

MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the North Carolina School for the Deaf, 517 W. Fleming Dr., Morganton, NC at 10:07 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins

Vice President – Donnie Dove

Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid

Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley

Regional Representative – Sharon Lott

Regional Representative – Christa Butner (formerly Copley)

Guest:

Ashley Benton, NC DHHS

Not Present:

Regional Representative – Donna Platt

Regional Representative – Tina Hanford

With the approval of the board members present, President Blevins acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley recorded the minutes. Moore-Reid proposed that the board accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Butner seconded. Passed: 5-0

Presidents Report:

An explanation was given on why the American Disabilities Act does not apply to therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, and counselors (those who hold a private practice) when Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients seek mental health service, needing interpreting service as well.

President has been corresponding with the NCAD Lobbyist, Julie Adams, on how Medicaid can cover the “interpreting fee” gap.

NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Representative position needs to be filled.

President Blevins has asked the board to approve his nomination: David Rosenthal, a Minnesota native. All in agreement.

Relay NC has donated \$500.00 to NCAD in which NCAD will add Relay NC logo on the NCAD Conference 2017 flyer and as well on the OurNCAD.org website. Upon agreement, details are that Relay NC will receive in return for donating \$500.00:

- a web banner will be posted on the NCAD website www.ourncad.org
- an announcement of Relay NC’s sponsorship on NCAD Facebook
- an announcement of Relay NC’s sponsorship during the NCAD conference (during luncheons on both days, Friday and Saturday)
- a showing of video presentation during the Award lunch
- Facebook announcement postcards (will be placed on the registration table)

President Blevins shared a letter with the board that was submitted by Polly Easley, a former Vocational Rehabilitation counselor (and sister to former Governor Easley) to NC Senator Burr.

NC Kids of Deaf Adults (NCKODA) has asked the President Blevins if NCAD would take NKODA under its wing. Numerous concerns were raised and no motions were made.

Vice Presidents Report:

Vice President Dove, who serves on the North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterators Licensing Board, reports no change. NCITLB is still considering suggestions that were made on the behalf of NCAD (recorded in Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2016).

NCITLB is hosting an Open Forum on Thursday evening, June 22, 2017 at 6 PM during the NCAD / NCRID conference.

NCBDA (NC Black Deaf Advocates) hosted "Officers and Liaisons' Day" in Wilson at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf on April 29, 2017. Approximately 20 people attended.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Marshall Staley reported that Sam Moss (Sion A. Moss) has completed the website changes and that the website, OurNCAD.org, is up and running. While the Board has approved \$150.00 for the website domain and 3-year web service, Secretary Marshall Staley has opted to purchase a package plan of \$196.20 for "additional features" to the website, reimbursing NCAD a check of \$46.20.

Our website domain and service of three years was purchased on February 24, 2017 which is good until February 2020.

Secretary Marshall Staley reports that History of NCAD will be added to the website under "ABOUT" bar link in OurNCAD.org.

NCAD previous logo was discussed by various board members. NCAD's current logo is print-friendly.

Finance Report:

Vice-President Dove proposed that our Meeting Minutes do not share Finance Report via website: OurNCAD.org. Representative Lott seconded. Passed: 5-0.

New Business:

Nicole Alleman, a member of NC Blind-Deaf Associates, has asked for a donation to sponsor the NC Helen Keller conference on June 17. Treasurer Moore-Reid proposed that the NCAD donate \$150.00 to sponsor the event. Representative Lott seconded. Passed: 5-0

DSDHH Updates to the NCAD board on 5/6/17:

1. 2 presentations to DHHS Secretary Cohen

- Withers: Communication Access in Healthcare - created awareness of challenges for DHH
- Benton - DSDHH's Deaf-Blind services

2. 3 DSDHH goals for first 100 days of Gov. Cooper's administration

- Create position of Assistant Director
 - successful...now interviewing applicants
- Secretary Cohen to assign a high-level official in Health side of DHHS to partner with Withers on improving communication access in healthcare
 - Successful - Deputy Secretary Mark Benton offered to be my partner; has been meeting with me
- Post request for bids to develop DSDHH's new database system
 - Slight delay - now have a new project manager, optimistic will be able to post this summer

3. Withers is working with NCAD president to make sure DSDHH provides the needed support, including workshops, for the NCAD-NCRID conference.

- Encourage Deaf registrants to go to the NCRID educational interpreting stakeholders forum to provide input.
- Withers unable to attend NCAD-NCRID conference this year. Going to Salt Lake City for National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's annual Directors' meeting - will co-present on training for law enforcement officers and Deaf. Co-present with Director of KY Commission on the DHH and Director of Gallaudet's Security Force, himself a certified law enforcement officer and CODA. Next day, Withers will be on HLAA panel with 3 other directors of State agencies to talk about State agencies. Next year, NASADHH will go to NAD. NASADHH alternates between NAD and HLAA.

4. NC Council for the DHH meetings:

- May 12: Deputy Secretary for Human Services will present
- Aug 11: Secretary Cohen will present

Vice-President Dove proposed (on the behalf of individuals who attended Officers and Liaisons' Day in Wilson on April 29, 2017) that NCAD selects a delegate to represent a possible Coalition of all Deaf Organizations in NC. No board member seconded this motion. Hence, the motion is dead.

Lawson McNally is appointed by the President Blevins to serve as an Award Coordinator for and during the NCAD conference in June 2017.

Logistics for the NCAD Conference (changes were made the board members on May 6, 2017):

Friday, June 23

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome & Registration
8:00 AM – 12 PM	Serious Public Health Emergency – Now What? Donna Platt, DSDHH
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	DSDHH Advocating for You – How? Ashley Benton & Lee Williamson, DSDHH
2:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Educational Interpreter Open Forum Antwan Campbell & Pam King
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	TBA

Saturday, June 24

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	“Your Interpreter Did WHAT!?” Donnie Dove, NCITLB Board Member Craig Blevins, NCAD President
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	“ASL CHAMPS!” Beverly Woodel, NCASLTA President James Wilson, NCASLTA Board Member Sharon Lott, NCASLTA Board Member
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	LEAD-K Open Forum Lawson & Debi McNally, NCAD Board Members
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Luncheon (Provided by NCAD)
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	General Assembly & Awards

Friday - Free Admission / Saturday - Admissions: \$25 .00 all day.

Attendees may register on Friday or Saturday at the NCRID/NCAD Conference.

Vice-President Dove proposed that changes concerning the logistics for the NCAD Conference be accepted. Representative Butner seconded. Passed: 5-0.

President Blevins proposed that Legislation Training Day become an annual Fall event, partnering with DSDHH in which NCAD will host in two locations: East and West (with the possibility of hosting a third location in central NC). Representative Butner seconded. Passed: 5-0.

Vice-President Dove proposed that revised bylaws (indicating red letterings) from the last General Assembly be shown at the next General Assembly. Treasurer Moore-Reid seconded. Passed: 5-0.

Next NCAD Board Meeting is scheduled for June 22-24, 2017 during the NCAD / NCRID Conference. Location: Marriott Hotel 425 N Cherry Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Vice-President Dove proposed to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Moore-Reid seconded. Passed: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned: 3:55 PM