LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

September 28, 1985

President Joe Benedetto called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in Monroe, LA. Present: Houston Moss, Mary Woods, President Benedetto, Jack Falcon, and Joseph Sarpy (substituting for Anne Reed, LRID Representative). Absent: Vice President Max Ray (excused), Board Members Nancy Benedetto (excused) and Delvin Fontenot (unexcused).

The Invocation was given by Father Gerard Howell and Joseph Sarpy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Father Gerard Howell, President, LRID, addressed the Board. He commended the Board for attending the LRID meeting "to continue the spirit of cooperation." Father Howell noted that LRID needs input from the deaf community and encouraged the deaf to speak out and to use an interpreter when necessary.

Chairman Dr. Harvey Corson, LCD, addressed the Board. He mentioned again that the Home Office on the LSD campus is ready for use. The modular units have been installed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

-Welcome the Board to the LRID Convention in Monroe.

-Appointed Dan Burch as Sergeant-at-Arms.

-Congratulated Board for recent election to office. We must return to LAD the confidence invested in us by working hard to the best of our ability.

-Reminded Board that LRID is an old friend of the deaf community - provided service and assistance through interpreting services. Requested Board to continue to demonstrate support for LRID by staying throughout the Convention.

-Asked Board to support H.R. 2895 - a bill in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. The bill provides for an additional tax deduction for various handicapping conditions, including deafness.

-Announced that LAD received a check for $3,500. from UDS per contractual agreement. Secretary will have more to say about UDS and Publications.

-Indicated a financial report from the 1985 Convention Committee is due from New Orleans' LRID Chapter and S.N.O.A.D.

-Received letter of thanks and appreciation from the National Captioning Institute for our $500.00 donation.

-Announced the LAD Membership Drive is on. Has a four point plan he will recommend to the Membership Drive Committee:

1) - Urge Board and members to make personal contact with friends.
2) - Urge Committee to contact last year's members to renew membership.
3) - Invited parents and professionals (LRID) to join the LAD.
4) - Growth through implementation of chapters throughout the state.

-Is in the process of establish committees for the LAD and appointing committee members. Requested input of names of individuals who may serve on committees. The Committees are as follows:

Law Committee
Ways and Means Committee
Auditing Committee
Public Relations Committee
Membership Drive Committee
Sign Language Committee
Tax Exemption Committee
Awards Committee
Pageant Committee
Deaf-Blind Affairs Committee
LAD Convention Committee
Legislative Committee
1992 NAD Convention Committee
Logo Committee
Hospitality Committee
Parents/Professionals Committee
UDS Total Concept Communication Committee
Henry Soland Fund Committee
Publications Committee
Convention Handbook Committee
Jr. LAD Committee
LAD-LRID Joint Committee on the Home Office

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (cont'd)

The following committees are appointed in Convention:

- Resolution Committee
- Necrology Committee
- Arbitration Committee
- Nominating Committee

-Received letter from two gentlemen from New Orleans area asking us to consider a Jr. LAD chapter in New Orleans for deaf young adults living there.

-Announced that Mr. Gambrini will be flying in from Asia to confer with Fr. Howell and himself on LRID-LAD members. He will speak to conventioneers that evening.

-Announced LCD received $85,000 from Louisiana Legislature for 1985-86. LCD also approved 1986-87 budget request which included provisions for funding regional community service centers.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

-Report presented by President Benedetto. Vice President Ray out-of-state attending AAD meeting.

-Working on Constitution and By-Laws. Will review all minutes from the past few years to be sure everything is correct. Will report to Board before sending corrected draft to UDS. Printing expense estimated approximately $1,000.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Feel fortunate to receive $3,500.00.

Welcomed news items from readers for BSB. Still working on 1986 LAD Calendar.

If members know of anyone who should receive one-year complimentary copy, forward name and address to Secretary.

Passed out copies of UDS report on current allotment status.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Balance forwarded:	$36,190.55
Receipts:	6,166.48
Disbursements:	1,964.74
Total:	$40,392.29

Retained Earnings:	
Checking Account:	$ 2,319.96
Savings Account:	36,232.49
Legal Fund:	1,839.84
Total:	$40,392.29
Henry Soland Fund	21,766.50

Jack Falcon (Joe Sarpy) moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Jack Falcon, Chairman:

He announced that he is assuming duties as stated in By-Laws.

LRID RREPRESENTATIVE REPORT, Joseph Sarpy:

None.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, Nancy Benedetto, Chairlady:

Report presented by Heidi Reed. Mary Woods announced flyers have been sent to members who haven't renewed. Will also have desk at LAD Board Meeting.

DEAF-BLIND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Linda Annala, Chairlady:

Shirley Gamber presented the report. Have many ideas for improving circumstances of deaf-blind citizens, e.g. voters' registration, acquiring more services, and public awareness on deaf-blindness. The Committee is in the process of getting organized.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE COMMITTEE REPORT, Joseph Sarpy, Chairman:

Reported on current progress of the Committee. Will have workshop October 17-18. Will ask LAD for $400.00 to add to additional funds secure from another agency to cover participants' expenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open discussion on request to establish Jr. LAD chapter in New Orleans.

Meeting recessed for lunch and resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Houston Moss moved that LAD support H.R. 2895. Passed.
Joseph Sarpy ( ) moved that LAD provide the American Sign Language Committee $400.00 to reimburse travel, room and board expenses for participants at the October 17-18 ASL Conference if the conference is held. The President asked the Secretary to chair the meeting. Joe Benedetto (Jack Falcon) amended motion to read that LAD informs the ASL Committee Chairman that LAD expects adequate communications and regular budget requests in advance. Houston Moss (Joe Benedetto amended the amendment to read that the ASL Committee Chairman submit documented evidence (receipts, etc.) of expenditures and a complete financial report within ninety (90) days after the conference. Passed. Both the amendments and the main motion passed. The Secretary turned the Chair over to the President.
Mary Woods (Joe Sarpy) moved that the request to set up a Jr. LAD Chapter in New Orleans be referred to the Jr. LAD Committee. Passed.
Jack Falcon (Houston Moss) moved to accept the American Sign Language Committee Chairman's appointment, the Committee appointments, including Daniel Burch, and accept the committee's report. Passed. President Benedetto reminded the Board that members serving on committees should also be LAD members.
Mary Woods (Jack Falcon) moved that the two Resolutions (commending Father Howell and LRID) be accepted as written. Passed.

GOOD OF ORDER:

Mrs. J.U. Liner inquired about a $40.00 check which hasn't been cancelled. Treasurer Moss to check on it.
Joe Benedetto expressed thanks to Board for driving to meeting. Encouraged Board to stay for talent show.
Mary Woods complimented Joe Sarpy for his ASL Committee work. Thanked Board for their hard work and noted the disagreements yield productive work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joe Benedetto announced the next Board meeting will be October 26th, LSD Student Center.
Mr. Gambrini will present evening show. He hails from Asia.
Mary Woods announced newsletter deadline is October 10th. Also on October 26th, B.R.A.D. will host a Homecoming dance at their clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Woods, Secretary