THIRTEENTH TRIENNAL CONVENTION

Morning Session May 31, June 1 & 2, 1952

The Thirteenth Triennal convention was called to order at 9:16 A.M., June 1st, 1952 in the L.S.D. Auditorium with President W. Smith in the chair.

The invocation was delivered by Mrs. Lillian Jones, supervising teacher of the L.S.D. Primary Department.

Roll call was made by the Secretary and showed 201 members had registered.

The minutes of the last meeting(Baton Rouge, 1949)were read by Prentice E. Downs, acting Secretary. It was unamiously accepted without any correction.

The Treasurer's report was made by [redacted] Treastrer AnthomyMowad. His report was as follows:

May 31, 1952

Receipts..	$907.32
Expenditures..................................	68.75
	$838.57

Assets--

2 War Bonds @$100.00 each....................	200.00
	$1,038.57

The auditing committee were headed by Mr. Gus White, who told that the committee had audited the report and found it correctly.

Before Mr. Mowad's report was passed, an objection was made by Mr. G. Duflot. He told the members that Mr. Marion Thomas had billed the LAD $7.50 three years ago for 4 dinners. It ias a hot discussion, so, we decided to have a ballot to vote for or against DuBlot's case. We voted 82 against this case and 52 for it. Therefore it was decided to drop this case. Mr. Mowad's report was unamiously carried without any more corrections.

President Smith made the president's reports:

Committee on Resolutions:

Martin Bienvenu, chairman
Mrs. Gus White
Mr. Leon Baker

Necrology:

G. G. Barham, Chairman

Auditing:

Mr. Henry Soland, chairman
Martin Perkins
Geo. Duflot

Law Committees

Harvey Gremillion, chairman
Arlie Gray
Leon Baker

The President's report was accepted.

The Necrology report was made by Mr. G. G. Barham. He listed the following names who died since the last convention.

A. J. Sullivan, Lillian Glover, Larre Daigle, Frank Ingargolia, Mrs. Loredda Dee Carver, Thelma Bordelon, Mrs. Mabel Liner, Toney Ascota, Cleopeas Broussard, Thicelas Blank, Ben Hall, Mrs. Lynell Edwards, Mrs. Adam Wise, John LeBlanc, Floyd Lindsey, Asay Henry, Mrs. Asay Henry, Mrs. Davis Laiche, John Dolese, Tom Lafasco, Joe Dee, and John Ganpeuse. We paid a silence prayer for those who died.

Mr. Soland moved that the meeting be adjourned ~~util~~ until after dinner and it was carried.

Before adjourning Mr. A. Courrege told the members of his report of the "LAD Award." He said that the Award committee appointed by the president of LAD, to study the matter, and to draft such resolutions and rules to govern such award. He said that an award shall be presented to the Graduating Senior at LSD for the outstanding reading record of the end of the school year. He said that the president shall purchase the gift with money from the General Fund, and, he shall present the gift in behalf of the LAD. Or he can appoint some other member of LAD to make this presentation in his place. The report was moved to be accepted and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. until the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

June 1st, 1952

Mr. Maurice Labbe opened the afternoon meeting with his report of "Pedding " at 1:38 P.M. He told the members that he is still fighting against peddlers in the State of Louisiana. He also discussed about the booklet of "Peddling Evil". He told that he would like to have them to be printed. He told us that if we wanted some of them to ask him. We applauded him and his report.

Another report was made by Mr. Gremillion, the Law ~~committee~~ chairman, to discuss the amendments. The amendments were as follows:

1. Treasurer must print in the PELICAN financial statement which has been approved by the auditors. The same statements should have been read to and approved by the members at the regular meeting.

Introduced by Harvey Gremillion

Passed without objection.

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2. No members and officers shall use the name of the Louisiana State School ~~of~~ for the Deaf for political reasons.

Introduced by Maurice Labbe

Passed ~~and~~ without objection.

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3. Expenses will not be paid for transporting letters, messages, articles, etc. to any designated place in United States. These articles must be sent via mail or express.

Introduced by Geo. Duflot

Passed.

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Article VIII of the Constitution

Section 4. All members of the Executive Committee shall be bona fide residents of the State of Louisiana and non-residents are prohibited from holding any elective or appointee officers. Should any member of the Executive Committee for any reason permanently remove from the State, he or she will submit their resignation before leaving the State. Should any officer holder neglect or refuse to obey the mandate, the Executive Committee by majority vote shall have the right to remove such office holder.

Introduced by Anthony Mowad

Passed.

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~~There~~ These amendments as passed, Mr. Gremillion said, will be published in the PELICAN issue.

Mr. Martin Bienvenu read the resolution one by one which was as the following:

1. WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association of the Deaf has enjoyed an outstanding convention; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Association of the Deaf extend to Superintendent and Mrs. John S. Patton, the facuty and staff of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, our sincere appreciation for their efforts in extending to the members every consideration for our comfort and satisfaction; be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Superintendent Patton.

2. WHEREAS, Supt. Patton and State Senator Charles ~~Duchen~~ Duchein outlined the financial needs and prospects of the School very clearly, and explained how to help the School secure attention to this great need, be it

RESOLVED, that the Secretary express the thanks of the Association in writing to Suput. Patton and Senator ~~Duchen~~ Duchein; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of opinion of the Association that the School is in great need of a new dormitory for boys, additional of dormitory space, elsewhere, a new hospital, a laundry, power plant, and many repairs and improvements must be made on the campus, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf cooperate whole-heartedly in helping secure the new buildings and improvements by contacting individual members of the Louisiana Legislature, in person, or in writing.

3. WHEREAS, since the last meeting of the LAD the old main building was demolished and a new dormitory and offices erected in its stead, be it

RESOLVED, that the LAD is much pleased with the new main building, and are looking forward to the erection of the aforementioned new buildings.

4. WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillian R. Jones has once again displayed outstanding interest in our behalf by serving as interpreter, be it

RESOLVED, that the LAD give Mrs. Jones its most sincere appreciation for her efforts. (as No. 1)

5. WHEREAS, the faculty, staff members, and pupils of the School did outstanding work in presenting the Centennial Pageant, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the LAD were deeply impressed with the Pageant, and are very grateful for having been able to see it.

6. WHEREAS, it is the consensus of opinion of the LAD that Principal Kenneth F. Huff has always displayed willingness to cooperate with and help the LAD in every way possible, be it

RESOLVED, that the LAD appreciates Mr. Huff's interest in its behalf.

7. And be it further RESOLVED, that the LAD appreciates the interest and hard work that Dr. Colin A. McHardy has shown in his relations with the School for the past 16 years.

8. And be it further RESOLVED, that the LAD gives to its retiring president, Mr. Seward Smith, a vote of thanks and appreciation for his having served as an officer of the LAD for the 16 years.

9. And WHEREAS, Mrs. A. S. Courrege has inverlably been willing to help the LAD in its programs by rendering in beautiful sign language our favorite

songs, be it

RESOLVED, that the LAD og on record as being grateful for Mrs. Courrege's valuable service.

10. WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate and State-Times has favored the Louisiana State School for the Deaf and the Louisiana Association of the Deaf with some very favorable publicity the last few months.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Secretary convey the thanks of the Association to the publisher of the aforementioned newspapers for their publicity.

11. And WHEREAS, as the Louisiana State School for the Deaf will be embarking upon its second century of work in educating the deaf of the state at the opening of the fall term, be it

RESOLVED, that the LAD wishes the best success to the Administration and staff members of the School and pledges itself to cooperate in every way towards the attainment of this success.

Respectfully sumitted:

Martin Bienvenu, Jr.
Mrs. Gus White
Leon F. Baker

The resolutions were discussed, changed a little, and passed to be carried.

Communations were read by President Smith. He got a ledder from NAD president. He stated that the president of NAD asked him to be our delegate to NAD. And in this ledder, he said that LAD will pay the delegate's expenses to Austin, Texas for the N.A.D. convention. However, President Smith did not accept, so, he first named Mr. M. Bienvenu to be our delegate. Mr. Bienvenu accepted. Mr. Courrege wanted to talk a brief time. He told that he planned to go to Austin, Texas. He said if President Smith named him to be our representative to NAD, he told that he would be glad to cut the LAD's expenses which will pay him for traveling to Austin, Texas. John Henderson seconded it and it was passed.

Mr. Barham made a motion that we should name the new dormitory after the great men like such as Richardson, Brown, Walker, etc. Mr. Courrege had the floor and suggested that this motion to be withdraw to give the committee time to discuss and decide the best name for the dormitory. He said that this motion is to be the unfinished business for the 1955 convention. Carried.

Mr. Courrege moved that the business be closed for the election of new officers. Mr. Warren Seconded it and passed.

New officers were elected as follows:

President:	Anthony Mowad-(94 votes)	(Warren)
	H. Gremillion-(46 ")	(Miss Betty Taylor)
	M. Labbe -(27 ")	(Bourqe)

The meeting was promptly adjouned at 4:58 P.M. to allow the members to pose for a group picture.

SUNDAY SESSION

June 2nd, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by President Smith. The President appointed Mr. Maurice Labbe to replace Mr. Prentice Downs' place as Secretary for the morning. Mr. Labbe read the roll call and it showed 126 members presented.

We started the meeting with the election of the 1st vice-president.

1st Vice-Presient....1st Ballot

Henderson - 43 votes (Barlotta)
Bienvenu - 33 " (Cranford)
Keith - 32 " (Bourque)

2nd ballot

Henderson - 64 votes
Bienvenu - 55

2nd Vice-President......

Bienvenu - 83 votes (White)
Keith - 41 " (Bourque)

Secretary...........

Downs (Perkins) By Acc.

Treasurer...........

LaFleur (Mock) By Acc.

Mr. Gremillion read the amendment of Geo. Duflot which was discussed in the previous afternoon's session. Mr. Bourque suggested that it be tabled and give time for the Law Committee to think and help change some of it. Anthony Barlotta seconded Bourque's motion and passed.

Mr. Gremillion suggested that $100.00 to send to the N.A.D. Century Fund. Mr. Courrege seconded it and passed by 100 to 2.

Mr. George Mock moved that Executive Committee make a survey to get a charter. Gus White seconded his motion. After a long discussion, G. Mock withdrew his motion and Mr. Gus White withdrew his second. Dropped.

Mr. Labbe moved the motion that the Tug-O-War rope be given to the School. Because we do not often use it so much. Mr. Arlie Gray seconded it and passed.

Mr. Marion Thomas moved that the meeting be closed, and carried.

The new officers (without Prentice Downs) were sworn by the out-going president Smith.

Mr. M. Thomas gave a brief talk and praised Mr. Smith for presiding the convention so smoothly.

Mr. M. Labbe also gave a talk in praising to Mr. Gremillion for his

Chairmanship on making the Convention successful.

Mr. Courrege closed the meeting with benedication.

The convention adjourned sine dine at 11:40 A.M.

By
Bunta E. Downs,
Secy.