

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Louisville, Kentucky
July 2, 2012**

Monday, July 2, 2012

President Scoggins called the board meeting to order at 8:51AM

Board Members Present: President Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Vice President Chris Wagner, Secretary, Sheri Farinha; Treasurer: Mike Michner, Region I Representatives: Sean Gerlis and Margie English, Region II Representatives: Richard McCowin and Michael Berger, Region III Representatives: Judith Gilliam and Christopher Patterson, Region IV Representative: Julie Rems Smario, and John Evans; Appointed Board Members: Melissa Draganac-Hawk and Kirsten Poston, and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

Staff Present: Chief Operating Officer: Shane Feldman, Staff: Claudia Sussman

Visitors Present: Past Presidents Libby Pollard, Ben Soukup and Andy Lange; Past Board Member Lisette Molina Wood; and Larry DeVenny. .

President Scoggins asked for Secretary Farinha to share the minutes that were approved by email vote among the Board, and therefore need to be ratified at this in-person Board meeting.

2012/07-01: (Berger) moved to ratify the following past meeting Minutes (M/S/P):
- April 20-21, 2012
- June 19, 2012 Video conference meeting
- June 26, 2012 Video conference meeting

President Scoggins asked for Board Member and Conference Chair Judith Gilliam to provide the Board with final updates for the conference.

2012 Conference Update: Conference Chair Judith Gilliam presented the 2012 NAD Conference Report: 1,500 early bird registrants and all 3 hotels allotted blocks filled to capacity; the children's program has 43 children enrolled; there are 14 contestants for the last MDAAP; we have 45+ sponsors for the conference; and many other great things will be happening for this conference. Judith asks for all Board members to check their emails often for further updates and changes to the schedule. Judith shared that the Agenda for the regional caucuses is now in the Delegate manual.

President Bobbie Beth Scoggins shared that she is imposing Twitter and Facebook restrictions on the Board, and does not want any Board Member utilizing these forms of media to share updates about the conference. NAD has a social media team who will be doing it instead.

President Scoggins asked Board Member Richard McCowin to give an update regarding the award presentations each board members is assigned to present at different times during the conference. The schedule will be given to each board member ahead of time.

President Scoggins asked for Treasurer Michael Michner to present on the recent audit report.

Treasurer Report: Michael Michner shared with the board the 2012 Independent Audit Report.

2012/07-02:(Patterson) moved to accept financial audit report dated March 31, 2012 (M/S/P).

President Scoggins asked Board Member Melissa Draganc-Hawk to share final update of the MDAP.

MDAAP update: Melissa shared the discussion of the Youth Strategic Team regarding the pros and cons, financial impact regarding the continuance of the event. At the next conference there will be a change toward an Ambassador program of sorts. The committee is still working on finalizing ideas, and that they are seeking Board approval for the change to a NAD Youth Ambassadors Competition in concept, as they are still working on the format and the new name.

2012/07-03: (McCowin) NAD approves the new ambassador program in concept and allow for individual youth organizations to provide input to Youth Strategic Team regarding the new program name and the new board will work with the Youth Strategic Team to develop further details.
(M/S/P).

President Scoggins asked for approval of the remaining position statements on Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in TV, Film, and Theater, and the position statement on Healthcare Access for Deaf Patients.

2012/07-04: (Patterson) NAD adopts the follow position statements:
-Portrayal of Deaf and Hard of hearing people in TV, Film and Theater
-Healthcare Access for Deaf Patients (M/S/P).

2012/07-05: (Gilliam) NAD enter Executive Session 10:32AM (M/S/P).

2012/07-06: (Patterson) end Executive session 11:44AM (M/S/P).

President Scoggins adjourned the meeting at 11:50AM