

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Salisbury, CT
September 15, 2018**

September 15, 2018, at Isola Bella in Salisbury, CT.

Board Members Present: President Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2018-2020), Vice President Richard McCowin (2018-2020), Secretary Jenny Buechner (2018-2020), Treasurer Michelle Cline (2018-2020), Region I Representatives: Liz Hill (2018-2022) and Steve Lovi (2016-2020), Region II Representatives Kevin Ryan (2018-2022) and Linsay Darnall, Jr. (2016-2020), Region III Representatives: Holly Ketchum (2016-2020) and Steve Hamerdinger (2018-2022) [by videophone], Region IV Representatives Amy Gomme (2018-2022) and Martin Price (2016-2020), Appointed Board Members Alicia Lane-Outlaw (2018-2020 and Benro Ogunyipe (2018-2020).

Ex Officio Member: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer.

Staff: Lizzie Sorkin, Communications Director.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. Welcome remarks were made to the new board members.

MOTION: Martin Price moved to approve the July 7, 2018 Board Meeting minutes. Seconded by Holly Ketchum. CARRIED.

MOTION: Kevin Ryan moved to ratify the motion made regarding appointed board members. Seconded by Amy Gomme. CARRIED.

Motion ratified: Linsay Darnall, Jr. moved we approve Alicia Lane-Outlaw and Benro Ogunyipe to serve on the NAD board 2018-2020. Seconded by Liz Hill. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk provided the President's Report. She shared that she was invited to the Conference of Interpreter Trainers, and may request a board member to attend if she is unable to attend. She also shared that she continues to have a dialogue with RID in regards to the CPC committee and its progress.

Vice President Richard McCowin provided the Vice President's Report. Richard shared that he has completed all board assignments for the Board Liaison responsibilities. We are currently waiting for people to submit their interest in joining a committee, the deadline is September 30th. At that point, will be able to assign committee members and then work on committee chairs.

Secretary Jenny Buechner did not have a report.

Treasurer Michelle Cline provided the Treasurer Report. Michelle shared that they are looking for more people to join the Finance committee, and have yet to meet with headquarters on a monthly basis to review the financial reports provided by CEO Howard Rosenblum. She hopes to start these meetings in October after committee members are selected. Will also work on ideas and goals for fundraising for the board.

Region I Representatives Steve Lovi and Liz Hill provided their report. It was decided among the Region I State Association Presidents that they would meet every other month on the first Wednesday.

Region II Representatives Linsay Darnall, Jr. and Kevin Ryan provided their report. They have been keeping the Region II facebook and twitter accounts updated on a regular basis. They have yet to meet with the Region II State Association Presidents yet.

Region III Representative Holly Ketchum provided their report. They had their Region III State Association Presidents' meeting recently and they had some questions about the 2018 Conference survey. Questions were addressed and resolved.

Region IV Representatives Martin Price and Amy Gomme provided their report. They had their Region IV State Association Presidents' meeting at the end of August and discussed the time of the meeting to be mindful for time zone differences for Alaska and Hawaii. They also discussed topics they would like to discuss during their regional meetings.

Appointed Board Members Alicia Lane-Outlaw and Benro Ogunyipe were very recently appointed and did not have a report to share.

Chief Executive Officer Howard Rosenblum provided the CEO report. Howard shared that the Deaf Business Advocacy (DBA) Section is interested in establishing a Deaf Chamber of Commerce. Howard needs to investigate what the possibilities are with the classification for the NAD and the DBA section.

Howard also shared that a voting machine vendor, VOTEC, is asking the NAD to provide a position statement, letter, or resolution in regards to accessible voting for deaf people at polling locations. It was decided that a Position Statement would be made, but with no reference to VOTEC or any other organization who is in the business of selling voting equipment.

Howard shared some employee updates including some changes on the staff.

Howard shared that the NAD received some funds from the Starbucks Foundation for a specific project that was previously proposed. Howard is currently waiting to hear back from the Department of Justice on a grant that they had applied for in regards to law enforcement

training. Also waiting to hear back from the Department of Education on a youth program grant, but it appears that Gallaudet University has received that grant.

The Law and Advocacy Center is working on several lawsuits, and some of the prison lawsuits are in partnership with the ACLU. It seems that some Protection & Advocacy agencies have the wrong information about deaf and hard of hearing people, and the NAD reached out to the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) inquiring them to remind their state agencies to include deaf and hard of hearing people when it comes to understanding their needs for accessibility.

Howard provided an update on the outcomes of the 2018 conference. At this time, it appears that there is a loss of revenue from the conference. Two of the major expenses were AV and Interpreting. There were unexpected projections and the need for both services was increased significantly, which impacted the cost of the conference. There have been conversations about how to improve projections and minimize expenses for future conferences.

The board discussed the survey that was distributed to the conference attendees. A group of board members will review the survey results from the delegates group, and share with the rest of the board on the findings.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk led the oath for the incoming board members that were not present during the Board Oath at the 2018 Conference: Steve Hamerdinger (Region III), Alicia Lane-Outlaw (Appointed), and Benro Ogunyipe (Appointed).

New Business:

MOTION: Steve Lovi moved to establish a DeafBlind section. Seconded by Kevin Ryan.
CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk adjourned the meeting at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Buechner
Secretary