

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Hartford, CT
July 2, 2018**

July 2, 2018 at Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT.

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 Representatives: Michelle Cline (2014-2018) and Steve Lovi (2016-2020), Region III Representatives: Jerry Nelson (2014-2018) and Holly Ketchum (2016-2020), Region IV Representatives Region IV 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 II Representatives: Richard McCowin (2014-2018) and Linsay Darnall, Jr. (2016-2020).

Visitors:

Kirsten Poston
Kristen Dieffenbacher
Anna Harman
Miranda Pollard
Renee' Sites
Lewis Elliott
Jack Cooper
Ann Cooper
Tony Lee
Shanling Lee
Guillaume Chartel
Jennifer Boss
Mark Apodaca

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the meeting to order at 9:16 am.

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda for the meeting.

Treasurer Philippe Montalette shared his finance report to the Board, of which will be shared at the Council of Representatives this week. In comparing 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fiscal years, we have a bigger profit in 2017-2018.

CEO Howard Rosenblum shared his report with the board. The ACLU issued a press release recently about a case that they are working with the NAD on, however in their initial release, the

NAD was not mentioned, even though it was agreed upon in the agreement. There have been ramifications to their release since NAD objected to their release.

Rosenblum also shared that Starbucks reached out to the NAD with a possible grant to develop a project or training of some sort. A proposal was submitted last week.

The Board reviewed the April 2018 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: Joshua Beckman moved to approve the April 5-7 Board Meeting minutes. Seconded by Philippe Montalette. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk reviewed the proposed draft bill for the Child Protective Services and Best Practices with Respect to Language/Culture priority as provided by the CPS committee.

MOTION: Meena Mann moves to approve the CPS bill as revised. Seconded by Steve Lovi. CARRIED.

Lisa Furr shared with the board recommendations from the LGBT Section to update the Diversity Statement to be all-inclusive, and include non-binary individuals. The Section recommends inserting the following after gender: "gender identity and/or expression". It was noted that the Diversity Strategy Team reviewed the recommendation and are in favor of it.

MOTION: Jenny Buechner moves to insert "gender identity and/or expression" in the diversity statement. Seconded by Michelle Cline. CARRIED.

The Conference Co-Chairs provided a brief update about the Conference coming up this week.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared that people who registered and paid for the Racial Justice Training and The Real Way to be Normal Around Deafblind People Training will be refunded the entire \$5.

Jerry Nelson led a discussion regarding the Council of Representatives, and the details to ensure an efficient meeting.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 10:11 am.

The meeting resumed at 10:22 am.

Holly Ketchum and Martin Price provided an update about the Steering Committee, who the selected representatives are, which will be approved by the Council of Representatives.

The board then discussed about the General Forum tracks, and how it will pass through the proposed priorities to the Council of Representatives. Past Presidents will facilitate discussion

and the Steering Committee members will take notes of what was discussed in the tracks for consideration at the Council of Representatives.

There was also a discussion about how the Standing Rules for the General Forum will be approved upon. Because of the changes in the structure of the General Forum, it is not clear how it will be approved.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk led the board through the schedule and agenda for the Council of Representatives for the week.

Howard Rosenblum shared that if the Council of Representatives goes longer than scheduled, the NAD will incur an extra fee for Audio & Visual services.

The board then reviewed all Committee and Task Force reports.

Jerry Nelson shared with the board the plan for the Delegate Networking event tonight.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Buechner
Secretary