

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK
October 4-5, 2017**

October 4, 2017 at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, OK.

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 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.

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin (Communications Director).

Visitors:

Pearl Pearson
Vicki Lowen
Candy Tumbelson
Jenita Felker
Jaleesa Osborn
Grace Vorsdah
Angelica Herrera
Gage Gole
Brianna
Justice Glory
Shannon Lewis
Aracely Murillo
Shyann Smith
Clay Campbell
Manda Chebultz
Roland Potter
Jason Hargis
Chris Reagle
Taylor Tweedy
Kaitlyn Bean

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called the Board meeting to order at 10:30 am, after a Board visit to the premises of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Board reviewed the agenda for the morning.

There were no additional reports from the board members beyond what was submitted prior to the Board meeting. In addition, there were no request to add items beyond those already on the agenda for the meeting.

Treasurer Philippe Montalette shared the financial reports for the year to date based on the 2017-2018 budget, and there were no questions from the board.

Richard McCowin presented about two new prospective awards for the NAD, the Gertrude "Gertie" Galloway Leadership Award, and the Dr. Nathie Lee Marbury Leadership Award. The board had feedback for the descriptions of the awards.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 11:00 am, and the Board joined students in the cafeteria for lunch as well as after-lunch activities.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 pm.

Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) Superintendent Larry Hawkins shared a few words welcoming us to OSD.

Alicia Lane-Outlaw presented guidelines for using social media, to be used mainly by Region Board members, and can be used for the SAAC Toolkit.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 1:55 pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:15 pm.

Students from Oklahoma School for the Deaf joined us for the meeting, and the Board of Directors did introductions.

Jerry Nelson shared the Governance Committee's recommendations for the 2018 Biennial Conference, specifically the General Forum. There will be six (6) tracks for the Forum, and a few ideas for the tracks were shared. The board had some concerns and ideas. Jerry was asked to revise the tracks and bring back to the board for review.

Steve Lovi and Jerry Nelson presented an updated version of the Conflict of Interest Policy. Some feedback was shared from the board members.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 3:45 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3:55 pm.

Jenny Buechner, Board Liaison for the Election Reform Committee shared the recommended Election Guidelines from the Election Reform Committee. The board presented their feedback

on the guidelines, which will be shared with the Election Reform Committee. The goal is to finalize this by the next board meeting, so that we can proceed with the procedures for the Elections of the 2018 Biennial Conference.

Richard McCowin, Board Liaison for the CDI Taskforce shared the taskforce's goals and objectives, including the development of standards for CDIs. The goal is to complete this in time for the for the 2018 Biennial Conference.

Vice President Joshua Beckman assumed the floor.

The board discussed the board meeting agenda for Thursday, October 5th.

RESOLUTION: Darnall moved for a resolution to recognize and thank OSD for organizing everything for the Board meeting today. CARRIED.

Vice President Joshua Beckman called for a recess for the day at 4:59 pm.

October 5, 2017 at the Skirvin Hilton in Oklahoma City, OK.

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 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.

Staff Present: Lizzie Sorkin (Communications Director), Angela Ellman (Conference Planner).

Visitors:

Jerrin George
Amy Lucero
Brent Denham
Renee Stiles
Terry Morrell
Thomas Minch
Bree Logan
Nadir Belabbas
Terry West
Carole West
Lisa Gault
Cam Tulloch

The meeting resumed at 8:10 am at the Skirvin Hilton in Oklahoma City.

Steve Lovi shared updates about the 2018 Biennial Conference. Sandy Inzinga and Elena Blueare looking for core committee chairs to ensure the success of the conference.

Angela Ellman shared a few updates in regards to conference logistics. A workshop coordinator has been identified. There is a need for coordinators for the Kids Camp program. The Board needs to finalize the conference schedule, so that Angela and her team can finalize RFPs for Interpreting Services, AV Services, and other items. NAD intends to ask DeafFriendly to provide training for area businesses, to help ensure the community is mindful for the large attendance of deaf people at the conference.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared with the board that she has been in dialogue with RID President, Melvin Walker. In their meetings, they have discussed the Community Letter that was presented by various organizations including the NAD to RID in July.

The RID Board of Directors is interested in updating the current RID-NAD Code of Professional Conduct, and are wondering if the NAD is interested in working in collaboration with the RID. After some discussion, the NAD board is in agreement that with establishing a joint committee with RID to work on the RID-NAD Code of Professional Conduct.

The Board discussed whether to work with the RID Region I to have their conference at the 2018 NAD Biennial Conference. The board agreed it would be good to proceed with this joint effort with RID Region I.

Michelle Cline, Board Liaison for the Public Safety Committee shared concerns that the people who are interested in the committee generally have experience with fire safety, and paramedics, not so much on issues involving officer shootings. There is a misconception of what the committee was created to address, which is primarily on resolving problems relating to law enforcement interactions with deaf individuals. There is a need for more committee members with expertise in this regard.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk called for a recess at 9:29 am.

The meeting resumed at 9:43 am.

The board discussed the 2018 NAD Biennial Conference Schedule, specifically for the Council of Representatives, Regional Caucuses, General Forum, and Luncheons. It was determined that the SAAC event will be a dinner event on July 3rd in the evening, followed by a Delegate Networking opportunity. The General Forum would take place on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:45 am through 12:00 noon, with a 15 minute break for change of tracks.

The Council of Representatives schedule was discussed to ensure there is enough time for the Steering Committee to get their work done in time for sessions.

Richard McCowin presented the revised descriptions for the Gertrude “Gertie” Galloway Leadership Award, and the Dr. Nathie Lee Marbury Leadership Award.

MOTION: Beckman moved to approve the Gertrude “Gertie” Galloway and Dr. Nathie Maybury Awards. Seconded by Furr. CARRIED

MOTION: Cline moved to ratify the April 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Seconded by Price. CARRIED.

Jerry Nelson, chair of the Governance Committee presented the revised plan for the General Forum. The board shared its feedback with Jerry.

Howard Rosenblum, CEO of the NAD shared that he was asked to have the NAD sponsor an event, in which all of the donations would help those affected by Hurricane Maria. There is approximately \$44,000 in the NAD funds specifically for disaster relief, but the current process is to require individuals to apply for financial assistance from this fund. Howard is asking that the board consider two things, first, to make a donation to the Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association of the Metropolitan DC Area to assist deaf individuals in Puerto Rico, and second to suspend the application requirement and consider revising this application process at a later time.

MOTION: Furr moved to donate \$5,000 to the Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association of the Metropolitan DC Area. Seconded by Darnall. CARRIED.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk shared the plans for the NLTC Kick-off with the board.

Joshua Beckman shared the plans for the Mini/Region Conference on Friday at 4-6 pm, 7:30-9:30 pm and Saturday at 4-6 pm.

Linsay Darnall, Jr shared his concerns for what the NAD’s vision will be beyond 2020, as we are quickly approaching the time to revisit the Vision Statement.

Steve Lovi shared that the National Deaf Education Conference leaders are interested in forming a Section within the NAD.

MOTION: Lovi moved to add a new Section; Education. Seconded by Beckman. CARRIED.

Joshua Beckman reviewed the Board’s roles and duties for the 2018 Biennial Conference.

President Melissa Draganac-Hawk adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Buechner
Secretary