Minutes of the Fourth Louisiana Association

of the Deaf Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 26, 1968.

Place of Meeting: In the All-Purpose Room across from The Center on the campus of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, Baton Rouge.

Meeting began at: 9:27 a.m.

Number of Board Members Present: All six excluding the count of one resignee (M. Magill, A. Novad, J. Freeman, M. Roy, T. Garcille and L. Walker-appointed to fill N. Lefors' vacancy).

Number of visitors: 27.

Invocation: Given in silence.

President Magill called the meeting to order with ~~five~~ six communications as follows:

1. Mr. Marion Thomas resigned as a member of the Board because his employment schedule conflicts with Board meetings which must be on a Saturday.

2. A letter from Mr. Courrege was read in summary. Mr. Courrege mentioned that he had completed his work on the biography of Henry J. Soland, Jr. He gave his manuscript to the Soland Family to read for final approval. Since it was the decision of the Soland Family not to have the biography printed or distributed at all, Mr. Courrege asked the Board to follow the wish of the Soland Family.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Thomas made a contribution of $10.00 by check to the Scholarship Fund.

4. A request was made by the National Association of the Deaf to have our Association select a Coordinator to arrange a Temporal Bone Bank Week locally. It was recommended to have the campaign sometime in May or during the convention of the LAD.

5. A request was made by Mr. Douglas Burke, a faculty member of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf to have our Association select an appropriate date for him to come down to talk to our people about the objectives and program of the NTID.

6. The Board must make a final decision on the Convention in Lafayette in this meeting.

Mr. Mowad (M. Ray) moved to accept the minutes of the third Board meeting held in Alexandria on May 25 as read. Passed.

Officers' Reports

President's Report:

7. The three legislative bills pertaining to Interpreters for the Deaf in Louisiana which were discussed in the meeting at Alexandria have been enacted into law.

8. Three weeks ago, the final selection of the Distinguished Award Committee was made. The Committee is composed of Messrs. Eugene Fippine, Martin Bienvenu and Edward Corbett. The Committee will draw up the rules and regulations governing the award.

9. Mr. Lucius Walker has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Nick LeFore. No objection was made to his appointment.

10. Mr. Magill recommended the appointment of Mrs. Ann Gremillion to fill the unexpired term of Mr. M. Thomas.

(Mr. Mowad suggested to have the Secretary place numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 from the President's Communications and numbers 9 and 10 from the President's Report [redacted] in the New Business agenda. All Board members agreed).

President Magill asked for a report from Mr. Foreman on the plans Lafayette had made for the summer Convention. Before Mr. Foreman took the floor, Mr. Labbe, as a visitor, was given special privilege to have the floor. Mr. Labbe asked the Board to consider asking the Lafayette people if they wish to drop the sponsorship.

Mr. Foreman's report was as follows: The people from Lafayette have not had time to prepare for the convention, they have not started any fund raising projects, the Holdiay Inn wants a guarantee of attendance by December and most of the deaf people in Lafayette plan to save their money to attend the ICDA instead of the LAD convention. On the basis of those reasons, Lafayette wishes to withdraw from sponsorship.

Mr. Mowad supplemented Mr. Foreman's report with the feeling that there is some difficulty convincing the Catholic deaf from the Lafayette area what the purposes and objectives of the LAD are. He recommended to have the Convention held in Baton Rouge and have it sponsored by the LAD Board of Directors.

Vice-President's Report:

A decision must be made on whether or not Monroe wants to be host of the next Board meeting. This will be done through correspondence.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary reported on all correpsondence taken care of since the last Board meeting. A letter was received from the office of the International Games of the Deaf asking for a $100.00 contribution.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Max Ray distributed copies of complete financial transactions of the Association. The secretary has filed a copy of the report with these minutes. In addition to the filing, a summary of the transactions is, herewith, recorded:

Cash Balance(1/21/68).................	$2,087.63
Total Receipts........................	2,073.46
	$4,161.09
Total Disbursements...................	2,022.47
Balance (10/22/68)....................	$2,138.62

Balance Sheet, October 22, 1968

Assets:

Checking Account......................	$ 606.83
Savings Account.......................	928.22
Auto Fund.............................	600.57
Cash on Hand..........................	3.00
	$2,138.62

Liabilities:

Net worth (Fund balance)..............$2,138.62

Mr. Ray also said that since $300.00 must be added to the Scholarship Fund, over $1,000 has already been deposited, an excess of the requirement.

Mr. Magill explained that the auditing committee is supposed to be of three people, Messrs. LeFors, Magill and Babins. It is to be noted that Mr. Babins signature is not included in the treasurer's report because Mr. Babin injured his hand.

Mr. Mowad(L. Walker) moved to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.

Mr. Gremillion distributed copies of his report on the Scholarship Fund. He also mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Marion Thomas made a contribution of $10.00. The secretary filed a copy of the report with these minutes for the record.

Mr. Ray mentioned there is a need for a motion to make the Scholarship Fund legal.

Mr. Mowad said he feels the LAD has no guarantee of the Scholarship Fund.

(No motion and second was made on the Scholarship Fund report).

New Business:

Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to accept Mr. M. Thomas' resignation as a member of the Board. Carried.

Mr. Mowad (Garcille) moved to accept the President's appointment of Mrs. Ann Gremillion to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Thomas. Carried.

Mr. Courrege was invited to the floor to tell about the Soland Family's rejection of the biography. Mr. Mowad (Garcille) moved to drop the biography and since the motion to write the biography of Henry J. Soland, Jr. originated in the General Assembly, the Board's decision is to be sent to the Assembly for final approval. Carried.

Mr. Mowad (Ray) moved to give Mr. Courrege a $50.00 honorarium. Carried. Since Mr. Courrege was at the meeting, President Magill expressed appreciation to him for the task he had completed and informed him of the honorarium. Mr. Courrege rejected the reward.

Mr. Mowad (Ray) moved to make Mr. Courrege a life-time member of the LAD with full privileges. The exceptions are hotel and food expenses. Carried. (Mr. Courrege accepted the kindness).

Mr. Ray (Walker) moved to have the President ask a hearing member of the faculty of LSSD to sponsor the Temporal Bone Bank Week. Carried.

Mr. Burke's request to come down to talk to the people about the RIT-NTID was placed in the Unfinished Business agenda until the next Board meeting.

President Magill invited Mr. Baker to the floor to tell what the IGD is. IGD's request for a contribution from our Association died.

Mr. Mowad mentioned he received a letter from Miss Catherine Hoffpauir, a student in Gallaudet College, asking for financial help. The President ruled that her case was closed and it can be reopened at the next General Assembly. Mr. Mowad explained that her request is one of an emergency. Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to pass around a hat today and send the collection to her and if she needs further help before the next General Assembly, she is to write to the President or Secretary and another motion in the next Board meeting will be needed in order to help her. Carried.

Mr. Mowad (Garcille) moved to donate to the school Center a United States flag. Carried.

Mr. Ray (Walker) amended Mr. Mowad's motion to include a state flag and flag holders. Carried.

Mr. Ray (Walker) moved to accept Mr. Foreman's request to have the Lafayette Club of the Deaf withdraw its sponsorship of the Convention. Carried.

Mr. Movad (Garcille) moved to have the convention in Baton Rouge, sponsored by the LAD Board of Directors and on the campus of the school for the deaf. Carried.

Mr. Freeman (Ray) moved to give President Magill emergency power to act on the preparation of the Convention. Carried.

Mr. Garcille (Walker) moved to adjourn. CARRIED.

The meeting came to a close at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary