

GENERALY ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the NCRID/NCAD Conference, Marriott Hotel, 425 N Cherry Street in Winston Salem, NC at 10:00 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Donnie Dove
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid

Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner
Western Regional Representative – Sharon Lott
Northeast Regional Representative – Donna Platt

52 NCAD Members were in attendance.

Not Present:

Southeast 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.

Meeting Minutes from the last General Assembly in 2015, under a previous secretary, are no longer available. A motion was made to “move on”.

Motion By: Sharon Lott

Seconded By: Keith Cook

Vote Count: Majority

Presidents Report:

President Blevins presents Presidential Awards to Julia Adams-Scheurich and Linda Nelson for their strong community involvement particularly providing legislature training in three different cities across the state.

President Blevins delivers a report on NCAD’s progress over the past two years, 2015-2017:

A. Finances

- Charitable Solicitation Licensure
- Heritage Foundation

- 501(c)(3)
- Lobbying

B. NCAD Representatives Serving on Committees

- The Coalition – Josie Douglas
- The Coalition of Mental Health – Linda Harrington
- NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board – David Rosenthal
- NC Early Hearing Detection Intervention Board – Jaime Marshall
- North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board – Donnie Dove
- Educational Interpreter/Cued Language Transliterator Advisory Board – Rey Castillo
- NC Mental Health Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Linda Nelson
- Ad Hoc Committee – Craig Blevins
- LEAD-K Committee – Linda Nelson

C. Website, OurNCAD.org

D. Community Training

- Legislation Training were led by Julia Adams-Scheurich & Linda Nelson
- NC School for the Deaf, Morganton
- Eastern NC School for the Deaf, Wilson
- DSDHH, Raleigh

E. Community Ties

- Attended quarterly meetings: NC Council for the Deaf and HoH
- NCSD Play 60
- LEAD-K Fundraiser
- Continue to meet and confer with the NC Legislature
- Deaf Awareness Day, Carowinds, Willmington's Aquarium and Asheboro Zoo
- Officers & Liaisons' Day, held in Lexington & Wilson
- Tillinghast Apartments
- Continue to build partnerships with NCITLB, DSDHH, NCRID & DPI

AGENDA TOPIC: NCAD Bylaws

Motion: Bylaws are reviewed and revised by all present NCAD Members, section by section.

Motion By: James Wilson

Seconded By: Lawson McNally

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Changes to the Bylaws

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose that the edits made to the bylaws are approved.

Motion By: James Wilson

Seconded By: Donna Smolik

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Changes to the Bylaws Become Current

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose to adopt the bylaws (2019-2021) as current.
Effective immediately.

Motion By: James Wilson

Seconded By: Sharon Lott

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: LEAD-K

Motion: We, the NCAD members, recognize and support the LEAD-K Movement.

Motion By: Donnie Dove

Seconded By: John Wilson

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Changing Term ‘Hearing Impaired’ to ‘Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing’

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose a state law to change the term “Hearing-Impaired” to “deaf and/or hard of hearing”.

Motion By: Sharon Lott

Seconded By: Keith Cook

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: NCAD Membership Fee

Motion: We, the NCAD members, will continue the \$25 annual membership fee.

Motion By: Lawson McNally

Seconded By: John Wilson

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report

Motion: We, the NCAD members, approve the Treasurer Report.

Motion By: James Wilson

Seconded By: Ginny Clark

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Board Executive Officers

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose that the current executive officers repeat a term (2017-2019).

Motion By: Keith Cook

Seconded By: Billy Heath

Vote Count: Majority

Election

Motion to open nominations for Western Regional Representative made by: President Blevins

Seconded By: Blair McCorkle

Candidate: Laura Herman of Marion

Vote Count: All in favor

Election

Motion to open nominations for Central Regional Representative made by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Seconded By: Randi Pakula

Candidate: Christa Butner of Yakinsville

Vote Count: All in favor

Election

Motion to open nominations for Southeastern Regional Representative made by: President Blevins

Seconded By: Ginny Clark

Candidate: Linda Nelson of Raleigh

Vote Count: All in favor

Election

Motion to open nominations for Northeastern Regional Representative made by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Seconded By: Billy Heath

Candidate: Sharon Lott of Wilson

Vote Count: All in favor

Each elected officer recites: "I do solemnly swear that I shall faithfully serve as a *(position)* of NCAD and will do the best of my ability, serve as a living example of this organization's philosophy and beliefs and will uphold and enforce the constitution of this organization at all times. So, help me God."

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 PM