

MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Tillinghast Place, 6604 Rockwell Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28269 at 9:50 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Donnie Dove
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley
Regional Representative – Kyle Kiser
Regional Representative – Christa Copley

Absentees:

Regional Representative – Tina Hanford
Regional Representative – Donna Platt

Guest: NC Grassroot Representative – Donna Smolik

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

Presidents Report:

A summary on the President's trip to the 53rd Biennial National Association of the Deaf in Phoenix, Texas from July 5 – 9, 2016 was given.

Melissa Draganac-Hawk has been selected as the new President of NAD. Their focus will be on: gathering statistics on Deaf/HoH employee status across the country, educate Child Protective Service nation-wide as there are interferences (CPS is questioning whether Deaf parents are capable of child-rearing), improve the quality of Interpreting in the mental health field, and pass LEAD-K in all 50 states.

President shares updates on our NCAD's lobbyist – Julia Adams – who is helping up with passing a new law that would require all educational interpreters to be licensed. NCITLB has approximately 500 members whereas there are 700 Educational Interpreters within the public school system.

\$500.00 fee is paid toward our NCAD's lobbyist who is also doing some pro bono work (50% discount has been given to us).

President is still seeking a social media representative for NCAD.

President will meet with John Nichols and James Wilson in Winston Salem on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 10 AM in the purpose of renewing the contact on Tillinghas Place in Charlotte.

President also reminds the board that the Tillinghas Place will celebrates its 20th anniversary on April 20, 2017.

Vice Presidents Report:

Vice President shares that he also holds a position on the NCITLB – North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board.

Secretary Report:

Secretary acts as a NCAD representative for the State Advisory Group Meeting regarding EIPA (Educational Interpreting Proficiency Assessment) criteria.

On behalf of NCAD, suggested changes were proposed at the State Advisory Group Meeting that was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 on 1712 Vaughn Road, Burlington, NC 27217.

Proposed changes were:

- 1) that Language Facilitators be restricted to spoken languages only
- 2) that the minimum EIPA score for educational interpreters to be changed from 3.0 to 4.0
- 3) that team supervisors (those who supervise and evaluate educational interpreters) are RID certified. **Most of current team supervisors cannot sign much less evaluate the interpreters.
- 4) all educational interpreters are to have at least a 2-year college degree

Next Educational / Interpreter / Cued Language Transliterator State Advisory Group Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18 from 9 am to 4 PM. Location remains the same.

NCAD asks other Deaf organizations to send a representative to this advisory group meeting as it is open to the public. Much support is needed.

Finance Report:

Treasurer discusses the possibility of NCAD and NCRID doing a conference together. NCRID conference is scheduled for June 22 – 24, 2017 in Winston Salem.

A profit of \$1,008. has been accumulated from NCAD hosting Deaf Awareness Day at the Asheboro Zoo.

NCAD wishes to do a booth at the next Deaf Awareness Day at the Carowinds on September 17, 2016. Two people are needed.

Balance shows \$12,012.70

NCAD expects annual grant of 5k from Heritage.

Break:

11:52 AM – 1:16 PM

New Business:

Moore-Reid proposed that the board waives the membership fee and notes that NCAD has only 14 members. Dove seconded. Membership fees will be refunded and membership is open to all.

Kiser proposed that NCAD hosts a leadership training for the youth. Moore-Reid seconded.

Blevins proposed that NCAD donates up to \$150 per organization including residential schools upon request. Copley seconded.

Next NCAD Board Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Wilson, NC.

Marshall Staley proposed that NCAD arranges a day for all Deaf organizations and clubs in NC to gather for a formal introduction. Moore-Reid seconded.

Dove proposed to adjourn the meeting. Moore-Reid seconded.

Meeting adjourned:

2:45 PM