

MEETING MINUTES NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Raleigh Regional Center, 3060 Hammond Business Place, Raleigh, NC 27603 at 10:07 AM.

Present were:

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

Western Regional Representative – James Ledford
Central Regional Representative – Tina E. Hanford
Eastern Regional Representative - Linda Nelson
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

Guest: Billy Thompson, SSP (Services Support Provider)

AGENDA TOPIC:

With the approval of the board members present, President Lupo facilitated the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall recorded the minutes. Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (5/4/2024) was reviewed.

Motion by: Representative Ledford

Seconded by: Representative Nelson

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report

Treasurer Moore-Reid shares her appreciation and gratitude towards the Deaf Seniors of North Carolina (DSNC) organization for sponsoring Gideon Friant, an appointed delegate of NCAD, to attend the National Association of the Deaf conference in July 2024 by covering the hotel expenses. All other travel expenses (conference registration, flight, & meal expenses) were covered by NCAD which was a total of \$1,048.67.

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

Motion By: Representative Nelson

Seconded By: Representative Ledford

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: Eastern Regional Representative Report

Representative Nelson announces NC DSDHH will host a Deaf Awareness Night at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham on August 30, 2024.

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AGENDA TOPIC: Central Regional Representative Report

Representative Hanford reminds the board that the President of NCASLTA, Rey Castillo of Swannanoa, was in a serious accident. He is still in recovery. Representative Hanford reports that the NCASLTA board has already agreed to sponsor the Language First conference in Wilmington (November 2024) by donating \$1,000.00. NC ASLTA (NC American Sign Language Teachers Association) has also been asked by the national level ASLTA to change the name of its organization. All state chapters will no longer be affiliated with ASTLA.

Also as a board member of Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Greensboro, Representative Hanford announces that CSDHH will host its 50th anniversary at the Piedmont Hall in March 29, 2024. CSDHH is also providing free ASL classes to the community especially those with deaf children. Classes will be offered in person and online.

The Piedmont Association of the Deaf will have an “End of Summer” party at the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Davidson County’s (SDHHDC) center in Lexington, NC on September 7, 2024.

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AGENDA TOPIC: Western Regional Representative Report

Representative Ledford shares an upcoming event: a fishing derby tournament during the weekend of November 6-7, 2024 in Atlantic Beach, NC which will be sponsored by the Charlotte Association of the Deaf.

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Representative Ledford shares exciting news about Judy Cummings Stout who is an alumna of NC School for the Deaf, a retired lecturer from Gallaudet University and is a Lumbee native. She also chairs the Guilford Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing board. As a consultant for the Intertribal Deaf Council, serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing American Indians and Alaska Natives, she has been asked to give a presentation before the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina on September 28 in Pembroke. There will also be a Dance of the Harvest Moon Powwow during Friday through Sunday, September 27-29, 2024.

Representative Ledford announces that NC DeafBlind Associates will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. Special guests will be present: The Founder of NCDBA, Johnny Washington, along with Sue Etheridge, Ann Yokeley and Lee Bob Hartline. The NCBDA conference will be held at

Carolina University, Pope Building (Den Care 420), S. Broad St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101 on September 14, 2024.

AGENDA TOPIC: Parliamentary Procedures

Treasurer Moore-Reid agrees to arrange a training course on Parliamentary Procedures for the NCAD Board which will be scheduled in 2025.

AGENDA TOPIC: Tillinghast Place Apartments

Vice President Moss and Social Media Theresa Moss have been working closely with a local liaison, Brance Long of Charlotte, on resolving conflicts between the tenants and the manager. Despite that the manager can communicate in sign language, the tenants are of poor economic status and are underprivileged in terms of education which may require Certified Deaf Interpreters to be involved as the message content between the manager and the tenants tend to get lost in translation.

President Lupo is still in discussion with the NC DSDHH Regional Resource Center Manager of Charlotte, David Fitzsimmons, at providing a self-advocacy training for the residents of Tillinghast Place Apartment.

The President of Tillinghast Place Apartment board, James Wilson, has resigned. A replacement is needed.

AGENDA TOPIC: Regional Early Acquisition of Language

President Lupo shares information on the REAL Project which is a collaboration between Gallaudet University's Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center and Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB). The REAL Project serves eleven states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The mission of REAL Project is to ensure that infants and toddlers ranging in age from birth through 3 years old and who are deaf or hard of hearing have full access to languages, including ASL and English.

President Lupo announces that the REAL Project is donating 15 registration tickets to the Language First Conference. To be eligible for those free registration ticket, one must be:

- 1) a Speech Therapist/Speech-Language Pathologist and
 - 2) working with deaf/hard of hearing children in NC.
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AGENDA TOPIC: Language First Conference

The board discusses details regarding ‘The Freeing the Butterfly’ conference that will be in person, held at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, November 6, 7 & 8 (Wednesday – Friday). This event is hosted by Language First in collaboration with the North Carolina Association of the Deaf and the North Carolina American Sign Language Teacher Association. The target audience for this event is general education and medical providers, including speech language pathologists, audiologists, doctors, educators and other professionals who may be new to ASL-English bilingualism.

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Announcements:

2024 NCAD Board Meetings:

September 7 (9 am – 12 pm) via zoom

November 2 (9 am – 12 pm) via zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 1:48 PM





FISHING DERBY

September 6-7 | Atlantic Beach, NC



\$700 Jackpot!



HOTEL INFORMATION
Oceanana Family Motel & Fishing Pier
 700 E. Fort Macon Rd.
 Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
 252-726-4111

Call to Reserve by August 25

Use the code: FISHING DERBY

Friday

General

Hotel check-in
Tournament registration (\$25)

7pm

Social Hour at the Deaf tent (FREE)
*Tent will be located behind the motel

Saturday

General

Tournament registration (\$25)

6am-3pm

Fishing Derby

7pm

Award Ceremony at the Deaf tent
Refreshments (\$5)

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DURHAM BULLS PRESENT

DEAF AWARENESS NIGHT

FRIDAY

AUGUST 30, 2024

DURHAM BULLS VS. BUFFALO BISON

6:35 PM at Durham Bulls Athletic Park
Gates open at 5:30 PM

[Purchase tickets online.](#)

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