

**National Association of the Deaf  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Phoenix, Arizona  
July 4, 2016**

**July 4, 2016 at Renaissance Phoenix downtown hotel in Salon 1 and 2 in Phoenix, Arizona**

**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: Steve Lovi (2012-2016); Michelle Cline (2014-2018); Region II Representative: Jenny Buechner (2013-2016); 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); Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (2014-2016); and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

**Staff Present:** Robert Weinstock, NAD Parliamentarian

The board meeting began at 9:10 am.

President Chris Wagner reviewed the agenda for today’s meeting and started the meeting by congratulating the Board on their accomplishments reaching to the 53<sup>rd</sup> biennial conference. President Wagner reviewed with the Board the Conference master schedule.

Steve Lovi, Region I and Jenny Buechner Region II provided an update report on plans for the Council of Representative (COR) and the delegates, including the geographical and seating assignment during COR, Delegate Networking prior to the COR, and the COR schedule.

CEO Howard Rosenblum provided an update report on NAD activities to date and readiness for the conference including a meeting with the Renaissance hotel and the Phoenix Conference Center in preparation for the conference. Deaf sensitivity training were provided to both the hotel and conference center staff, as well as surrounding businesses in the area.

President Wagner reviewed the board’s conference schedule, including a discussion of the timing for each day’s events and the steering committee’s schedule throughout the COR process.

President Wagner called for recess at 10:56 am.

The meeting resumed at 11:09 am.

Elections Committee Chair Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke, Appointed Board Member and Elections Committee member Jerry Nelson Region III discussed the election progress including a report on the candidates running for positions for the 2016-2018 NAD Board of Directors. Two potential board candidates still need to complete the verification process. Concerns were shared about various social media campaigns

and how additional structure and rules need to be developed and implemented to preserve the integrity of the election process.

Joshua Beckman, Secretary moved to approve six position papers (Mental Health, Emergency Management, CPS, Theater Access, VRI, Media Portrayal). Michelle Cline Region I seconded. Motion carried.

David Reynolds Region IV moved to approve the April 2016 board meeting minutes. Philippe Montalette Treasurer seconded. Motion carried.

President Chris Wagner did a quick review on the COR process and schedule.

Sherri Collins Region IV moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Lovi Region I seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.