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## National Association of the Deaf Post-Conference NAD Board of Directors Meeting Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 11, 2010

**President Bobbie Beth Scoggins** called the post-conference board meeting to order at 9:08 am, with new and continuing as well as outgoing board members present.

**Members Present:** President Bobbie Beth Scoggins (2010-12), Vice President Chris Wagner (2010-12), Secretary Sheri Farinha (2010-12) and Lynn Null (2008-10); Treasurer: Mike Michner (2010-12) and Ronald Sutcliffe (2008-10), Region I Representatives: Margie English (2010-14) and Julie Bourne (2006-10), Region II Representatives: Richard McCowin (2010-14), Michael Berger (2008-12) and Jack Cooper (2006-10), Region III Representatives: Christopher Patterson (2010-14), Lissette Molina Wood (2006-10) and Judith Gilliam (2008-12), Region IV Representatives: Astrid Amann Goodstein (2006-12) and John Evans (2008-12), Appointed Members: Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2010-12) and Kirsten Poston (2010-12) and Ex Officio Member: Nancy Bloch, Chief Executive Officer. Excused: Region I Representative Sean Gerlis (2008-12) and Region IV Representative Julie Rems-Smario (2010-14).

**Staff Present:** Shane Feldman, Chief Operating Officer.

**Visitors Present:** Angela Botz, Larry DeVenny, Anita Farb, Benjamin Soukup and Staci Wagner.

**President Scoggins** welcomed new board members with special thanks to outgoing board members for wonderful two years and a very successful conference under Chris Wagner's leadership. She stated that outgoing board members shall be missed and that she looks forward to working with new board members continuing the NAD legacy of 130 years carrying the deaf rights torch. Discussion ensued on the following items:

- Upcoming board meetings will occur during the fall, winter, and spring months. A board retreat/meeting will be held on September 9-12, 2010, with arrivals on Wednesday September 8 and departures on Sunday, September 12. A possible meeting site in Dallas on March 3-6, 2011 is being considered. RID Board offered us to meet with them during that time frame. RID is considering Dallas as their 2015 conference site and can extend their discount guest room rates for our use.
- Board members are encouraged to attend the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf which takes place July 2011 in Durban, South Africa. The NAD board will designate two representatives to serve as delegates to the WFD General Assembly. This and related WFD matters will be discussed at the September board meeting. As a reminder: the RID Conference located in Atlanta is right before the 2011 WFD Congress. Representation at both events is needed.
- On the 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Vancouver, British Columbia - the board consensus was that Past President Roz Rosen and Charity Reedy-Hines would be ideal representatives on behalf of the NAD. The NAD sent a strongly worded letter to ICED

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organizers on overturn of infamous resolutions passed at their 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress (in the year 1880) in Milan, Italy.

**Chief Executive Officer Bloch** welcomed new members and thanked continuing and outgoing members for their contributions to the success of the conference. She expressed gratitude to the board for the memorable ways they gave recognition to her 18 years of service on behalf of the NAD and the American deaf and hard of hearing community.

Bloch will send conflict of interest disclosure forms to board members for their signature. In addition, she quickly reviewed the NAD Travel Policy for the benefit of new board members – all are asked to cover their airfares for board meetings as part of their fundraising commitment to NAD, which covers lodging expenses.

**Vice President Wagner** thanked everyone for their support for the best conference ever!

Board members provided general conference feedback:

- Orientation for novice delegates to begin the day before, unless this can be done via online means with vlogs.
- Host a welcome reception for all attendees so they can network from the start.
- Make advance arrangements for provision of continuing education units (CEUs).
- Set aside more time during General Forum for discussion of open-ended issues.
- Additional preparation for audiovisual needs during conference events.
- Greater assurance that all award recipients are on hand to receive their awards.
- Modify seating arrangements for business meetings for greater visibility.
- Ensure inclusion of College Bowl contestants during the Welcome Ceremony.
- Seek opportunities for greater involvement by Jr. NAD delegates during business meetings.

Wagner expressed his interest in hosting roundtable meetings at the next conference with affiliate organizations, state government representatives and related groups, and asked Secretary Farinha to assist him with this task.

**President Scoggins** then entered into discussion on standing committee and strategic team chair and member assignments for the 2010-12 term, seeking to include outgoing board members so they can remain involved with the NAD.

Preliminary committee and strategic team assignments:

- **Development Committee:** Julie Rems-Smario (chair) and Astrid Goodstein (donors and bequests)
- **Finance Committee:** Michael Michner (chair), Bobbie Beth Scoggins and Chris Wagner (ex officio)
- **Governance:** Chris Wagner (chair), Mike Berger (state association-affiliate committee), Christopher Patterson (sections) and Lynn Null (board policy manual)
- **Membership Committee:** Margie English (chair) and Richard McCowin
- **Public Policy Committee:** Howard Rosenblum (chair until March 31, 2011), Alexis Kashar (takes over as chair on April 1, 2011), with Sheri Farinha and Sean Gerlis (board liaisons)
- **Vision 2020 Strategic Team:** John Evans (chair) and Julie Bourne

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- **Diversity Strategic Team:** Melissa Draganac-Hawk and Kirsten Poston (co-chairs) and Richard McCowin
- **Youth Strategic Team:** Tawny Holmes (chair) with Mike Berger and Chris Wagner (board liaisons). Discussion ensued re: Deaf Youth USA (DYUSA) and World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS). Chief Operating Officer Shane Feldman shared an update about his meeting with Megan Malzkuhn on DYUSA matters; Leah Katz Hernandez is the new chair.

All chairs will need to provide committee and subcommittee members' names for 2010-2012 as soon as possible, before the September board meeting. Vice President Wagner is to issue an announcement on the NAD website to recruit committee volunteers for the new term.

**2010/12-01:** (Wagner) Reappoint Melissa Draganac-Hawk and Kirsten Poston as Appointed Members of the board. Motioned/Seconded/Passed (M/S/P)

**2010/12-02:** (Evans) Appoint Roz Rosen and Charity Reedy-Hines to represent NAD at 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Vancouver. M/S/P

**2010/12-03:** (Cooper) Approve the board meeting minutes of July 9, 2010. M/S/P

The board meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.