

MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Tillinghast Place, 6604 Rockwell Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28269 at 9:37 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Donnie Dove
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley
Northeast Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Western Regional Representative – Laura Herman

Guests:

Ashley Benton, NC DSDHH
Donna Smolik, LEAD-K / Grassroot M
Sion & Theresa Moss, Webmaster
Lawson & Debi McNally, LEAD-K
Blare Johnston, CRC Manager
Polly Easley, LEAD-K
Jimmy Autrey, NCSH Hist. Museum Pres.
Joni Hedrick, NCRID Conf. Chairperson

Not Present:

Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Southeast Regional Representative – Vacant
Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner

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 board meeting (12/1/18) was reviewed.

Motion by: Rep. Laura Herman

Seconded by: Rep. Linda Nelson

Vote Count: Majority

Presidents Report:

President Blevins welcomes the board and recognizes DSDHH for providing Deaf Interpreters, Service Support Providers and Certified Deaf Interpreters at the board meeting as there were four Blind-Guests guests.

President Blevins asks NCAD Conference Chairperson, Rep. Laura Herman, and NCRID Conference Chairperson, Joni Hedrick to begin:

Joni Hedrick: “This is our second partnership, NCAD & NCRID are partnering again for NCAD’s biennial conference. NCRID is celebrating its 50th year anniversary. Because

the RID (at national level) Conference registration fees have skyrocket, more people will be interested in attending the NCRID conference due to “lower registration fees”.

Joni Hedrick shares the theme of the conference by covering the history of NCRID and NCAD (photographs and fact sheets will be displayed on the conference tables and colors were discussed (“conference décor”).

Rep. Herman notes that the NCAD 2-day workshop registration does not include breakfast.

Rep. Herman points out that both workshops, scheduled by NCAD, are on the waiting list for CEU approval from RID.

NC Early Hearing Detection Intervention (NC EHDI) and Client Assistance Program (CAP) have expressed interest in doing booth exhibition during NCAD/NCRID conference.

President Blevins inquires feedback in regarding to the NCAD’s new head letter. Rep. Herman compliments the sponsorship letter that Rep. Nelson wrote.

Vice Presidents Report:

Vice President Dove shares that he also holds a position on the NCITLB – North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board. The “sunset” regarding the occupational licensing proposed bill has quieted down. A letter written by the NCRID was sent to the NCITLB expressing concerns about educational interpreters in public schools depicting “poor quality interpreting”. More details will be shared at the next NCAD Board meeting.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Marshall Staley compliments our webmaster, Sam Moss, for his hard work and perfectionism. NCAD conference website registration is currently up and running.

Representative Nelson reports:

Rep. Linda Nelson gives a brief history of the Tillinghast Place located in Charlotte which is operated by a Management Company. If they no longer want to manage, the Tillinghast Place will fall back into NCAD’s hand. 1990, there was a lawsuit – NCAD sued the state for insufficient mental health service that was barely available to the Deaf Community. Tillinghast Place is a HUD facility. Approximately 500k was spent to build the apartment and for the property. NCAD President, at the time, was James Wilson. The apartment is currently 80% occupied by deaf residents. Tillinghast Place has 26 units.

Secretary Marshall Staley asks Vice President Dove to contact James Wilson, former NCAD President, to submit bio on the Tillinghast place. Our webmaster, Sam Moss will take photos of the units – the information will be added to the OurNCAD.org website.

Guest Lawson McNally suggests that Tillinghast Place Board submits reports on the Tillinghast Place on a regular basis.

Tillinghast Manager Cobb introduces herself at the board meeting. She is a proud MSSD Alumnae.

President Blevins explains to the board that we renew contact with the Tillinghast Place's management every year.

Presidents Report recontinues:

President Blevins shares that he attends NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Raleigh 4x a year. Concerning House Bill 317, Thomas Kagle is contracted by the NC DPI regarding EOC/EOG testing scores. Kagle claims that mainstream students' testing scores show a higher score than those who are enrolled residential schools.

President Belvins pointed out during the NC Council for the Deaf / HoH Board Meeting that the Federal law allows public school 1% of the students waived from having to take the EOC/EOG tests which skews the measuring scores. In other words, there is no data that provides actual statistics on our deaf children's testing scores and academic levels.

President Blevins reports that Sarena Fuller, principal of NCSD, was present at the NC Council for the Deaf /HoH Board Meeting as well. NCSD Director position has not been posted by the way. According to Sarena Fuller, E/NCSD are in a discussion for a potential lawsuit (their meeting is scheduled for Feb 26).

Sarena Fuller: "Students are required to register in their school district before they can transfer to residential school. If they attend PRE-K, they will still have to start at a public school (register and complete a 3-month evaluation) before they can be considered for a transfer at residential school Reason: Initial IEP meeting cannot happen the residential school."

More President Reports:

NCAD was very involved with the logistics of the NAD's recent board meetings that took place over the course of three days and were held in several different cities across the state. Guest Lawson McNally expresses disappointment in how NAD ran their board meeting at the residential schools. Lawson wishes that the NAD had prioritize the opportunity of meeting current students as they are "our NAD future". Lawson wants President Blevins to report this feedback to NAD.

President Blevins responds that there was confusion regarding the term: Open Forum as being an “open meeting”: being open to the public when it meant that people are welcome to observe but not participate in the discussion.

President Blevins points out that the NAD Board did meet with four groups of students: by attending viewing the school’s robotics team play, touring the Historical Museums at the residential schools, visiting the classrooms and the Goodwin Center for Professional and Outreach Services for Children on NCSD campus.

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report

Motion: the NCAD Board approves the Treasurer Report

Motion By: Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley

Seconded By: Vice-President Dove

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: 2019 NAD Leadership’s Training Conference Discussion

Motion: NCAD tables the discussion to the next NCAD board meeting

Motion By: Rep. Linda Nelson

Seconded By: Vice- President Dove

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Legislature Day

Motion: NCAD hosts Legislature Day at the Capital on May 15, 2019

Motion By: Rep. Linda Nelson

Seconded By: Rep. Laura Herman

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Deaf Culture / Digital Library (DCDL) in NC

Motion: NCAD appoints Jimmy Autrey as a representative for the NC DCDL

Motion By: Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley

Seconded By: Rep. Linda Nelson

Vote Count: Majority

DSDHH Reports:

DSDHH Administration Office and Regional Centers are in the process of creating quarterly newsletters. People may subscribe to one of both. The newsletters will have information on their monthly Calendar of Events.

Medicaid will have funds to reimburse for interpreting services. DHHS/DSDHH is developing a position to focus on Quality Assurance (QA). They are currently developing a communication plan to inform providers and community about this new reimbursement process. Medicaid has had challenges in the past when “communicating / announcing too early”. DSDHH’s goal is to communicate efficiently and thoroughly.

NCIOM Task Force will start their meeting in March 2019 in which they will meet monthly for six months. David Rosenthal has been contracted to co-chair. The focus of the Task Force is on Communication Access in Healthcare.

Communication Access in Health Care surveys were sent out to Deaf/ASL users and will continue. DSDHH needs more people to respond to this survey: can be conducted online or face to face interview.

DSDHH involvement with the NAD’s previous visit was a honor and a privilege. DSDHH helped with providing transportation, interpreting service and setting up meeting sites. NAD Board visited one of the Regional Centers in which a Communication Forum was hosted.

Announcements:

NCSDAA has a “spaghetti dinner” fundraiser on February 15, 2019.

NCSD will host a robotics tournament on March 2, 2019 which 18 different schools for the Deaf will participate.

Deafoptia is scheduled on March 14 at NCSD in Morganton.

NTID Regional STEM Center is having a VEXrobotics at NCSD on March 18 (a later report was made that it was rescheduled to April 25 due to inclement weather)

Deaf Seniors of NC (DSNC) is hosting a “Journey to Deafhood” workshop on April 6 in Charlotte. Marvin Miller is the speaker. The \$30 admissions includes luncheon.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:53 PM