

**National Association of the Deaf
Post-Conference NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
July 6, 2014**

President Chris Wagner called the post-conference board meeting to order at 9:00 am, with new and continuing as well as outgoing board members present.

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: Margie English (2010-2014), Steve Lovi (2012-2016) and Michelle Cline (2014-2018), Region II Representatives: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016) and Richard McCowin (2014-2018), Region III Representatives: Christopher Patterson (2010-2014) and Gerald "Jerry" Nelson (2014-2018), Region IV Representative: David Reynolds (2012-2016) and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

Excused: Secretary Kirsten Poston (2012-2014), Larry Evans (2012-2016) and Julie Rems Smario (2010-2014).

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin, Director of Communications and Angela Ellman, Conference Planner.

Visitors Present: Nancy J. Bloch, Bill Graham, Dean DeRusso, Jeffrey Yockery, Sean Gerlis, Corey Axelrod, Harold Mowl, Kathie Gray, Staci Wagner, and Lissette Molina Wood.

President Wagner welcomed new board members with special recognition to Christopher Patterson and Angela Ellman, as well as the NAD staff for a very successful conference. He also expressed the board's gratitude to outgoing board members and looks forward to working with the new board to carry out the mission of the NAD.

President Wagner administered the oath to Jerry Nelson.

Discussion followed on the following items:

- President Wagner will focus over the next 60 days to fill three board vacancies: Region IV Representative and two Appointed Board Members. He is recommending one position dedicated to affiliate membership and one position filled with a person who comes from a strong background in marketing and outreach. The board shall be completed prior to our first board meeting.
- A board meeting and retreat have been tentatively scheduled for September 2014 at Isola Bella in Taconic, Connecticut. a joint board meeting and town hall meeting is being planned with the RID Board of Directors.

- A monthly virtual board meeting will be held in order to maintain consistent communication within board members. A schedule will be developed and shared with the board within the next few weeks.
- President Wagner announced that Steve Lovi will remain as Governance Chair and will complete any unfinished conference business. All reports shall be completed within 30 days of the conference.

Christopher Patterson expressed concerns regarding the parliamentary process during the recent Council of Representatives and hope that the new Board will take into consideration a different approach for the next conference.

CEO Howard Rosenblum shared his congratulations to the new board and expressed his sincere appreciation to the outgoing board members for their service. He explained that the NAD staff will have a debriefing in regards to the conference. and share to the Board any recommendations for improvement.

President Wagner led discussion in regards to the five new priorities. It is decided that the following priorities will be assigned to the most appropriate committee.

- Preservation and Advocacy of Relay Service (PARS) - assigned to Headquarters
- FEMA Communication to Deaf and Hard of Hearing - assigned to Public Policy and Headquarters
- Preservation of Mental Health Services that Meet the Needs of Deaf People - assigned to the Mental Health Expert Group
- Defining and Supporting the Education Strategy Team's Focus for 2014-2016 - assigned to Education Strategy Team
- Outreach to Deaf Youth including Mainstream School Students - assigned to Youth Strategy Team

In addition, President Wagner notified the Board that he would be adding one additional priority in regards to NAD Communications which will be assigned to the Board and the Outreach Committee.

Board members shared made some suggestions for the September retreat:

- Board roles and responsibilities
- Accountability
- Carver Model
- NAD Finances and budget
- Communication
- Priorities and committee roles.

Board members provided general conference feedback:

- Length of evening events, such as the Youth Ambassador Program
- Need for sensitivity training for interpreters in events such as Drag Bingo.
- Distance between events

Although, board members commended on many events, such as the opening ceremony, the increase in diversity throughout the conference, the joint celebration with RID, and the community forum.

Discussion followed with recommendations for future Council of Representative sessions.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Beckman, Secretary