

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Honolulu, HI
Jan 13-15, 2018**

January 13, 2018 at the State Capitol, room 423 in Honolulu, HI.

Board Members Present: President Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2016-2018), Vice President Joshua Beckman (2016-2018), Secretary Jenny Buechner (2016-2018), Treasurer Philippe Montalette (2016-2018), Region I Representative Michelle Cline (2014-2018), Region II Representatives: Richard McCowin (2014-2018) and Linsay Darnall, Jr. (2016-2020), Region III Representatives: Jerry Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2016-2020), Region IV Representatives: Lisa Furr (2014-2018) and Martin Price (2016-2020), Appointed Board Member Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2016-2018), Appointed Board Member Meena Mann (2016-2018), and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

Board Members Absent: Region I Representative Steve Lovi (2016-2020), and Appointed Board Member Meena Mann (2016-2018).

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin (Communications Director).

Visitors:

Laverne McCowin
Kathy Thomas
Patrick Kansana Jr.
Joshua Beal
Kammi Kova
Darlene Ewan
Colleen K Cidade
Linda Lambrecht

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the Board meeting to order at 9:15 am.

Introductions were made around the room by Board members and visitors.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the morning. There were no request to add items beyond those already on the agenda for the meeting.

MOTION: Jerry Nelson moved to ratify the minutes for the October 2017 Board meeting. Seconded by Holly Ketchum. CARRIED.

Michelle Cline commented that she would share the report from the Public Safety committee with the board after the day is done.

Richard McCowin commented he would update the Region II Board Report.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk commented that she received an email from RID President Melvin Walker, and will share with the board for discussion on Saturday.

Richard McCowin had questions on the status of the Oklahoma City shooting incident, and the joint press release sent out by the NAD and the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf. The board identified the need to discuss a communications plan for responding to media and the community after an incident that affects any part of the community.

The board discussed how to recruit nominees for Handwave recognitions for the year. Region Board members will share at least two names per region with Michelle Cline, who will then share them with Lizzie Sorkin.

The board also discussed whether we should keep Region Reports in NADMag. The board recognizes the value and importance of the reports, and will continue to share updates for NADMag.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 10:13 am.

The meeting resumed at 10:28 am.

Treasurer Philippe Montalette presented the Finance Report. First, he shared the current budget, with 6 month proposed revisions.

MOTION: Richard McCowin moved to approve the 6-month revised budget as presented. Seconded by Joshua Beckman. CARRIED.

Treasurer Philippe Montalette presented the 2018-2019 proposed budget.

MOTION: Jenny Buechner moved to approve the 2018-2019 budget. Seconded by Joshua Beckman. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 11:20 am for a visit to the Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board, at the Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building, and then lunch.

The board members returned at 1:05 pm for a presentation by Colleen Kapuaililiani Cidade on Hawaii History Tradition and Culture.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 2:05 pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:21 pm.

The board discussed updates on the 2016-2018 Priorities.

National Employment Resource Center - Board Liaison Holly Ketchum shared that the website content is done, however ASL videos are needed. The board discussed ideas on how to accomplish that.

Child Protective Services and Best Practices with Respect to Language/Culture - Howard Rosenblum shared that a draft of a sample bill for CPS rights for states will be available for Board review prior to the April Board meeting.

Campaign to End Language and Cultural Deprivation - Howard Rosenblum shared that they are working on the Campaign plans, while at the same time dealing with a lot of video projects that need to be done during this time of year due to Conference planning. The board discussed strategies to help move along the video projects for both this campaign and preparation for the Conference.

Creation of Mental Health Training Program and a Communication Hub on Health Related Information - Howard Rosenblum reported on the program component, and shared that the Mental Health committee chair, John Gournaris is working on this, and making good progress. Western Oregon University is interested in establishing a program. Additional information and details are still in the works.

Communication Hub portion is moved to the Clearinghouse priority. Alicia Lane-Outlaw, Board Liaison of the Outreach Committee shared that they started work on this portion of the priority. The committee contacted chairs of various committees to identify important topics. There are some concerns regarding validation of the content, and would like to have them reviewed by Subject Matter Experts. There was a discussion about sharing the content with appropriate organizations and individuals to review, such as the American Medical Professionals with Hearing Loss (AMPHL).

Enhance NAD Info Clearinghouse and Communications Strategy - Discussion regarding this priority will be done at a later time.

Martin Price led a discussion about Vision 2020 on behalf of the Organizational Structure committee chair, Meena Mann. The board discussed whether we want to create a new vision for beyond 2020, and how to approach that. The board discussed whether we need to establish a new Vision, and whether there should be a timeline for that, or if it should be timeless. There was also a discussion whether there is value in keeping the Vision for priorities to stay in alignment with the vision of the NAD. The board asked the committee to reconvene and make a recommendation for the Board, and to bring to the Council of Representatives at the 2018 Biennial Conference.

The Board had a discussion regarding ways to enhance membership benefits for State Associations and Affiliates.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 4:57 pm.

January 14, 2018 at the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind in Honolulu, HI.

Board Members Present: President Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2016-2018), Vice President Joshua Beckman (2016-2018), Secretary Jenny Buechner (2016-2018), Treasurer Philippe Montalette (2016-2018), Region I Representative Michelle Cline (2014-2018), Region II Representatives: Richard McCowin (2014-2018) and Lindsay Darnall, Jr. (2016-2020), Region III Representatives: Jerry Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2016-2020), Region IV Representatives: Lisa Furr (2014-2018) and Martin Price (2016-2020), Appointed Board Member Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2016-2018), Appointed Board Member Meena Mann (2016-2018), and Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

Board Members Absent: Region I Representative Steve Lovi (2016-2020), and Appointed Board Member Meena Mann (2016-2018).

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin (Communications Director).

Visitors:

Brian Nakamoto
Patrick Kansana Jr.
Meilia Sonza
Denny Voreck
Trey Balding
Sharlyn Chung
Kian Guam Aul
Florence Rapow
Peggy Liang
Angel Ramos
Linda Lambrecht
Joshua Smith
Steve Laracuente
Kammi Koza
Karen Quinones
Nicholas Rivera
Jeff Lambrecht

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Introductions were made around the room by Board members and visitors.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk led a discussion about changing the date of the Order of Georges and Georgettes luncheon at the 2018 Biennial Conference. The board agreed to move the luncheon to Saturday, July 7th.

Jerry Nelson led a discussion about the new format for the Community Forum in regards to the breakout categories for priorities. It was determined that the categories for the Community Forum will be determined after we receive proposed priorities. Instead of setting categories ahead of time, there will be suggestions for areas for proposed priorities for members to help guide them.

The board discussed different strategies to reach out to the membership and explain how to draft and submit proposed priorities.

The board discussed different methods for voting procedures. It was decided that NAD will obtain “clickers” for electronic voting for the delegates.

Election Reform: Board Liaison Jenny Buechner shared recommendations from the committee on updates to the Election Guidelines. The board provided feedback on those recommendations and provided additional recommendations.

MOTION: Jerry Nelson moved to approve the election reform guidelines as proposed with changes as discussed in meeting. Seconded by Holly Ketchum. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 3:05 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3:14 pm.

Philippe Montalette led a discussion about the Call for Awards for the 2018 Biennial Conference. Videos describing each award will be made and distributed. The deadline for nominations will be in early April, in time for the next NAD Board meeting.

Martin Price shared updates with the board regarding the Steering Committee. Two representatives have been identified, and two more are needed to represent each of the regions, as well as affiliates. It was decided that there is a need for timestamps of the latest version of the Proposed Priorities available via google drive, and print handouts, so that people know which version they're reviewing.

The board discussed plans to do an electronic vote of ballot for Delegates in narrowing down the top 20 proposed priorities from the Community Forum down to the top 5 Priorities for 2018-2020.

Joshua Beckman shared that there will be Jr. NAD pages available during the conference, with the goal of adding on duties for leadership development.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk explained there will be two Conference Chairs, Steve Lovi and Michelle Cline. Lovi will work with Connecticut Association of the Deaf, and Cline will work with Board members to get updates on the various conference-related duties and committees.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 4:25 pm.

The meeting resumed at 4:33 pm.

Alicia Lane-Outlaw shared updates regarding the Enhance NAD Info Clearinghouse and Communications Strategy. The Outreach committee developed a tool for NAD Headquarters to utilize to help collect data regarding contacts and inquiries, how they were made, and what the outcome(s) is.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk led a discussion about the Gift of Language campaign, and which funds should be used to support that work.

MOTION: Darnall moved to approve to use the Youth Program Fund to complete the Gift of Language Campaign project. Seconded by Martin Price. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 5:23 pm.

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Board Members Absent: Region I Representative Steve Lovi (2016-2020), and Appointed Board Member Meena Mann (2016-2018).

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin (Communications Director).

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Board reviewed the agenda for the morning. There were no request to add items beyond those already on the agenda for the meeting.

Jerry Nelson started a discussion regarding the State Association and Affiliate Committee and its purpose.

The meeting was interrupted at 8:08 am with an Emergency Alert to seek shelter because of a missile launch. Board meeting went to recess immediately.

The meeting resumed at 8:30 am.

The Board had a discussion regarding the recent Emergency Alert.

Jerry Nelson resumed his discussion regarding the State Association and Affiliate Committee and its purpose. It was determined an ad hoc committee is needed to address this topic.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared that the European Union of the Deaf is interested in observing the upcoming NAD Conference, and would like for the succeeding Executive Board to visit their next conference to share information, as well as seek opportunities to work together in the future.

Holly Ketchum shared with the board concerns about creating ASL videos for the National Employment Resource Center, and how to complete this in time for the conference.

MOTION: Lisa Furr moved that we use NAD funds to create ASL videos for the National Employment Resource Center priority. Second by Joshua Beckman. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 9:30 am.

The meeting resumed at 9:43 am.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared the email she received from Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID) President Melvin Walker in regards to the joint-committee for review of the Code of Professional Conduct (CPC). The board discussed concerns in regards to the RID committee members' progress on review of the CPC.

Martin Price shared updates from the Youth Committee. They want to establish a section within the NAD.

MOTION: Alicia moved that upon submission of all final information and application, the NAD approve formation of the NAD Youth Section. Seconded by Michelle.

AMENDMENT: Lisa moved to amend “with verification of membership with NAD HQ” at the end of the original motion. Seconded by Philippe. Amendment FAILED.

MAIN MOTION: Alicia moved that upon submission of all final information and application, the NAD approve formation of the NAD Youth Section. Seconded by Michelle. CARRIED.

The board discussed whether Jr. NAD members should be recognized as members for registration at the NAD Conference, even though it is not standard NAD membership. It was agreed that NAD should recognize Jr. NAD membership for the conference.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared updates on the Deaf Grassroots Movement (DGM) Rally which will be held on March 8th in Washington D.C. A legislative training will be provided to DGM members on March 7th, with support from the NAD.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared that the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) conference will be held on April 22-25.

Jenny Buechner shared plans for the next Board meeting, to be held in Wisconsin on April 3-5, 2018.

Joshua Beckman reminded Regional Board members to do their region report videos.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Buechner
Secretary