

## 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, August 26, 2017 at the Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CSDHH), 1175 Revolution Mill Drive, Greensboro, NC at 10:02 AM.

#### Present were:

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

#### Guests:

Ashley Benton, NC DHHS  
Jan Withers, NC DHSS  
Sam Moss, NCAD Member  
Theresa Moss, NCAD Member  
Donna Platt, former NCAD Rep.

With the approval of the board members present, President Blevins acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley recorded the minutes. Sharon Lott proposed that the board accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Moore-Reid seconded. Passed: 7-0

#### Presidents Report:

A brief history was given on the passing of the house bill 84 (HB 84) which will become effective on the first of January 2018. At any Deaf / Hard of Hearing individual's request can add a designation (symbol) to his or her driver's license that s/he is "deaf or hard of hearing". That designation would also be added to the registration information of any vehicle in that owner's name which will show up in the computer system when the law enforcement runs a check in the database system.

President Blevins invited Jan Withers from DSDHH to elaborate on how the police officers would be brought up to date regarding the HB 84:

Deaf / Hard of Hearing individuals may make such a request by providing an affidavit (any documents to verify one's hearing loss such as a formal letter from the DSDHH, residential schools, audiologists, or medical doctors).

Ms. Withers shared that DSDHH is partnering with the DMV and educating them about the need to develop an ASL version of the driver's license.

In addition, a meeting has taken place with the BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) Program Director to incorporate training to the BLET curriculum where all current and future students of the BLET Program would take: an education on how to interact with Deaf / Hard of Hearing citizens. Ted Baran, Director of Department of Public Security at Gallaudet University, has developed a series of video showing guidelines on how officers can work with and confront with Deaf / Hard of Hearing suspects and witnesses. Similar instructional videos will be used within the BLET Program.

President Blevins asked for nominations to replace Mr. Rey Castillo, a NCAD Representative on the Department of Public Instruction's EIPA Committee, as he has turned in his resignation. (Mr. Rey Castillo, President of NCSDDA, attended 1 out of 3 quarterly EIPA Committee meetings in 2017).

An announcement was shared: NC American Sign Language Teachers Association (NCASLTA) Board Meeting will take place on September 16 in Wilson at ENCSD.

### **Vice Presidents Report:**

Vice President Dove, who serves on the North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterators Licensing Board, reports a few changes. 557 licensed interpreters. NCITLB is still discussing on how licensed interpreters can "bank hours" in the hope of carrying over extra CEUs to the following year.

Vice President Dove shared that Secretary Marshall Staley is a new board member on the NCITLB, serving as an ITP member (Interpreting Training Program). As of current, there are four Deaf / Hard of Hearing members serving on the NCITLB: Dove, Marshall Staley, Kevin Earp and Kim Cabbral. In addition, there are two Deaf members serving on the License Review Committee: Dove and Kevin Earp.

### **Secretary Report:**

Secretary Marshall Staley has made several inquiries with the NC DPI regarding EIPA (Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment) test scores. In a nutshell, parents are not able to verify their Deaf / Hard of Hearing child's sign language interpreter's EIPA score with the NC DPI. Their reason: confidentiality. There are over 240 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Representatives state-wide. Again, LEAs are not willing to share EIPA scores with parents who call in to verify qualifications of their child's interpreter. NCAD Board has approved the need to establish a "NCAD's EIPA Committee" as NC DPI does not have an "EIPA Auditor".

Donna Platt, a former NCAD Regional Representative, has corrected all the proposed changes made to the bylaws at the NCAD General Assembly back in June 2016 which needs to be approved by all NCAD Board Members before posting it on our current website: [OurNCAD.org](http://OurNCAD.org).

Approximately 75 people attended 2016 NCAD Conference in Raleigh, NC.

## **Finance Report:**

Treasurer Moore-Reid will meet with Keith Cook and Lawson McNally, appointed auditors by the NCAD Board, to review past financial reports. Treasurer Moore-Reid expressed the need to pull reins on our spending budget and proposed that we make some financial cuts. Sponsorship from the Heritage and Membership fees cannot be solely relied on and that the Board must seek out sponsorships and do fundraisers.

## **Break: 12:05-12:29**

## **New Business:**

Vice President Dove proposed that Linda Nelson explores the possibility of doing a fundraiser by booking a screening: Hedy and Heidi. Nelson seconded. Passed: 7-0

Nelson proposed that she explores the possibility of offering a leadership training for the youth. Lott seconded. Passed: 7-0

Butner proposed that she contacts the local Quilting Club on the possibility of doing a fundraiser, an auction of selling quilts. Treasurer Moore-Reid seconded. Passed: 7-0

Treasurer Moore-Reid proposed that she hosts Deafhood in Journey workshop in either Greensboro or Lexington on Saturday, April 7, 2018; selling tickets at \$15 (incl. lunch) and \$20 at door. Deadline: February 28, 2018. Butner seconded. Passed: 7-0

Vice President Dove proposed that we plan our board meetings ahead for the year of 2018. Secretary Marshall Staley seconded. Passed: 7-0

DATE: March 3, 2018 at 9:30 AM  
HOST: Laura Herman  
LOCATION: Morganton / Asheville

DATE: June 9, 2018 at 9:30 AM  
HOST: Sharon Lott  
LOCATION: Wilson

DATE: September 8, 2018 at 9:30 AM  
HOST: Christa Butner  
LOCATION: Greensboro

DATE: December 1, 2018 at 9:30 AM  
HOST: Sharon Lott  
LOCATION: Wilmington

**Meeting adjourned: 3:19 PM**