

## MEETING MINUTES

### NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

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#### Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Asheville Regional Center, 12 Barbetta Drive, Asheville, NC at 9:38 AM.

#### Present were:

President – Craig Blevins  
Vice President – Donnie Dove  
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid  
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley  
Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner  
Northeast Regional Representative – Linda Nelson  
Western Regional Representative – Laura Herman

#### Guests:

Ashley Benton, NC DHHS

#### Not Present:

Southeast Regional Representative – Sharon Lott

With the approval of the board members present, President Blevins acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley recorded the minutes.

Meeting Minutes from the last two board meetings were reviewed:

**Motion:** To correct the meeting minutes from the dates of August 26, 2017 and January 20, 2018

**Motion By:** Vice-President Dove

**Seconded By:** Rep. Nelson

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from the dates of August 26, 2017 and January 20, 2018

**Motion By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Seconded By:** Rep. Herman

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPICS:**

OurNCAD.org website contract with webmaster, Mr. Sion A. Moss III, has expired. A renewal is needed.

**Motion:** Website Design and Maintenance Contract is renewed, paying Mr. Sion A. Moss III for a 16-month contract for a fee of \$600.00. Contract begins on March 4, 2018 which ends on August 4, 2019.

**Motion By:** Vice-President Dove

**Seconded By:** Rep. Herman

**Vote Count:** Majority

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To ensure on-going monitoring of our organization’s website, OurNCAD.org, a board member will be appointed.

**Motion:** Vice-President Dove monitors the NCAD’s website.

**Motion By:** Rep. Nelson

**Seconded By:** Rep. Butner

**Vote Count:** Majority

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13 members serve on the Mental Health Advisory Board. Linda Nelson is on the board, representing NCAD. Mr. Brad Trotter is seeking recommendations on “Deaf replacements” to attend their quarterly board meetings in Raleigh. This is a 3-year term which needs to be filled by July 1, 2018.

**Motion:** We, the NCAD Board Members, give President Blevins the authority to appoint representatives to serve on the NC Mental Health Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

**Motion By:** Vice-President Dove

**Seconded By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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Marshall Staley expressed appreciation toward Vice-President Dove for representing NCAD on the NC Interpreters & Transliterators Licensing Board.

**Motion:** Vice-President Dove will continue to serve on the NCITLB for another term, representing NCAD.

**Motion By:** Secretary Marshall Staley

**Seconded By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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To satisfy the annual requirement of 501(c)(3), the board must provide yearly training to the NC Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens. Holly Stiles, Senior Attorney, from Disability Rights of North Carolina has offered to do an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) training.

**Motion:** NCAD hosts ADA Training led by Hilly Stiles during Fall 2018.

**Motion By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Seconded By:** Rep. Nelson

**Vote Count:** Majority

**Motion:** ADA Training will take place in Morganton, NC

**Amended By:** Rep. Herman

**Seconded By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

**Motion:** ADA Training will take place in Eastern NC as well.

**Amended By:** Rep. Nelson

**Seconded By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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NC American Sign Language Teachers Association has asked for sponsorship towards their NCASLTA Conference that will take place in Wilson, NC during the weekend of March 23-24, 2018.

**Motion:** NCAD donates \$150.00, sponsoring NCASLTA's 2018 Conference.

**Motion By:** Rep. Nelson

**Seconded By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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NC Deaf-Blind Associates has asked for sponsorship towards their NCBDA Conference that will take place in Atlantic Beach, NC during the weekend of March 8-10, 2018.

**Motion:** NCAD donates \$150.00, sponsoring NCBDA's 2018 Conference.

**Motion By:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Seconded By:** Vice-President Dove

**Vote Count:** Majority

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Deaf Seniors of North Carolina has asked for sponsorship towards the Deaf Tar Heels Festival that will take place in Atlantic Beach, NC during the weekend of May 17-20, 2018.

**Motion:** NCAD donates \$150.00, sponsoring the 2018 Deaf Tar Heels Festival.

**Motion By:** Rep. Nelson

**Seconded By:** Vice-President Dove

**Vote Count:** Majority

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*Rep. Nelson, representing NCAD on the NC Mental Health Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, reported:*

Broughton Hospital in Morganton is employing full-time interpreters who are not RID certified at the Deaf Unit. This means unqualified interpreters as they are not recognized as FULL-licensed interpreters in the state of NC. Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients are considered “too ill” to ask for qualified, competent interpreters to interpret their psychiatric evaluation, therapy sessions, treatment, and so on. Concerns will be addressed at the next quarterly board meeting which will take place in Raleigh on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

*Rep. Nelson, representing NCAD on the NC Early Hearing Detection Intervention Committee, reported:*

Rep. Nelson has volunteered to serve on a sub committee to select an appropriate assessment tool to measure language acquisition. This evidence-based assessment will track progress on meeting benchmarks including language acquisition. Deaf children including infants must be tested for language development when they are first identified, from age 0 to 5 every three months.

Secretary Marshall Staley inquired that parents should be informed about the benefits of ASL and provided with opportunities and resources to learn ASL. Informative packets, sharing all communication mode options, should be made available for parents with Deaf children.

**Break:** 11:45 AM – 12:20 PM

*Mrs. Ashley Benton from NC DSDHH gave updated reports:*

Regarding House Bill 84, NC DSDHH has been in contact with the DMV and the ADA Coordinator for the Department of Transportation, Mark Whisenant. They are working to make sure all DMV offices are aware of the changes relating to HB 84.

Medicaid Reimbursement for Sign Language Interpreting Services:  
DSDHH and the Division of Health Benefits (DHB) have projected it will cost a total of \$1.6 million per year to provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services to persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, and hard of hearing that are Medicaid recipients and ASL users. This cost does not include the administration of the program. DHB will submit to the Governor’s office, for approval in the 2018-2020 state budget, a request to fund this \$800,000 the first year (the program begins in January 2019) and \$1.6 million the second year.

Two Deaf-Blind Support Service Provider 101 Trainings will be offered: April 26 in Raleigh and August 3 in Wilmington.

Taste of Technology Deaf-Blind Expo will happen on October 6 in Greensboro.

**Announcements:**

President Blevins appointed Northeast Regional Representative, Linda Nelson and Treasurer Moore-Reid to attend the next National Association of the Deaf's 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference in Hartford, CT from July 3-7, 2018.

Rep. Herman selected as the chairperson for the 121<sup>st</sup> NCAD Conference Committee.

Rep. Nelson will attend the National Deaf Grassroots Movement in Washington, DC on March 7-8, 2018. National DGM and National Association of the Deaf (NAD) are partnering with Gallaudet University in creating this National Rally in Washington, D.C.

NCAD has been awarded by the Heritage, congratulating the Board for being a long-term client. A check of 4k from the Heritage is expected to arrive next month.

**Meeting adjourned: 2:50 PM**