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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

49th Biennial NAD Conference

National Association of the Deaf

July 6-11, 2008

New Orleans, LA

Sunday, July 6: Session I

President Bobbie Beth Scoggins called the Council of Representatives (CR) business meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Scoggins provided welcoming remarks, and went over this year's slightly different CR format.

Lynn Null, Region III Representative and Credentials Chair, reported that there were 111 delegates present:

Region I: 27

Region II: 24

Region III: 27

Region IV: 19

Affiliates: 14

Scoggins reviewed the proposed CR standing rules.

Nancy Rarus (Deaf Seniors of America) moved that the last sentence in #4 be struck out: Affiliates may at any time transfer an alternate from their organization to serve in place of the delegate(s). CARRIED.

Al Sonnenstrahl (Maryland) moved that we remove "proposed motions and" from #20. CARRIED.

Nancy Rarus (Deaf Seniors of America) moved to amend #23 to state a Friday morning deadline for candidacy filings and resolution submissions. CARRIED.

Jennifer Dans-Wiley (South Dakota) moved to remove "and elections" from #16. CARRIED.

Mike Berger (Illinois) moved to approve the CR standing rules as a whole. CARRIED.

Judith Gilliam (Alabama) moved to have a short ten-minute recess with all delegates staying. CARRIED.

A ten-minute recess was taken.

Scoggins introduced the 2006-2008 NAD board, and then reviewed the proposed CR meeting agenda.

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Chris Patterson (Georgia) moved to approve the CR meeting agenda. CARRIED.

Libby Pollard provided parliamentary training to the delegates.

The following individuals were appointed to the CR Minutes Review Team: Alicia Epstein of Maryland (Region I), Sara Bianco, Illinois (Region II), June McMahon, Florida (Region III), Lisa McNiven, New Mexico (Region IV), and Nancy Rarus, Deaf Seniors of America (Affiliates/Other).

A five-minute recess took place.

Judith Gilliam (Alabama) moved that delegates be provided with a copy of Libby Pollard's PowerPoint presentation by the end of today's CR session. CARRIED.

Tom Kober, Bylaws Chair, reviewed bylaws procedures.

The delegates recessed for lunch, and returned at 1:15 p.m.

Scoggins shared a membership card from the 1950s that Buddy Singleton (California) has carried in his wallet for decades. She then shared an autographed photo given to her by Ed Kelly from when she and Kelly posed with Jamie Lee Curtis. She also introduced Secretary Trudy Suggs's six-month-old daughter Eavan as the "NAD baby" and mentioned that it was the first time in NAD history that two board members gave birth during their terms; the other board member was Region I Representative Julie Bourne.

Null reported that there were 78 delegates present:

- Region I: 19
- Region II: 23
- Region III: 19
- Region IV: 16
- Affiliates: 11

Kober reviewed the proposed 2008 bylaws amendments.

Linsay Darnall, Jr., NAD Board Region II Representative, discussed the revised NAD mission, vision and values.

The delegates recessed at 3:10 p.m. for dinner.

Session II

The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.

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Null reported that there were 105 delegates present:

- Region I: 22
- Region II: 24
- Region III: 27
- Region IV: 17
- Affiliates: 15

Darnall provided regional representatives' reports, and a quick glance at each state association's accomplishments.

Region I Representatives Yerker Andersson and Julie Bourne:

- Attended state conferences in Connecticut, Maryland, New York and Rhode Island.
- Presented at Gallaudet Leadership Institute, CED meeting, leadership conference at Harvard University and Gallaudet University's International Sign Language Day.
- Hosted a NAD Across America fundraiser at Jack and Rosalyn Gannon's farm.
- Published a regional e-newsletter.
- Reported that 26 delegates from 10 states attended the Region I Conference hosted by Connecticut Association of the Deaf. This was the first joint state and regional conference.

Region II Representatives Jack Cooper and Linsay Darnall, Jr.:

- Attended state conferences in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota.
- Exhibited on behalf of NAD at various events, such as Deaf Expo in Omaha, ASL Expo, and Kansas Deaf Day.
- Hosted a NAD Across America fundraiser at a NAD member's home.
- Published a regional e-newsletter and distributed several memos.
- Reported that 46 delegates from 13 states attended the Region II Conference hosted by South Dakota Association of the Deaf, held at Camp Lakodia.

Region III Representatives Lissette Molina and Lynn Null:

- Attended NAD Leadership Training Conference in Austin, TX, and Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon.
- Attended state conferences in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Provided board training in South Carolina.
- Developed new relationship with Puerto Rico.
- Were involved in various committees at the NAD level.
- Reported that 25 delegates from 11 states attended the Region III Conference hosted by Oklahoma Association of the Deaf in Tulsa, OK.

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Region IV Representatives Genie Gertz and Astrid Goodstein:

- Attended or presented at Arizona Deaf Festival/Conference, California Biennial Conference, California Association of the Deaf 100th Anniversary Gala, Junior NAD conference in Tucson, AZ, and a Valley of the Sun GUAA chapter meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
- Coordinated a NAD fundraiser in conjunction with Bernard Bragg's *Theatre in the Sky* tour in Northridge, CA
- Coordinated NAD Across America fundraisers in Taylorsville, UT, Surprise, AZ, and Tucson, AZ.
- Worked at NAD exhibition at Phoenix Deaf Expo.
- Actively recruited participants for NAD Leadership Training Conference.
- Reported that 15 delegates from 8 states attended the Region IV conference hosted by the Utah Association of the Deaf at the Sanderson Community Center in Taylorsville, UT.

Appointed Board Members Nathie Marbury and Thuan Nguyen reported on their activities over the past two years, such as raising \$4,000, recruiting members, working with the Diversity Strategic Team, providing workshops around the nation, and working closely with the board on diversity matters.

Scoggins reminded delegates that motions were due by July 7 at 4 p.m., and reviewed the caucus agenda for later that evening. Delegates then attended their regional or affiliate caucuses.

The CR recessed at 7:55 p.m.

Monday, July 7, 2008: General Forum Session I

President Scoggins called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Scoggins quickly reviewed the proposed forum standing rules; printouts will be posted near the elevators.

Susan Dramin-Weiss (Illinois) moved to approve the 2008 forum standing rules. CARRIED.

Larry Devenny (Arizona) moved to limit debate on motions to three minutes per person. CARRIED.

Scoggins reviewed the submitted 32 motions and reminded delegates that voting on the top 30 motions would take place that afternoon.

The General Forum recessed for lunch at 11:19 a.m., with Session II voting to take place between 3 and 5 pm in the afternoon.

The CR meeting resumed at 1:42 p.m.

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Session III

Null reported that there were 110 delegates present:

Region I: 25
Region II: 21
Region III: 28
Region IV: 21
Affiliates: 15

Scoggins presented her state of the NAD address.

Glenn Anderson, on behalf of Diversity Strategic Team Chair Karen Wilson (nee Tong-Bregman), reported on team activities. Wilson also sent a letter to the board expressing concern about the contents of the NAD diversity statement.

Alyce Reynolds (Gallaudet University Alumni Association) moved to approve the Diversity Strategic Team report as presented. CARRIED.

Yvonne Dunkle, Vision 2020 Strategic Team Chair, reported on the Vision 2020 draft and activities. The team focused on strategic steps needed for implementation of Fulton III committee recommendations. The new board will wrap up the Vision 2020 strategic plan within the next few months.

Beatrice Pfaff (Indiana) moved to approve the Vision 2020 document in concept. CARRIED.

Beatrice Pfaff (Indiana) moved to add Scoggins' participation in the Deaf People of Color conference to Scoggins' report. CARRIED.

Gertz and Goodstein presented the State Association Award to the Utah Association of the Deaf. This award is presented to the state association that has demonstrated exceptional advocacy programs and services, including membership outreach and communications.

The CR meeting recessed at 3:43 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8, 2008: Session IV

Scoggins called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Null reported that there were 103 delegates present:

Region I: 24
Region II: 23
Region III: 24
Region IV: 19
Affiliates: 13

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Conference Local Committee Chairs Pauline Wood and Randy Pippins were honored with the Knights of the Flying Fingers Award. This award is presented to individual members in recognition of outstanding and dedicated volunteer service on behalf of the NAD.

Sean Gerlis (New Jersey) moved that the CR go into a one-hour recess to discuss the top 30 (ranked) motions. CARRIED.

The meeting went into recess until 9:25 a.m.

Committee reports took place; all reports and PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the NAD website after the conference.

Jr. NAD Delegates Colton Jannusch and Clairra Oberrender presented their report on Jr. NAD activities. They also reviewed motions made by campers during the 2007 Youth Leadership Camp session, which paralleled the work of the NAD and its priorities.

Nancy Bloch reported on the development committee, which was chaired by Marilyn Smith until last winter. Bloch then took over as interim chair. Smith held a retreat during the spring of 2007 in Seattle, WA, and recommendations were presented to the NAD board:

- Fund management software needs to be updated, which the NAD already has in place.
- A fundraising strategic plan should be in place, which is partly accomplished by the Vision 2020 strategic plan.
- Donor marketing and outreach strategies should be expanded.
- A development director needs to be hired; recently, a part-time contractor has been hired for the time being.

Judith Gilliam (Alabama) moved to accept the development committee report. CARRIED.

Treasurer Tom Dillon, Chair, presented the finance committee report. He discussed the organization's fundraising efforts, membership numbers, and profit/loss reports. His committee performed a major overhaul of the NAD's investment policy. Additionally, the NAD upgraded its accounting system and added an accountant position under the Described and Captioned Media Program contract. Also, the NAD received an "unqualified" (top) rating for its non-profit and federal A-133 audits for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, a major accomplishment. Various revenue sources were discussed.

Larry Devenny (Arizona) moved to approve the finance report. CARRIED.

Vice President Chris Wagner, as Governance Committee Chair, provided the report for the committee, which includes Bylaws, Board Policy Manual, Biennial Conference, NAD Leadership Training Conference, and State Associations/Affiliates. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Kober, established a new tracking system, developed a new format for consistency, and presented the 2006 and 2008 amendments to members. Null, Board Policy Manual Chair, made ongoing updates to the manual, including the adoption of the Carver Model, crisis management

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procedures, public relations/media communication procedures and board roles and responsibilities. The biennial conference this year was the first time that the board had such a major role in planning and organizing, working closely with headquarters, along with local committee support. The NAD Leadership Training Conference was held in Austin, TX, in April, and attracted 130 participants. Finally, Char Parsley led the State Association/Affiliate Committee, which worked hard on updating the Delegate Manual. The new co-chairs of the committee are Jennifer Pfau of Colorado and Richard McCowin of Nebraska.

Jimmy Oster (Arizona) moved to accept the Governance Committee report. CARRIED.

Manny Johnson, Membership Committee Chair, and his cluster chairs provided the Membership Committee report. Clusters include benefits, marketing, outreach and youth. The committee had the goal of completing the progress of 2004/2006 conference priorities before the 2008 conference. Individual membership increased from 4,438 in July 2006 to 5,227 in July 2008. The committee is working on a strategic membership marketing plan, along with a joint membership package for state associations and NAD. Special focus on youth will continue.

Margi Morgan (Oregon) moved to accept the membership committee report. CARRIED.

Manny Johnson was presented with the Knights of Flying Fingers Award (see description above).

Howard Rosenblum, Public Policy Committee Chair, reported on activities. A 2006 conference priority was to add "audism" to American dictionaries; a letter has been drafted for dictionary editors and will be sent within a few weeks. The committee also submitted an "ASL is Awesome!" proposal to the board, an awareness campaign that promotes the importance of ASL. The board has approved this for Fall 2008 implementation through partnerships with state associations. Other work by the committee includes making the 2008 federal elections accessible, education subcommittee establishment, monitoring international deaf community activities, serving as an advisory group to review ongoing technological issues, creating two major position statements on mental health issues, and four position and advocacy statements on civil rights focusing on video relay interpreting in hospitals, communication access funds and communication access in courts.

Ann Cooper (Kansas) moved to accept the Public Policy Committee report. CARRIED.

The Knights of Flying Fingers Award was presented to Ava Crowell and Jennifer Kononenko (see description above).

The CR recessed for lunch at 11:15 a.m., and returned at 1:20 p.m.

Session V

Libby Pollard shared parliamentary procedure refreshers with CR delegates.

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The Knights of Flying Fingers award was presented to Joanne Williams, accepted by Norma Lea Chrismon on Williams' behalf (see description above).

Null reported that there were 104 delegates present:

Region I: 20
Region II: 23
Region III: 28
Region IV: 21
Affiliates: 12

Discussion on proposed bylaws took place.

Harvey Corson (Connecticut) moved to postpone discussion on the first three amendments until this afternoon. CARRIED.

Jennifer Dans-Wiley (South Dakota) moved that, in order to make the meeting more efficient, amendments 2006-6-14, 18, and 20 through 32 be accepted. CARRIED.

Howard Rosenblum and Gertrude Galloway were presented with the Spirit of the NAD Award. This award recognizes individual members who carry the spirit of the NAD in all levels of their work, demonstrating exemplary commitment, dedication, and service.

Steve Baldwin was presented with the Robert M. Greenmun Memorial Award, which was accepted by Larry Evans, Gertrude Galloway, and John Mills. This award is presented to individual state association member(s) who demonstrate leadership excellence and contribution on a voluntary basis.

Delegates took action on the proposed amendments as follows:

- 2006-01c: Dean DeRusso (New York) moved to reword this amendment from "...rights of all deaf Americans" to "...rights of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America" (mission/object). CARRIED.
- 2006-02c and 2006-03c: Harvey Corson (Connecticut) moved to accept the bylaws committee's recommendation to reject inclusion of these (vision and values). CARRIED.
- 2006-04, 2006-05, and 2006-16: Jennifer Dans-Wiley (South Dakota) CARRIED.
- 2006-15, 2006-17, 2006-19, and 2008-01: Jennifer Dans-Wiley (South Dakota) moved to reject these amendments. CARRIED.

Al Sonnenstrahl (Maryland) moved that we refer the first Deaf Youth USA motion (proposed amendment 2008-01) to the bylaws committee for 2010. CARRIED.

Sean Gerlis (New Jersey) moved to refer the second Deaf Youth USA motion (proposed amendment 2008-02) to the bylaws committee. CARRIED.

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Tom Kober (South Dakota) moved that the entire bylaws be accepted as revised and as a whole. CARRIED.

Harvey Corson (Connecticut) mentioned that he has been involved with NAD in one way or another since 1964, and is extremely pleased with this very smooth process.

Scoggins thanked Kober and his bylaws committee members for all of their hard work.

A five-minute recess took place.

The Andrew J. Foster Memorial Award was presented to Yerker Andersson, and accepted by Merv Garretson on his behalf. This award, in memory of Foster, a missionary educator, is presented to an individual NAD member in recognition of excellence in teaching.

Suggs provided the Steering Committee report; committee members included Dan Brubaker, Phil Bravin, Nancy Bloch and Chris Wagner.

The CR meeting recessed at 4:06 p.m.

Friday, July 11, 2008: Session VI

The CR meeting resumed at 8:06 a.m.

Null reported that there were 108 delegates present:

- Region I: 24
- Region II: 24
- Region III: 24
- Region IV: 20
- Affiliates: 16

The Accessibility Award was presented to Walt Disney Company, represented by Mark Jones. This award is presented to an organization in recognition of its exceptional efforts to bring about greater accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing Americans.

Suggs thanked her committee members, and stated that the top 20 motions would be voted upon by CR delegates that morning. She reminded delegates that if a ballot showed votes for more than 20 motions, that ballot would be disqualified. Voting then took place.

The Media Access Award was presented to PepsiCo for its Super Bowl commercial; the award was accepted by Brian Dowling, Darren Therriault, and Clay Broussard. This award is presented to an organizational entity in recognition of exceptional efforts in making media accessible.

Discussion of proposed motions took place.

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Vicki Joy Sullivan (New Jersey) moved to amend 2008-LA-PUB-003 to add “outcomes” to the title and then in the motion. CARRIED.

Vicki Joy Sullivan (New Jersey) moved to amend 2008-LA-PUB-010 to replace “insurance” with “systems,” and to change “insurance companies” to “health care systems.” CARRIED.

As delegate votes on proposed motions were counted, fundraising efforts took place.

Bernard Bragg and Roz Rosen formally presented a \$25,000 check to NAD, which President Scoggins accepted. This check is the result of Bragg’s *Theatre in the Sky* tour. At the 2007 World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), Bragg and Scoggins also presented on behalf of the NAD another check of \$25,000 to Markku Jokinen, president of the WFD. The WFD will use this money to create training DVDs on human rights.

While votes were counted, Paul Singleton (Maryland) led the CR fundraising drive, challenging delegates and onlookers to match or exceed Bernard Bragg’s \$25,000 donation to NAD. The total donated by state associations and individuals during this time brought in an impressive \$32,506.

Resolutions were then reviewed.

A five-minute recess took place.

Past President Merv Garretson came onstage to open the 52-year-old bottle of wine bought for the Fulton Tontine gathering in 1956, which led to the reorganization of the NAD as a federation. He, as the sole survivor of the original gathering, stated with a chuckle that Jess Smith probably did not buy the best type of wine. He then took a sip as onlookers gave him a round of applause. This was truly a historical moment.

Cheryl Moose, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf president, came onstage to join Scoggins in jointly presenting NAD-RID Outstanding Service to Interpreting to Judith Gilliam and Gary Sanderson. Cathy McLeod received Sanderson’s award on his behalf. This award is presented to individual member(s) of the NAD or RID who has shown significant dedication to and involved with improving the quality of interpreting in the United States, within a framework that recognizes the importance of collaboration between deaf and hard of hearing individuals, and individuals who are interpreters.

NAD board elections began with Goodstein, Elections Chair, explaining the process. Garretson was then brought onstage to lead the elections.

Al Sonnenstrahl (Maryland) moved that Bobbie Beth Scoggins be voted in as president by acclamation. CARRIED.

The secretary cast the ballot for Scoggins as president.

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Harvey Corson moved to vote in Chris Wagner as vice president, Lynn Null as secretary and Ronald Sutcliffe as treasurer, by acclamation. CARRIED.

The secretary cast the ballot for Wagner as vice president, Null as secretary and Sutcliffe as treasurer.

Board candidates for Region I included Margie English, Jeff Rosen and Sean Gerlis. Voting resulted in selection of Gerlis as Region I Representative.

Board candidates for Region II included Mike Berger and Linda Mahmood. Voting resulted in selection of Berger as Region II Representative.

Glenna Cooper (Oklahoma) moved to accept Liz Hill as Region III Representative by acclamation. CARRIED.

Jim Oster (Arizona) moved to accept James "Manny" Johnson as Region IV Representative by acclamation. CARRIED.

The Randall McClelland Memorial Award was presented to Glenn Anderson. This award is presented to an individual who has provided exceptional leadership to deaf and hard of hearing people in a manner that also serves as inspiration to others.

Wagner reviewed the 2008-2010 priorities, which will be posted on the NAD website after the conference.

Merv Garretson led the new board members through their oaths for their respective positions.

The Council of Representatives meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Suggs
Secretary