm.

President Chris Wagner recognized and thanked the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind for giving us tours of three different schools and programs under their jurisdiction, and given an overview of their history by school administrators, staff, and students.

President Wagner indicated that we have six months left before the conference and we need to complete a lot of priorities and tasks, which is what we will focus on conference tasks as well as priorities from the last conference.

**PARS:** Howard Rosenblum reiterated his prior report that the PARS priority is substantially met with the position statement that was issued and ongoing efforts with the FCC on VRS issues.

**Emergency Management:** Howard Rosenblum reported that the Public Policy Committee’s Emergency Planning Expert Group, led by Neil McDevitt, is working hard on the position statement about emergency management and access for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Mental Health: Michelle Cline reported that the Public Policy Committee's Mental Health Expert Group, led by Steve Hamerdinger is working on a position statement that will address four key points, with the goal of being reviewed by the Board by April.

EST: Tawny Holmes summarized the activities of the EST, which was detailed in the report that was circulated to the Board for this meeting.

National Deaf Youth Day: Martin Price provided an update on National Deaf Youth Day and discussed possible plans to share with state associations and the community. The consensus was that the YST would create a guideline and toolkit for the National Deaf Youth Day, with plans to honor that day for a week beginning on March 6.

President Wagner called for recess at 3:36pm

The meeting resumed at 3:49pm.

David Reynolds provided an update on his activities within the EST, with respect to AEBSP and strategies to set a high standard for deaf teacher training programs, and then get deaf education programs in colleges and universities to adopt this standard in their programs.

Alicia Lane-Outlaw provided an update on the activities of the Outreach committee, and discussed information that was provided in her report to the Board. The Outreach committee is now working on determining ways to share the information gleaned from its research and surveys.

Holly Ketchum provided an update on the VRI Task Force and reviewed their draft report.

President Wagner commended the Board for a productive meeting day today and provided a recap of the agenda for the next two days.

President Wagner provided a report on NAD's relationship and ongoing dialogue with WPSD including a December visit to deal with the social media protests involving that school.

President Wagner called for break in the Board Meeting at 4:50pm.

## **January 15, 2016 Meeting at the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB), Kenneth Burdett School (KBS) in Ogden, Utah**

**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 Representative: Michelle Cline (2014-2018); Region II Representatives: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016) and Richard McCowin (2014-2018); 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); Appointed Board Member: Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

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**Staff Present:** Lizzie Sorkin, Director of Communications and Tawny Holmes, Education Policy Counsel.

**Visitors:** none

President Chris Wagner announced the resumption of the Board Meeting at 12:01 pm at KBS in USDB. Wagner thanked our hosts at USDB for giving us a wonderful tour of the facilities and programs.

Wagner began the meeting by going through parts of the 2016 NAD conference that need to be finalized. The Board engaged in a discussion of each event and also discussed what each Board Member’s duties would be during the conference.

President Wagner called for recess at 1:07 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:22 pm.

Howard Rosenblum make a special announcement that the NAD legal team reached an agreement with GOGO in-flight wifi company that all of their streaming videos on flights would be 100% captioned within a specific time period.

Jenny Buechner led a discussion about the conference COR and the delegate manual that includes updated training series, online forms, and information about the COR process.

Michelle Cline led a discussion about the conference steering committee and about how we will handle motions from the membership for steering purposes..

Philippe Montalette reported on the current financial budget with the 6-month adjustment, and the new budget for the 2016- 2017 fiscal year, as well as the conference budget.

Richard McCowin moved to approve the 6 months adjusted budget for 2015-2016. Michelle Cline seconded. Motion carried.

David Reynolds moved to approve the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Alicia Lane-Outlaw seconded. Motion carried.

President Wagner provided a report on the current RID situation.

President Wagner called for break at 4:45pm.

## **January 16, 2016 Meeting at the Sanderson Center in Salt Lake City, Utah**

**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 Representative: Michelle Cline (2014-2018); Region II Representatives: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016) and Richard McCowin (2014-2018); 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); Appointed Board Member: Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Excused:** Region I Representative: Steve Lovi (2012-2016), and Appointed Board Member: Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016).

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

**Visitor:** Dale Boam, Patricia Lowry

President Chris Wagner resumed the Board Meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 8:54 am at Sanderson Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

President Wagner read an email from Appointed Board Member Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke asking two questions raised by affiliate members relating to the RATF and Prison.

RATF: Howard Rosenblum reported on the ongoing work with RID on the Reputable Agency Task Force, and the goal of this work which is to certify interpreter referral agencies based on conduct that supports the communication needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community and honors the interpreter’s code of professional conduct.

Sherri Collins moved to have NAD set up a committee devoted to creating a standard for all interpreter referral agencies. Melissa Draganac-Hawk seconded. Motion carried.

Prison: Howard Rosenblum reported on the ongoing legal fight to ensure that deaf prisoners have communication access including access to VideoPhones, interpreters for classes and medical appointments, and visual alerts for announcements. Rosenblum also discussed the ongoing challenges of taking legal actions against state prisons and also in Federal prisons, and other options to create systemic change.

Police training materials: Rosenblum reported that there were many requests to the NAD for information or resources on training material for police officers on how to deal with deaf and hard of hearing people. Board members engaged in a discussion of known resources on this issue.

Action Item: Sherri Collins and Holly Ketchum will gather training materials from each state's deaf commission or office, and share with NAD HQ.

Jenny Buechner moved to call the NAD Board Meeting into Executive Session with NAD board, NAD staff, NAD ADHOC members, and RID representatives. David Reynolds seconded. Motion carried. Executive session began at 9:14 am

Sherri Collins moved to end the Executive Session. Melissa Draganac-Hawk seconded. Motion carried. Executive Session ended at 11:56 am

President Wagner discussed logistics and other details related to the upcoming Philadelphia board meeting in April.

President Wagner engaged the Board in a discussion about the 2016 NAD Conference, from start to end.

President Wagner called for a lunch break at 12:00 pm.

The meeting resumed at 12:48 pm.

Sherri Collins moved to call for a new Executive Session. Alicia Lane-Outlaw seconded. Motion carried. The Executive Session began at 12:50 pm.

Jerry Nelson moved to end the Executive Session. Philippe Montalette seconded. Motion carried. The Executive Session ended at 3:06 pm.

Jerry Nelson moved that the NAD cease its current partnership with the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) as to the NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC) specifically, and all testing and certifications in general. Michelle Cline seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Lane-Outlaw moved that the NAD send a letter to the RID requesting that it lift the moratorium of the NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC), or in the alternative adopt the BEI certification system by April 15, 2016. Sherri Collins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jenny Buechner moved that in the event RID does not lift the moratorium or adopt the BEI certification system by April 15, 2016, the NAD shall investigate the possibility of providing national endorsement of the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) certification program. David Reynolds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard McCowin moved that the NAD headquarter will work with the BEI officials from Texas to look at the possibility of participating at the 2016 NAD conference. Jerry Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Draganac-Hawk moved to waive the affiliate membership fee for all national deaf organizations for underrepresented segments of the deaf community, and invite them to participate in the COR at the 2016 NAD Conference. Michelle Cline seconded.

Philippe Montalette move to amend Draganac-Hawk's motion to waive the affiliate membership fee, valued at \$300.00,. David Reynolds seconded. Motion for amendment carried.

Melissa Draganac-Hawk moved to waive the affiliate membership fee of \$300 for all national deaf organization serving underrepresented segments of the deaf community (e.g., DWU, NBDA, CDM, DYUSA, RAD, DSA, Sacred circle, and NADC) and invite them to participate in the COR at the 2016 NAD Conference. Michelle Cline seconded. Motion with amendment carried.

Sherri Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 pm. David Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.