

## 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, February 18, 2017 at the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Davidson County, 8 Franklin Street in Lexington, NC at 9:38 AM.

Present were:

Guest:

President – Craig Blevins

Ashley Benton, NC DHHS

Vice President – Donnie Dove

Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid

Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley

Regional Representative – Donna Platt

Regional Representative – Christa Butner

Regional Representative – Tina Hanford

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 was given on the Legislature Training led by Linda Nelson and Julie Adam at the residential schools: ENCSD AND NCSD

January 3, 2017: NCSD

January 10, 2017: ENCSD

March 4, 2017: Deaf Community Legislature Training will be conducted at the NC DHHS, Raleigh Regional Center from 9 am – 4 pm.

March 4 2017: Legislature Deaf Day will be held at the State Capital on a Thursday.

Kyle Kiser, Western Regional Representative, and Christine Bryant Moore, NCAD Representative at the NC Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council submitted a resignation letter. President thanked Kiser and Moore for their time and service.

President reviewed upcoming summer conference - NCAD / NCRID. The date is set for June 22 – 24, 2017 in Winston Salem. Joni Hedrick, RID Board Member, is the coordinator of the conference. Admissions to the convention will be \$50. per person.

President explained that an annual contract will be drawn up, hiring a Property Manager to oversee the Tillinghast Apartments. The roof on the Tillinghast Apartments will be replaced as well. Nearly 100% of the occupants are deaf or hard of hearing.

President has asked NCAD Lobbyist, Julie Adams, to kill the bill, HB84 (a mention of “DEAF” on driver’s license and car tags). Instead, the information “DEAF” can be found when officers run a check in their system.

Presidents expressed a great concern about clients needing Mental Health services. Clients are challenged by: not enough available therapists, therapists who can communicate in sign language, and not being able to request an interpreter at a 12-step meeting prior to a relapse or a breakdown (clients can obtain interpreting service at 12-step meeting after they check themselves in a hospital but not before admitting themselves as a patient).

#### **Vice Presidents Report:**

Vice President, 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).

#### **Secretary Report:**

Secretary reported that representatives are needed to service on the following committees:

##### **Early Hearing Detection Intervention Committee (EHDI)**

Wednesday, April 26 / 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, July 26 / 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25 / 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Meeting location: Raleigh

\*\*President appointed the Secretary, Jaime Marshall Staley, to serve on the EHDI Committee.

##### **Educational Interpreter and Cued Language Transliterators Advisory Group (EIPA)**

Meeting location: Raleigh / Durham

\*\*President appointed Rey Castillo, NCSDDA President to service on the EIPA Committee.

##### **NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Friday, May 12 / 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday, August 11 / 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday, November 17 / 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meeting location: Raleigh

\*\*President announced that he will serve on the NC Council f/t Deaf H/H Board.

## **NCAD/NCRID Conference Planning Committees**

**\*\*President appointed Treasurer, Martina Moore-Reid and Secretary, Jaime Marshall Staley**

Secretary shared the need for a website revamp and to employ a local Deaf webmaster in the purpose of NCAD owning the domain (URL).

Vice-Presidents proposed that NCAD purchase a new domain for our website, not to exceed \$150.00, for three years. Platt seconded. Passed: 7-0.

Vice-President proposed that NCAD contracts Sam Moss at \$450 for 12 months of web maintenance and filming and that the contract is drawn up according to the best interests of NCAD. Butner seconded. Passed: 7-0.

## **Finance Report:**

Treasurer shared that the Heritage Company from Sherwood, Arkansas has donated NCAD another \$4,000 for the year 2017.

Current General Fund:	\$5,347.27
Current Conference Fund:	<u>\$4,034.72</u>
Balance shows:	\$9,381.99.

## **Break:**

12:16 – 1:22 PM

## **New Business:**

Treasurer, Martina Moore-Reid, who is the president of the NC Black Deaf Advocates, discussed upcoming Officers and Liaisons' Day. The event is scheduled for April 29, 2017 at ENCSD in Wilson from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Deaf Women of Color has asked NCAD to sponsor their national conference in NC.

Vice-President proposed \$100 sponsorship. Butner seconded. Passed: 7-0.

Tina Hanford, co-founder of NC KODA, asked for sponsorship toward summer camp.

Vice-President proposed a \$150 sponsorship with a condition: the fund must be used toward summer camp activities. Treasurer seconded. Passed: 7-0.

President is still seeking a social media representative for NCAD.

President appointed Donna Platt, Regional Representative and Donnie Dove, Vice-President to review the bylaws prior to the NCAD / NCRID conference. Copies of the bylaws will be snail-mailed to all NCAD members (200+).

NC Public Health expressed a desire to get involved with NCAD / NCRID conference and do a “training and exercise “platform. Donna Platt, representing NCAD, has been and will be working with the NC Public Health concerning the logistics of the conference.

Next NCAD Board Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Location: Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (CSDHH), 1175 Revolution Mill Dr. Suite 15, Greensboro, NC 27405.

President proposed to adjourn the meeting. Dove seconded. Passed: 7-0.

**Meeting adjourned:**

3:31 PM