

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the NCRID/NCAD Conference, Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC at 1:11 PM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins	Western Regional Representative – Laura Herman
Vice President – Donnie Dove	Northeastern Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid	
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley	

23 NCAD members were in attendance.

Not Present:

Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner
Southeastern Regional Representative – Vacant (note: Sharon Lott relocated to Rochester, NY)

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

Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (6/24/17) was reviewed.

Motion by: Larry Smolik

Seconded by: Donna Platt

Vote Count: All in favor

Presidents Report:

President Blevins delivers a report on NCAD's progress over the past two years, 2017-2019:

A. Bill

1. House Bill 317 Jan Withers, Director of NC DSDHH, presents
2. House Bill 84 David Rosenthal presents
3. House Bill 974 President Blevins reports
4. House Bill 932 President Blevins reports
5. Chapter 8B President Blevins reports

B. Finances —Treasurer Moore-Reid

1. Charitable Solicitation License
2. Heritage Foundation
3. 501 (C)(3)
4. Lobbying
5. Fundraising

C. NCAD Representatives Serving on Committees and Sub Committees

1. The Coalition – Josie Douglas
2. The Coalition of Mental Health – Linda Harrington
3. NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – David Rosenthal
4. NC Early Hearing & Detection Intervention Committee – Linda Nelson
5. North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board – Donnie Dove
6. Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment Committee – Jaime Marshall, David Rosenthal & Rachael Ragin
7. NC Mental Health Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Linda Nelson
8. Ad HOC Committee – Craig Blevins
9. LEAD-K Committee – Polly Easley

D. OurNCAD.org website

E. 2018 NAD Conference

The NCAD Board sent 2 delegates to the NAD Conference: Martina Moore-Reid & Linda Nelson. The conference was held at Hartford, CT during July 3-7, 2018. Rep. Nelson delivers a summary on NAD's priorities for 2018-2020, calling it the Vision 2020 Strategi Plan.

1. Restoring the Deaf Community's confidence in sign language interpreting profession by strengthening our partnership with the interpreters
2. Establish a Task Force with Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) on all aging-related issues
3. Focus on systemic Barriers in Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Deaf/HoH
4. National Family Campaign
5. Campaign to spotlight the oppression of Deaf people within the justice system.

F. Community Ties

1. Attended quarterly meetings: NC Council for the Deaf/HoH
2. LEAD-K fundraisers
3. Continue to meet and confer with the NC Legislature

4. Met with Governor Roy Cooper on several occasions
5. Tillinghast Apartment
6. Continue to build partnerships with NCITLB, NC DSDHH, NCRID & NC DPI

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report

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

Motion By: Rep. Linda Nelson

Seconded By: Polly Easley

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: Adding an Amendment to the By-Laws (2-year organizational membership fee at \$200)

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose an amendment to be reviewed by the NCAD Board.

Motion By: Becky Rosenthal

Seconded By: Kate Shealy

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: Social Media Coordinator

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose one of the four representatives to be replaced by a Social Media Coordinator.

Motion By: Rep. Linda Nelson

Seconded By: Randi Pakula

Vote Count: All in favor

ELECTION

AGENDA TOPIC: Board Executive Officers

Motion: We, the NCAD members, propose that the current executive officers repeat a term (2019-2021).

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: Western Regional Representative

Motion: open nominations

Candidate: VACANT

Vote Count: President will appoint along with the board approval

AGENDA TOPIC: Central Regional Representative

Motion to open nominations for Eastern Regional Representative:

Candidate: Meredith Kaplan

Vote Count: All in favor

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Candidate: Linda Nelson of Raleigh

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: All recent changes to the ByLaws Become Current

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

Motion By: Larry Smolik

Seconded By: Sam Moss

Vote Count: All in favor

Each elected officer recites: "I do solemnly swear that I shall faithfully service as a (position) of NCAD and will do the best of my abilities, 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: 4:05 PM