Minutes of the Board Meetings

October 16, 1965

The board along with some committees working before and after the convention at Alexandria last summer held a special meeting upon a complaint by Grady Berry, treasurer, concerning the balances of the Journal books and statements from the departing treasurer, Mrs. Gus White.

Those present were H. Gremillion, A. Mowad, Mrs. G. White, M. Bienvenu H. Barbin, L. Babin, A. Barlotta, M. Ray, O. Childress, N. LeFors, B. Hankel, E. Corbett, Jr., L. Barrow and M. Thomas. Absentees were L. A. Gray and R. Sheffield.

The meeting, held at LSSD Room No. 26 on October 16, 1965, opened at 1:40 p.m. with a prayer by H. Gremillion. All officers of LAD were present except O. Childress, secretary. President Thomas appointed H. Gremillion to serve as secretary until the secretary comes in. He came in shortly and took over the station.

President Thomas asked G. Berry, treasurer, to give his views about the problems on the books and Berry stated that the auditors had checked all books this morning and accepted them all as is. The auditors were Lucius Walker, Leonard Barrow and Gayle Thomas. President Thomas, on behalf of the auditors who were not present at the afternoon meeting, said they had accepted all books. All books had been turned over to the new treasurer from departing treasurer, Mrs. G. White. After some discussions about the handling of this matter by the retiring officers in the past two years, E. Corbett, Jr., seconded by B. Hankel, moved to clear all LAD officers and members' names and actions pertaining to LAD matters in the past starting October 16, 1965 without any recourse. For the voting procedure President Thomas asked Vice President Ray to take the floor. C. Brininstool (Berry) moved for a vote and Corbett's motion was passed unanimously.

President Thomas asked for the approval of his appointment of C. Brininstool as our parliamentarian for a two-year term. Ray (Hankel) accepted the appointment with the amendment that the term be extended to the duration of the next convention. Passed.

Communications: A letter from Allan Bubeck, editor of the *Deaf Southwesterner* asking LAD to join the new Newsletter and to pitch in some financial help to defray the expenses of printing equipment and supplies. Also another letter from E. Corbett, Chairman of 1967 convention asking a loan of $500.00 to get the convention fund started. The Board voted 6 to 1 in favor of loaning $500.00 to the 1967 Convention Fund.

New Business: G. Berry moved to purchase a double-entry journal but was referred to Ways and Means committee at the request of Max Ray.

Brininstool (Hankel) moved to leave the matter of the *Deaf Southwesterner* to the Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Brininstool (Ray) moved to resume the *Alumni News* being printed at LSSD until further notice. Carried.

Rav (Hankel) moved to stage an Alumni Day Dance following the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament to be held at the LSSD gym by Laurent

Clerc Investment Club and the proceeds will go to the LAD treasury after their convention two years hence. The event will be held on January 29.

Brininstool (Berry) moved that LCIC must show proof of being bonded before receiving the loan from LAD. Carried.

Max Ray, chairman of W & M committee announced that he has appointed C. Brininstool, M. Bienvenu, N. LeFors and M. Magill on the Ways and Means Committee.

Adjournment took place at 3:50 P.M.

Oliver Childress, Jr., Secretary

January 29, 1966

The meeting of LAD Board of Directors was held at Louisiana State School for the Deaf at Baton Rouge on Saturday morning, January 29, 1966 at 11:10 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas with a prayer led by Griffin Jones.

President Thomas had made it known that the meeting was open to all members and visitors alike who were attending the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament held at LSSD gym.

President Thomas gave a talk about the needs of expanding our school by securing larger land and that it would be done through the efforts of the LAD members. The response talks were given by Anthony Mowad and M. Ray with some details on how to conduct such campaign to secure the land for our school. It was the board's opinion that it must be done through petitions from all organizations of the deaf in the state.

Communications: Several letters in connection with LAD matters were read and were accepted by M. Ray.

Bills: Harvey Gremillion, our past President, handed in a bill covering expenses such as stamps, trips, etc. during his term as president amounting $20.00 to $25.00 but would settle for $10.00. After some discussions, his bill of $10.00 was accepted.

New Business: Max Ray (Grady Berry) moved to print the by-law books at LSSD printing shop in order to save some money and it was estimated that the expenses for printing and making books would be about $125.00. Passed.

M. Ray (G. Berry) moved that we turn the proceeds of the annual golf tournaments to the Henry J. Soland, Jr. Scholarship Fund. The Fund Committee will handle the tournaments. President Thomas (M. Ray) amended that this be done on a temporary basis. Passed.

G. Berry (M. Ray) made a motion that we set up Sports Activities yearly during the Alumni Day. The sports shall include touch football, basketball, and softball. After some discussions, his motion was tabled by O. Childress pending his survey among the members to get the results.

Edward Corbett, our delegate to N.A.D. Convention this summer, made an inquiry about the bid for sponsoring the NAD Convention in New Orleans in 1968 or 1970. His inquiry was about handling the convention at New

Orleans, questioning of manpower, and some other things. He asked all of these things to be put into consideration. No action was taken on this matter.

Max Ray announced that a little party will take place at WOW Hall following the Mason-Dixon Basketball tournament on the night of January 29th. All proceeds from the W.O.W. Hall will go to the LAD treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

O. Childress, Secretary

May 14, 1966

The meeting was held at Alexandria, Louisiana on May 14, 1966 by the order of President Marion Thomas. All officers with the exception of Nick LeFors, Director and Bernard Hankel, Sgt.-at-Arms were present. There were thirty-five visitors present.

The meeting opened at 3:05 o'clock with a prayer led by Harvey Gremillion. Wilfred McCain was appointed to act as Sgt.-at-Arms and President Thomas appointed H. Gremillion as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved with some corrections.

REPORTS: Treasurer Berry gave his report for the period of June 30, 1965 to May 14, 1966 as follows:

Receipts	$2,386.53
Expenditures	657.69
Balance	$1,728.84

Balance Sheet as of May 14, 1966:

Cash in checking account	$ 887.56
Cash in Savings and Loan	249.46
Cash in Auto Fund	551.61
Cash on hand	50.21
Total in all Funds	$1,728.84

Since this statement has not been audited no action on his report was taken.

M. Ray (M. Bienvenu) moved to appoint a board of three trustees to audit the reports between the conventions. It was decided that one teacher and two L.A.D. members would serve on the board of trustees. Those appointed are Medford Magill, Mrs. Geneva White and Harry Huthnance. They are to check the statement following the adjournment of the meeting.

Anthony Mowad, Chairman of the Henry J. Soland Scholarship Fund, reported that he received the money from the people who wanted to give in memory of Henry J. Soland, Jr., who passed away recently. Max Ray reported that the fund now has about $3,900.00.

M. Ray, chairman of the Law Committee, reported that the new law books have been printed at the school for the deaf at Baton Rouge and asked to donate $100.00 to the printing shop boys for their time and efforts in printing. Passed. The secretary will distribute the books to all active members.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary Childress read some letters. One letter was from N.A.D. office in connection with the state membership quota. We checked the number of our members and found that the exact number is 138 as of June 1965 at the convention in Alexandria. Since we have sent $134.25 which is short of the quota, we are to send $62.75 more to fulfill our obligation to the N.A.D.

NEW BUSINESS: Max Ray (Grady Berry) moved that the association print a booklet of Marion Thomas' school days as an example of how a deaf boy is taught at the School for the Deaf for the legislature to read. Passed.

Bienvenu (Ray) moved that we accept the withdrawal of LCIC from sponsoring the 1967 convention and turn it over to the Baton Rouge Club of the Deaf. The LCIC must return the loan of $500.00 back to L.A.D. before starting the transfer. Max Ray, on behalf of the LCIC, presented a check of $500.00 to President Thomas.

Then there was some discussions as to what should be done with the L.A.D. Library which must be moved out to make room for the school needs at LSSD. The President instructed the W & M committee to look after this matter. Mr. Mowad was appointed to fill the vacancy of W & M Committee created by the resignation of Carl Brininstool. Passed.

Ray (Bienvenu) moved to appoint Harvey Gremillion as our parliamentarian for the remainder of the term.

Bienvenu (Ray) made a motion that all planned events by one organization for the benefit of LAD be reported to the President in advance. Passed.

A report by Max Ray, chairman of the W & M Committee concerning the expenses of delegate to the N.A.D. Convention at San Francisco was accepted to be paid on the cost of the combination ticket at the convention on the motion of G. Berry seconded by Bienvenu.

Ray (Berry) moved that we give the alternate delegate the same privileges as the first delegate, should the first delegate decide not to go.

Ray (Berry) moved that the monies the LCIC made from socials for the benefit of L.A.D. be turned over to the L.A.D. Treasury. A check of $84.42 was handed to Treasurer Berry.

Adjournment took place at 7:00 P.M.

O. Childress, Secretary

October 29, 1967

The meeting was held in the Girls' Recreation Room on the campus of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Before the meeting was called to order by President Thomas at 10:45 a.m. he asked Mr. Jerome W. Freeman to serve as acting secretary in the absence of Mr. O. P. Childress, Jr., the secretary of the LAD. (Secretary Childress came to the meeting at a certain time, however, Mr. Freeman continued his secretarial service throughout the meeting.) All board members with the exception of Mr. Nick LeFors were present. Since this was Alumni Day and LSSD's Homecoming Event, there was a large number of incoming and outgoing visitors at the meeting which made it difficult to count the exact number of visitors who remained throughout the entire meeting.

A prayer was given by the Reverend Boltz.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board were not read since Secretary Childress was not at the meeting, yet. However, copies of the minutes of the last meeting were distributed by Secretary Childress when he came in, but no action was taken on the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The acting secretary read three letters which were worth recognition by the President: (1) A letter of appreciation from Fred Schreiber, Executive Secretary of the NAD expressing his gratitude to the LAD for paying its membership quota to the NAD; (2) A letter from board member Nick LeFors expressing his regret that he could not be present at the meeting, and (3) A letter from Edward Corbett, LAD delegate to the NAD convention in San Francisco asking for reimbursement of his voluntary expenses at the convention. (Refer to Suggestions from the public section for action taken on Mr. Corbett's letter.)

REPORTS:

Treasurer Grady Berry gave his financial report for the period of May 14, 1966 to October 29, 1966 as follows:

Receipts	$2,376.26
Expenditures	393.67
Balance	$2,982.59

Balance sheet at October 29, 1966:

Cash in checking account	$1,181.52
Cash in Saving and Loan	249.46
Cash in Auto Fund	551.61
Total in all Funds	$1,982.59

Treasurer Berry stated that his report is *unofficial* because for four months there were no bank statements. It is a bank policy not to send monthly statements when there are no cancelled checks. This means, as President Thomas and Treasurer Berry stated, that the Treasurer did not write any checks during the past four months. President Thomas ruled that the Treasurer's report is to become *official* at the next board meeting.

President Thomas stated that five (5) checks for travel expenses are being held due to lack of itemization. He reminded all that in order to claim reimbursement for travel expenses, the itemization must be complete and specific.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Edward Corbett suggested that the LAD should take an active part in helping LSSD acquire the land for its new school. This was an expressed interest, not a motion.

Mr. Anthony Mowad made reference to Mr. Corbett's letter for reimbursement of voluntary expense at the NAD convention in San Francisco. Mr. Mowad stated that Mr. Corbett's request is out of order because the Board of Directors cannot overrule the vote of the General Assembly. President Thomas and Parliamentarian Gremillion conceded to Mr. Mowad's statement.

and there was no dissent from among the board members. President Thomas ruled that Mr. Corbett will need to wait until the next convention.

Mr. Edward Corbett explained why he did not bid for New Orleans as the site of the next NAD convention. There is a provision in the NAD By-Laws which states that the host city must divide its profits among the co-operating states and the NAD is to run its own convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Max Ray, Chairman of the Law Committee brought to the Board's attention that there was a standing bill of $27.99 for material purchased by LSSD to print 500 copies of LAD By-Law books. Mr. M. Bienvenu (G. Berry) moved that the LAD pay the school bill as stated. Passed.

Mr. Grady Berry (M. Ray) presented a plan to improve the function of the LAD by having one representative each from Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport present at board meetings as a way to let the board know what the members of the LAD want. The representatives are not to have voting or motion-making power. In order to adopt this plan, it is to be referred to the Law Committee and the Ways and Means Committee for further study.

Mr. Max Ray (M. Bienvenu) made a motion that according to the LAD By-Laws each member of the Board of Directors for travel expenses be paid seven (7) cents per mile on the basis of travel from city limit to city limit. Passed. However, it is to be noted that no decision was made to base the travel expenses on which type of transportation. The agreement referred only to mileage from city limit to city limit.

Mr. O. Childress, Jr. (M. Ray) made a motion that there is to be a Golf Tournament before the next Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans in February. Passed.

Mr. M. Ray (O. Childress) made a motion to have the LAD take an active part, especially at the state government level, in helping LSSD get a new school. Debate on various opinions followed. M. Ray (M. Bienvenu) revised his motion to have President Thomas approach Dr. Lloyd V. Funchess, Superintendent of LSSD and ask him in what way the LAD can be of assistance. Passed.

Mr. M. Bienvenu (G. Berry) moved to close the New Business. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Thomas expressed Mrs. Deville's (an active PTA member of LSSD) appreciation to the LAD for all it had done in helping with the school site.

A prayer was given by Mr. Harvey Gremillion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

J. W. Freeman, Acting Secretary

March 12, 1967

The meeting was held in the hall of the New Orleans Association of the Deaf Club on March 12, 1967.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Marion Thomas with all officers, with the exception of Grady Berry, Treasurer, present. There were thirty-six visitors at the meeting.

After the prayer was led by Mr. Gaienne, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS:

A financial statement by the treasurer was not available because Grady Berry, our treasurer, was not present.

Max Ray of the Scholarship Fund Committee gave the financial statement and the balance showed $4,481.98 but the statement from the bank has not been received.

Max Ray, chairman of the Ways and Means committee gave his report of the meeting held on March 7, 1967 checking on the operations of LAD.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Several letters were read but nothing was worth recognition.

Nick LeFors (Bernard Hankel) moved to have a ten-minute recess. Passed.

The meeting resumed with new business in order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Max Ray (B. Hankel) moved to pay NAD dues from our general fund. Passed.

Max Ray (M. Bienvenu) moved to raise the LAD dues including registration to $4.00 from $3.00 at this coming convention. Passed.

Nick LeFors (B. Hankel) moved to leave the plan of distributing LAD representatives over the state to the General Assembly at the Convention. Max Ray amended that this matter be referred to Law Committee. LeFors seconded. Passed.

Nick LeFors (B. Hankel) moved to have LAD pay travel expenses to seven officers plus Convention Chairman Medford Magill. Passed.

Martin Beinvenu (B. Hankel) moved that the LAD buy an advertisement space for the convention program book (full page—$30.00). Passed.

Medford Magill, chairman of LAD Convention this coming summer, announced the plans for the convention. The dates will be June 22, 23, and 24. It will be held at the Jack Tar Capitol House in Baton Rouge.

Max Ray (N. LeFors) moved to accept the report of M. Magill. Passed.

Mr. Magill was given an applause for a job well done.

President M. Thomas expressed his thanks to the NOAD for the use of their room for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

O. Childress, Secretary

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

(Organized May 29, 1908)

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the period from August 15, 1965 to May 1, 1967, a total of $1,467.84 was received in cash from late dues, proceeds from rallies, etc. The total amount expended during the same period was $1,180.22, leaving the cash amount of $2,075.93. Of this amount, $1,068.93 is in a checking account at Calcasieu Marine National Bank of Lake Charles and $441.16 is deposited in the Capitol Building and Loan Association of Baton Rouge, drawing 4% interest, compounded semi-annually, $565.84 for Auto Fund is in the First Federal Saving and Loan Association of Lake Charles, drawing 4% interest, compounded semi-annually.

The following financial statement is submitted for the members of the Association.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

(At May 1, 1967)

CASH BALANCE (8/15/65)—		
Cash in Checking Account	877.56	
Cash in Saving & Loan Account	380.15	
Cash in Auto Fund	530.60	
		$1,788.31
RECEIPTS—		
L.A.D. Convention at Alexandria (6/65)	509.94	
L.A.D. Membership Dues (after Convention)	74.00	
Dividends from Saving and Loan	18.62	
Dividends from Auto Fund	35.24	
Dividends from Credit Union	8.27	
L.A.D. Rally at Alexandria (5/14/66)	57.00	
A loan returned from the L.C.I.C.	500.00	
Proceeds from Alumni Day at Baton Rouge (1/66)	84.42	
Proceeds from Alumni Day at Baton Rouge (10/66)	180.35	
Total Receipts		$1,467.84
Grand Total		$3,256.15
DISBURSEMENTS—		
Loan to the L.C.I.C. (10/28/65)	500.00	
Franklin Press (500 letterheads and 500 envelopes)	47.00	
Office Machine & Supply (Double Entry Book)	9.79	
Trophies for Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament at LSSD	100.00	
N.A.D. Membership Quota (1965-1966)	72.75	
Reimbursement to M. Thomas for payment of N.A.D. Quota	134.25	
Boulevard Florist (for Henry J. Soland, Jr.)	11.67	
Delegate Expense to N.A.D. Convention Ticket (E. Corbett)	25.00	
Contribution to Gervais Gaiennie	50.00	
Max Ray for printing of L.A.D. By-Laws booklets	100.00	

M. Bienvenu travel expenses	15.54	
Max M. Ray travel expenses	15.54	
M. V. Thomas travel expenses	15.54	
Oliver P. Childress, Jr., travel expenses	39.48	
James Grady Berry travel expenses	32.76	
Harvey J. Gremillion expenses (1965)	10.00	
Total Disbursement		$1,180.22
BALANCE—(5/1/67)		$2,075.93

BALANCE SHEET AT MAY 1, 1967

ASSETS—		
Checking Account	$1,068.93	
Saving and Loan	441.16	
Auto Fund	565.84	
Scholarship Fund	4,481.98*	
Total Assets		$6,557.91
LIABILITIES—		
Net Worth (Fund Balance)		$6,557.91

*As of January 1, 1967

Respectfully submitted,
James Grady Berry, Treasurer

HENRY J. SOLAND, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

(From January 1, 1965 to January 1, 1967)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward on January 1, 1965	$3,368.48
Donation by Mrs. Alpha Russ in memory of Mrs. Kent (5/7/65)	7.00
Donation by the Class of 1965 of LSSD (5/27/65)	100.00
Check donated by H. J. Soland Jr. (6/16/65)	100.00
Donations by friends in memory of Mrs Kent (6/17/65)	15.00
Interest earned on U.S. Treasury Bonds (7/1/65)	50.00
Interest earned on deposits (7/1/65)	18.25
Interest earned on U.S. Treasury Bonds (8/15/65)	50.00
Interest earned on deposits (12/31/65)	21.68
Proceeds from the L.A.D. Rally in Lafayette (1/10/66)	85.54
Donation by the members of the Soland family in memory of H. J. (4/10/65)	25.00
Donation by Mrs. Annie Relnerth in memory of H. J. Soland, Jr. (4/29/66)	10.00
Proceeds from the L.A.D. Rally in Lake Charles (6/9/66)	481.93

Interest earned on U.S. Treasury Bonds (6/1/67)	100.00
Interest earned on deposits (1/1/67)	49.10
Total balance as of January 1, 1967	$4,481.98

ASSETS OF H. J. SOLAND, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BONDS:

$2,500.00 U.S. Treasury (4% due 8/15/72)—Book Value	$2,462.50

STOCK:

15 shares of Fund American Companies at $36.31	544.72

SAVINGS:

LNB of Baton Rouge Savings Account No. 0616-710	1,474.76
Grand totals	$4,481.98

Submitted by Max M. Ray,
Secretary-Treasurer
H. J. Soland, Jr. Scholarship Fund
of L.A.D.