

MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF  
BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 18, 1978 AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The meeting began at 11:00 A.M. with all present except Vice-President Anthony Mowad. Also present was Larry Barnett of the L.R.I.D.

The minutes of the meeting held in Baton Rouge, La. on December 10th was read by Secretary Henderson and was approved after some corrections.

FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE GIVEN:

Treasurer Max Ray gave his report as follows: Savings Account Balance \$6,880.00, Checking Account Balance \$1,002.00.

Larry Barnett of the L.R.I.D. announced new affiliates of the L.A.D. They are Louisiana Baptist Convention of the Deaf, Louisiana Baptist Conference of the Deaf and the Baptist Deaf Mission, which brings to 13 member organizations. This was accepted by M. Magill and seconded by Gardner with the approval of the board.

Martin Bienvenu, as chairperson for the Mini-Convention to be held in Baton Rouge July 28-29, 1978, announced that it will be held at Prince Murat Inn with dancing in the Crystal Ball Room.

Rev. Larry Barnett reported that Rev. Gerard Howell is unable to continue as editor of the L.A.D. - L.R.I.D. News Letter on account of lack of equipment at his new church.

Rev. Larry Barnett reported that the L.R.I.D. will publish a Registry of Interpreters giving address and certification standards where applicable. The Registry will be provided to the Louisiana Bar Association, Louisiana Medical Association, Department of Education, The Police Departments, Sheriff Departments, and major hospitals in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport.

President Dave Meyers gave his report on the following:

Wrote letters to Mr. Fred Frey, Director of Louisiana Educational Television Authority and urged that the educational television stations carry the ABC Captioned News. Also enlisted the assistance of Dr. Henry Smith. The result was that Channel 27 in Baton Rouge and Channel 13 in Monroe are now carrying the Captioned News and a new station in Shreveport will carry the news when it opens this summer.

I have worked closely with Dr. Corson on the matter of integration of L.S.S.D. and S.S.D. I represented the L.A.D. in a hearing before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. At this time it appears that students from S.S.D. will be moved to L.S.S.D.

I met with a representative of the Department of Education to provide input for the L.A.D. in drafting the guidelines and regulations for the Louisiana Special Education Act.

A Jr. N.A.D. Chapter is being started at L.S.S.D. This is an important development and should serve to make young people more interested in the L.A.D.

The N.A.D. has many new developments. A branch office will be opened in the Mid-west in July, with Gary Olsen in charge. The Legal Defense Fund is now a part of the N.A.D. and is active in courts throughout the country. The N.A.D. is co-sponsoring Project D.E.A.F. in Boston, Mass. This is a rehabilitation program funded by a \$100,000 grant. The Mutual Alliance plan will form an umbrella of organizations under the N.A.D. thus providing a stronger voice for the deaf. So far the I.A.P.D. (parents) have joined and T.D.I. and ADARA have voted to negotiate with the N.A.D. in anticipation of joining.

We need to start contacting hospitals to inform them of our desire to have interpreter services for deaf persons when they are admitted to hospitals and express a willingness to help them to develop this service the law now requires hospitals to provide interpreter services but most of them do not know what to do and thus we can help them to help us.

Vocational Rehabilitation is expanding its program of services to the deaf. One ineffective Counselor in Lafayette has been replaced. Counselors are now working with the deaf in Lake Charles and Monroe. Soon there will be a Counselor for the deaf in Alexandria. Vocational Rehabilitation plans to have a Counselor in every district of the state.

President Dave Meyers appointed the following members to serve on the following committees:

Committee of Investigate Varations in Sign Language: Rev. Larry Barnett, Patty Womack, Max Ray, Dr. Harvey Corson.

Committee to Investigate Implement of Commission for the Deaf: Rev. G. Howell, Anthony Mowad, Sally Martin, Pauline Wood.

#### New Business:

Max Ray motioned that the L.A.D. accept the L.R.I.D.'s recommendation of having Mrs. Donna Barnett as acting editor for the L.A.D.-L.R.I.D. News Letter ~~with~~ both organizations can elect a new editor at their next conventional meeting. Seconded by M. Bienvenu and passed.

Max Ray moved that the L.A.D. share expenses with the L.R.I.D. on the printing of the Directory of Registry of Interpreters. Seconded by Gardner and Carried.

Rev. Larry Barnett moved to set up a sub-committee on Tela-Communication State-Wide Service. S<sub>e</sub>c<sub>o</sub>nded by M. Magill. Carried.

M. Magill moved that the Board give authority to President Meyers to write letters to hospitals to meet with them to discuss problems they may have with the deaf who are admitted to their hospitals to help them comply with Law 504. Seconded by M. Bienvenu. Max Ray amend to get the L.R.I.D. into this also. Seconded by Gardner. Carried.

Max Ray motioned for the President to pick a committee to work on disguise award this year. Seconded by Martin Bienvenu.

Max Ray motioned to have L.A.D. buy 1/2 page advertisement in the L.S.S.D. Year Book. Seconded by Rev. L. Barnett. Carried.

Medford Magill motioned that the L.A.D. buy 1/2 page advertisement in the Jr. N.A.D. Convention program book for \$40.00. Seconded by E. Gardner and passed.

M. Bienvenu moved to buy 1/8 page advertisement in Miss Deaf America Pageant book for \$25.00. Seconded by M. Magill. Failed to pass.

E. Gardner motioned to ask Dr. Harvey Corson to set up a date for the 1978 Homecoming as soon as possible. Seconded by M. Magill and passed.

M. Ray motioned to have secretary send out minutes of last meeting to all members of the Board within two weeks. ~~af~~Seconded ~~byt~~by M. Bienvenu and Carried.

M. Magill motioned for the L.A.D. to begin to attempt to obtain Grant Funds to set up sign language classes in various cities throughout Louisiana. Seconded by E. Gardner and passed.

President D. Meyers adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

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John Henderson, Secretary