

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

MINUTES

Executive Board of Directors

October 1, 1983

President Medford Magill called the Board of Directors' meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Student Center, North Campus, Louisiana School for the Deaf.

First order of business was roll call. Present: Vice President Joe Benedetto; Secretary Mary Woods; Treasurer Max Ray; Board of Directors: Devlin Fontenot and Joe Sarpy; LRID Representative, Joe Broussard. Absent: James Henderson.

Reading of the July Convention Minutes postponed because they were not available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The following activities, correspondences, etc. was completed since the conclusion of LAD's 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention.

Letters of gratitude sent to:

Dr. Harvey Corson	Delvin Fontenot
Norman Bermes	Janet Beck
NAD President-Elect Larry Forrestal	Connie Greenlee
Joe Broussard	Miss Deaf American, Barbara Tubbs
Janie Powell	Anne Guidry-Reed
Sandra Kimball, 1984 Miss Deaf Louisiana	
Anthony Mowad	David Rozier, Sears' General Manager
Governor Dave Treen	

Other letters:

Vice President Joe Benedetto	Heritage Publishing Company
Louisiana Commission for the Deaf	
Chairman, Dr. Harvey Corson	President Ronald Reagan
Dr. Frank Turk, 1984 NAD Convention	
Public Relations Chairperson	Al Pimental, NAD Executive Director

Miscellaneous:

Letter from LSD re: purchase of advertisement in Mason-Dixon Tournament program book.

Letter from Dano USA inc. re: "I Love You" pins.

Speaker, LRID Convention.

Letter from Dan Burch re: follow-up workshop October 29th in New Orleans at Independent Living Center.

Thanks extended to Connie Greenlee and Ed Wood, leaders of demonstration against Channel 9, a CBS station affiliate. Article about the local demonstration appeared in the Thursday's State-Times.

NAD's Regional III conference to be held February 18-20, 1984.

NAD Financial Committee will meet sometime in February in Baton Rouge.

Received letter from Dr. Corson, Superintendent, LSD, requesting input on concept paper "Total Communication Multi-Modal Educational and Communication Approach."

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. The Constitution requires the appointment of members to the Law Committee by the Vice President. The Constitution requires two (2) Board Members and two (2) members from the membership at large. The two board members are Max Ray and Joe Sarpy. The non-board member are Anthony Mowad and Joe Broussard. By Virtue of his office of President, Medford Magill, is a member ex officio. According to the Constitution, there can be no further appointments. However, this committee will be in need of an excellent secretary. So I have asked Mary Woods to serve as Law Committee Secretary, with the understanding that she is an unofficial non-voting member and further is on the committee to assist with the minutes and secretarial duties. The appointments are as follows:

Chairman: Joe Benedetto

Secretary: Mary Woods

Ex Officio: President Medford Magill

Board Representative: Max Ray

Board Representative: Joe Sarpy

Members Representative: A. Mowad

Members Representative: J. Broussard

2. The Law Committee appointments are subject to approval of the LAD Board of Directors.
3. Once we have received approval of our appointments, we are officially ready to begin business.
4. The first item of business will be to consider the new proposed By-Laws which provide for local chapter representation. Joe Broussard gave a report on the new By-Laws at our Convention this summer in Baton Rouge, but the proposals were tabled or referred to the Law Committee. It is the duty of the Law Committee to take action on this.
5. Expenses. We will need funds from the LAD in order to carry out our work. Max Ray has suggested an initial \$500.00 to cover expenses. Max is also appointed by the Chair to handle the Law Committee Fund.
6. Meetings will be held statewide in order to emphasize the statewide nature of the Constitutional Revisions. Tentative meetings are set for Baton Rouge, Oakdale, Opelousas, and New Orleans. When the revisions are completed, they will be distributed to the members of the LAD for their consideration before a vote at the annual convention this summer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1984 LAD Calendar is ready to be printed by Heritage Press. Believes members will enjoy format. Hopefully, calendars will be ready for distribution by December.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of October 1, 1983, treasury balance is as follows:

Savings Account	\$25,458.00
General Fund	4,632.00
Grant Fund	13,742.00
Investment Fund	17,000.00
	<u>\$60,832.00</u>

The account for the recent Convention has not been closed. Expects to gross approximately \$4,000.00. Treasurer Nolan Diaz was not present to make report.

President Magill introduced Joe Broussard, LRID's Representative to the Board. Officers of LRID for 1983-84 are: Father Gerard Howell, President; Lynne Owens, Secretary; Ed Wood, Treasurer; LRID's Representative to LAD's Board of Directors, Joe Broussard.

LRID's President Fr. Howell presented a report to LAD. LRID voted to send a letter to Governor Treen and former Governor Edwin Edwards inquiring about their position for continuous funding and support of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf. He drafted a letter and request LAD's approval and use of LAD's letterhead bearing signatures of both organizations' Presidents.

Fr. Howell noted that LRID looks forward to working together with LAD and members of the deaf community. He encouraged members to voice their concerns and/or suggestions.

Houston Moss encouraged in-depth publicizing of future meetings prior to date of meeting.

Fr. Howell informed members he also serves on the National Captioning Institute (NCI) Advisory Board. Needs input from the hearing impaired on programs they would like to see captioned. Will attend Board Meeting October 14th and would appreciate input prior to the meeting. Summarized complex procedures of getting the evening news captioned.

Fr. Howell stressed importance of writing letters. Letters to TV stations are effective in aiding TV stations in making decisions.

1983 CONVENTION REPORT

Nolan Diaz, Treasurer, 1983 Convention, presented his report. As of October 1, 1983, the unofficial report is:

Received \$16,066.33
Expenditures . . . 13,754.48
Balance \$ 2,311.85

Checking Account: . . \$ 433.84*
Savings Account: . . . 1,878.01*
Balance \$2,311.85

*Bank statement

Delvin Fontenot announced the Classes of 1983, 1964, 1965, and 1966 had collected a total of \$597.86. One-half of the amount was donated to LSD and the other half, \$298.93, was donated to LAD's Investment Fund.

LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAFEXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVID MYERS' REPORT:

David Myers presented a brief report on LCD's activities. Briefly summarized, LCD is continuing its work to revised bill which prohibits deaf people from serving on juries; develop guidelines to certify interpreters; to encourage various government departments to use interpreters. LCD will meet October 12th at 755 Florida Blvd. at 1:00 p.m. If you have an issue of concern you'd like to be considered by LCD, inform David so it can be placed on agenda.

Announced TDDs placed in 1) Governor's Office, and 2) Sears' Catalog Service Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Max Ray (Delvin Fontenot) moved that we accept members of the Law Committee as appointed by Joe Benedetto, Vice President. Passed.

Joe Broussard (Joe Sarpy) moved that we give \$500.00 to Law Committee to defray expenses incurred during the revision of the Constitution/By-Laws. Passed.

Joe Broussard (Max Ray) moved that the Bayou State Bulletin reserve one-half page for LRID news, if space is available, and include LRID members on mailing list. Passed.

Max Ray (Delvin Fontenot) amended motion to read: in case newsletter is returned and happens to be an LRID member, LRID will be responsible for postage. Passed.

Max Ray (Joe Sarpy) moved LAD join with LRID in writing letters to Governor candidates, Dave Treen and Edwin Edwards, asking their position on LCD and that the letters be written on LAD letterheads with signatures of both organizations' Presidents. Passed.

Joe Broussard (Max Ray) moved to have a separate account for Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant. Passed.

Joe Sarpy (Delvin Fontenot) moved that LAD select LA Signe Fete (La. Silent Celebration) to perform at the next LAD Convention at the group's own expense. Passed.

Joe Broussard (Delvin Fontenot) moved to amend the motion to read: and that LAD suggest to host club that they might wish to invite the group to perform. Passed.

A motion was made for New Business to be closed. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dance at the Catholic Deaf Center sponsored by ICDA-LAD.

Dance at BRAD Clubhouse on Plank Road.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Woods
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Secretary