

MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, October 31st, 2020 via ZOOM (online streaming) at 9:05 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Meredith De Naples
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall
Western Regional Representative – Dayamarali Espinosa
Central Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Eastern Regional Representative – Mike Lupo
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

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

Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (9/26/20) was reviewed.

Motion by: Rep. Nelson

Seconded by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Presidents Report:

President Blevins shares a letter that was received. In the letter, NC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NCRID) brings attention to the fact that Educational Interpreters are still excluded from NC Interpreter Licensure.

President Blevins discusses that NC Department of Public Instruction is very aware of the loophole and does not offer to “partner up” with the Licensure Board. He will be in touch with NCRID President Antwan Campbell.

Vice President Report:

Vice-President De Naples reports that she continues to work on Sponsorship letter, asking for donations toward the NCAD Conference.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Moore-Reid discusses new changes with the banking accounts. She expresses a need for fundraising, suggesting a pledge instead of doing a membership drive.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Marshall brings recognition to the 12th issue of the NCAD's E-Newsletter and graciously thanks Rep. Lupo for his assistance on editorial work.

Social Media Coordinator Report:

Social Media Coordinator, T. Moss, gives the Board an update on the planning for NCAD Conference in April 2021.

- Location: Meadowbrook Inn, Blowing Rock
- Scheduling: Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18, 2021
- Up to 100 participants
- RID-approved workshops for CEUs (pending) as three workshops are needed.

Different topics for workshops were suggested by the Board Members: from Privilege & Power to Racial Trauma.

Central Regional Representative Report:

Rep. Nelson shares a report of taking a historical tour at the Dorthea Dix Hospital in Raleigh on November 20 with two other Deaf-Blind individuals. Interpreters will be present. The hospital was named after a mental health advocate named Doretha Dix. Signing up for the historical tour is available at the DSDHH's website and is promoted on their Facebook page.

Eastern Regional Representative Report

Rep. Lupo informs the Board that he plans to meet with the United Way President to discuss forming a Mentorship Program in the Eastern Region. The goal is to provide Deaf mentors to model for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students and families. This is a tentative proposal and includes a possible grant.

Announcements:

Treasurer Moore-Reid shares information on new officers who were elected to be on the NC Black Deaf Advocates:

President - Derek Grambell
Vice-President - TBA
Secretary - Usherla DeBerry
Treasurer - Donald Tinsley

Meeting Adjourned: 10:01 AM