

MEETING MINUTES NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Grind Café (upstairs), 136 W. Union Street, Morganton, NC 28655 at 9:09 AM.

Present were:

President – Mike Lupo
Vice President – Sion (Sam) Moss
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall

Western Regional Representative – James Ledford
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

Not Present:

Eastern Regional Representative - Linda Nelson
Central Regional Representative –Vacant

Guests:

Rey Castillo of Swannanoa, NC School of the Deaf Alumni President
John Wilson
Doug Kolb of Hudson
Kee Lee of Morganton
Rose Fichera from Blue Ridge Community College
Michele (Michy) Smith from Blue Ridge Community College
Billy Thompson
Larry Smolik

AGENDA TOPIC: E/NCSD Sponsors, Restarting JrNAD

Secretary Marshall proposes that NCAD assigns 2 Regional Representatives to contact each residential school for the Deaf, re-establishing the Junior NAD club.

Motion by: Secretary Marshall

Seconded by: Representative Ledford

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Central Regional Representative

Secretary Marshall proposes Tina Everhart Hanford to be appointed as Central Regional Representative, effective immediately.

Motion by: Secretary Marshall

Seconded by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: House Bill 11

All state residential schools (North Carolina School for the Deaf, Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and Governor Morehead School) will each have their own Board of Trustees: 2 will be appointed to represent the House, 2 for Senate and 1 for the NC Department of Public Instruction. This will count as 3 votes altogether. The Board of Trustees will also have 2 non-voting members, totaling 7 members.

NCSDAA President, Rey Castillo, inquired whether the NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or NC Department of Public Instruction has contacted NCAD for recommendation regarding potential school board members. President Lupu replied no.

Guest Kolb inquired about how the screening process would work. President Lupu explains what the HB 11 states; "...recommended an expert in the field of Deaf Education.." but it does not necessarily mean they will comply as suggested in the law.

AGENDA TOPIC: NC Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Committee

President Lupu appoints Carrie Mullen, an interpreter from Hanover County, to represent NCAD while serving on the NC EHDI Committee. Rose Fichera, an Instructor from Blue Ridge Community College, is willing to step when Carrie Mullen is unable.

AGENDA TOPIC: Language First Conference

President Lupu discusses the possibility of NCAD conference partnering with Language First conference during November 14-16, 2024 in Wilmington.

As for partnering up with other organizations for the bi-annual conference, the board expresses a desire to partner again with NC American Sign Language Teacher Association as NCAD-April 2023 NCASLTA conference was a wonderful success.

Rey Castillo, Vice-President of NCASLTA, reports that there have been some structure changes with the National level, ASLTA. All state chapters will no longer be affiliated with the ASLTA

which means NCASLTA has to come up with a new organization title, create new bylaws, different website url and such.

Announcement:

Next NCAD Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at UNC-Greensboro. Representative Everhart Hanford will be asked to make arrangement.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:03 PM