Sixth Louisiana Association of the Deaf
Board of Directors Meeting, April 20, 1969
Louisiana State School for the Deaf

The Sixth LAD Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Magill. The Board members present were M. Magill, M. Ray, A. Gremillion, T. Garcille and J. Freeman. Those absent were A. Mowad and L. Walker. There were six visitors.

The minutes of the Fifth Board Meeting which was held in Monroe were unavailable. They will be printed in the Convention program and the minutes of all of the six meetings are to be approved at the Convention.

There was no formal Treasurer's Report. The final financial report will be made at the Convention. However, the members were informed that since January 21, 1969, the Association has a balance of $467.00.

The President's Report was as follows:

a. The last Board meeting in Monroe did not have a quorum of five because two board members were unable to make the trip. Since a majority of Board members were not present, the President had no choice but to suspend the Quorum By-law and proceed with the meeting. The question is if that meeting is to go on record or not.

b. Because of circumstances and as there is not much time remaining before the approaching Convention, the President is suspending the By-law which states that Board meetings are to be held on Saturdays in order to have the sixth meeting on a Sunday.

c. There is a need for a By-law to see if it is possible for different organizations of the deaf in the state to be affiliated with the LAD. A study also needs to be made to have more Associate Members in the LAD. The Law Committee will be asked to consider the possibilities.

d. The presentation of a United States Flag and a State Flag will be made to the School Center at Convention time. Each flag cost $30.00. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Gremillion for taking care of the selections and purchases.

Secretary's Report: Mr. Freeman reported that the Senior Deaf Citizens Housing Project survey in the State has been completed. He wished to thank all people helping in the survey.

Convention Committee Report: Mr. Eddie Wood, Co-chairman of the Convention gave his report on Convention plans. Mr. Freeman (A. Gremillion) moved to accept Mr. Wood's report. Carried.

Mr. Ray, Registration Chairman, moved because of a rise in cost of living to combine the registration and program book fee and crease the $1.50 to $2.00 for a total of $5.00 instead of $4.50. Mrs. A. Gremillion seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Bienvenu, Banquet Chairman, made his report on the different prices offered by the New Holiday Inn. Mr. Ray (A. Gremillion) moved to have a buffet dinner-dance for $5.00. Carried.

Mr. Ray and Mr. Bienvenu's reports indicate the total fee at registration time is $10.00 excluding accommodations and other activities.

Unfinished business: Mr. M. Ray (T. Garcille) moved to postpone the IRS tax exemption matter until complete information is received from the Ways and Means and Law Committees. Carried.

New Business: Mrs. A. Gremillion (M. Ray) made an amendment to Mr. H. Gremillion's past motion to give a token of appreciation to past and future presidents only instead of all officers. Carried.

M. Ray (A. Gremillion) amended this to require the president in order to be eligible for the token of appreciation to serve a full term. Carried.

J. Freeman (M. Ray) moved that a recommendation be sent to the General Assembly to have the President during the session select a committee to make a study and report on the possibility to increase the General Fund from $1200 to a larger amount. Expanded services and the trend that is going on in the nation makes it necessary to have a larger fund to operate the LAD. Carried.

M. Ray (A. Gremillion) moved that a recommendation be sent to the General Assembly to have the members specify all charitable assistance of the LAD. This is an IRS requirement for tax exemption. Carried.

M. Ray (T. Garcille) moved to allow the Jr. NAD of LSSD to make a loan of $150.00 from the LAD that would help send a pupil to a youth leadership training camp in Pennsylvania this summer. This is to be done by means of a promissary note. Carried.

M. Ray (A. Gremillion) moved to have the General Assembly consider the possibility of having the LSSD-PTA affiliated with the LAD because during the past two years both organizations have worked cooperatively on a few projects. Carried.

M. Ray (A. Gremillion) moved to allow the treasurer to make his final report two weeks before the Convention instead of 30 days as required by the By-laws because the site of the Convention was changed recently and there are emergency expenses. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P. M.

Jerome Freeman, Secretary