

Louisiana Association of the Deaf
Minutes of the Executive Board of Directors
January 25, 1986, New Orleans, Louisiana

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Joe Benedetto called the Executive Board of Directors' meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. at the Baptist Deaf Center, 6118 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, La.

II. INVOCATION

Rev. Donnie Wiltshire, Baptist Deaf Center, led the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Woods, Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

The following officers were present: Joe Benedetto, Max Ray, Mary Woods, Houston Moss, Delvin Fontenot, and Nancy Benedetto. Absent: Jack Falcon (excused due to illness) and Joseph Sarpy (appointed by President Benedetto to represent LAD at the LRID Meeting).

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Treasurer Houston Moss noted that the figures from the Miss Deaf Louisiana's Business Manager should include interest in the October 26, 1986 minutes. Houston Moss (Max Ray) moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Passed.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report:

President Joe Benedetto:

—Welcomed the Board and visitors to the Executive Board meeting in New Orleans. He appreciates their hard work for the LAD.

—Thanked LRID-NO and President Donnie Wiltshire for arranging and hosting the meeting.

—Appointed Medford Magill as Sergeant-at-Arms and Rev. Donnie Wiltshire as Chaplain for this meeting.

—Announced that Board Member Jack Falcon had surgery and was unable to be present at the meeting. He wished Jack a speedy recovery.

—Appointed Joe Sarpy to take Jack Falcon's place as our LAD representative to the LRID meeting today.

—Called for a moment of silence in honor of one of Louisiana's greatest deaf leaders—Past President Anthony Mowad.

—Announced Mr. Mowad passed away in October 1985 and that four persons represented the LAD at the funeral: President Benedetto, Past President Medford Magill, Vice-President Max Ray and Board member Delvin Fontenot.

—Commended the Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf for their continuous spirit of cooperation. Reminded Board that a short joint meeting with the LRID would be held at 1:00 p.m. to discuss issues and mutual concerns.

—Announced that the LRID President, Larry Barnett, has appointed the following LRID members to the LAD-LRID Joint Committee on the Home Office: Fr. Jerry Howell, Joe Sarpy, and Linda Annala. They will be working together with our LAD representatives: Medford Magill, Vice-President Max Ray, and Secretary Mary Woods.

—Urged the Joint Committee to elect a Chairman and to begin the implementation and management of the home office.

—Thanked Joe Sarpy for his report from the Sign Language Committee. The President had detailed comments/questions on both the report and the financial question. He will refer to the report under Item VII, Committee Reports.

—Thanked Dan Burch for his excellent report on Convention Guidelines. The President also had a number of comments/questions on the report. He will also refer to the report under Item VII, Committee Reports.

—Received a detailed financial report on the 1985 Convention. Approval of the report and settlement of the bonus question was referred to Item VII, Committee Reports.

—Presented the 1986 *Directory of Services* Cover. UDS will print the *Directory of Services* for LAD.

—Announced that the NAD Regional Conference would be held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, February 28-March 2. President Benedetto and Secretary Mary Woods willing to represent the LAD at the Conference. Board approval requested.

—Received a letter from Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf inviting the LAD officers to visit and discuss concept of LAD chapters. Recommended that all officers attend and to agree on a date to go to the B.R.A.D. club.

—Received a letter from the LSD yearbook. Recommended

the LAD purchase an advertisement to support the students in publishing their annual yearbook.

—Attended the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf meeting January 24th in New Orleans as LAD representative. The Commission is facing state budget cuts in FY 87. \$108,000 was ordered cut to a standstill budget of \$95,000 due to state fiscal problems. The State Certification Interpreter Standards and the Interpreter Service Program was referred back to committee for further technical modifications. State Senator Ron Landry will lend his expertise to these revisions. Senator Landry will also assist us in obtaining the LCD Executive Director and Secretary's positions which are presently held up in DHHR. Newly elected LRID President, Larry Barnett, was sworn in as an LCD commission member. He congratulated Rev. Barnett.

—Announced the following Committee Chairperson appointments, subject to board approval.

COMMITTEE

Law
 Ways and Means
 Auditing
 Public Relations
 Membership Drive
 Sign Language
 U.D.S. Total Communications
 Concept
 Tax-Exemption
 Henry Soland Fund
 Awards
 Publications
 Pageant
 Convention Handbook
 Deaf-Blind Affairs
 Jr. LAD Affairs
 Joint LAD—LRID Home Office
 Legislative
 1992 NAD Convention

Hospitality
 LAD Logo
 Parents and Professionals
 T.V.-Media
 Consultant to President
 and Board

* *Constitutional requirement*

** *Elected by Committee*

+ *Appointed by President*

—Represented the LAD at Governor's Task Force on the Needs of Disabled Citizens on January 11 in Baton Rouge. He presented a listing of four (4) major areas of concerns: I. Accessibility; II. Services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind Citizens; III. Education and Employment; and IV. Communication Access. The Task Force assured us that the LAD would have an opportunity to review the report before it is sent to the Governor.

—Announced that Medford Magill was appointed Chairman of a Special Committee and that it would be necessary for us to go into executive session to hear his report later during this meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vice-President Max Ray reported that he is still waiting for Secretary to give him minutes from 1975 to date so he can prepare the By-Laws for printing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Mary Woods:

—Reported 1986 LAD Calendars, although there was difficulties in getting them distributed, had been mailed out. Financial report submitted showed a balance of \$416.00 in Publications Fund.

—President Joseph Benedetto was appointed Associate Editor of the *Bayou State Bulletin*. Joe contributed a lot of his experiences from when he was editor of the *Buff and Blue* at Gallaudet College. LAD fortunate to have his talents and the BSB has undergone a few changes.

—Larry Forrestal, President, NAD, has sent out a memo announcing the new Directors of the Miss Deaf American Pageant to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah this summer.

CHAIRPERSON

Max Ray*
 Delvin Fontenot*
 Delvin Fontenot*
 Jack Falcon*
 Nancy Benedetto*
 Joe Sarpy

Medford Magill
 Houston Moss
 Houston Moss*
 Delvin Fontenot
 Mary Woods*
 Maxine Sheffield
 Dan Burch
 Linda Annala
 Medford Magill
 Fr. Jerry Howell**
 Fr. Jerry Howell
 Ray S. Parks and
 Fr. Jerry Howell
 Rosie Benedetto
 Delvin Fontenot
 Dr. James Vitagliano
 Huey Barbin
 Medford Magill +

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Houston Moss presented his report:

Minimal amount authorized by Constitution/By-Laws is fifty dollars (\$50.00) without Board approval.

Balance forwarded	\$41,047.79	
Receipts	2,974.85	
		\$44,022.64
Disbursements	461.41	461.41
Balance, As of January 25, 1986		\$43,561.23

RETAINED EARNINGS

Checking Account	\$ 3,054.15	
Savings Account	37,617.17	
Legal Fund	2,214.16	
Pageant Fund	675.75	
		\$43,561.23

H. Soland, Jr. Fund	\$21,766.50
LAD, Inc.—Special Account for Projects	8,885.25

Max Ray (Mary Woods) moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Passed.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Junior Term Member—Nancy Benedetto

Still working on concept of T-Shirts, buttons, etc. for the Membership Drive Committee.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, Dr. Harvey Corson, Chairman:

—State money at 78% level will have a 22% cut.

—Hasn't heard anything about the status of LCD from the Department of Human Health Rehabilitation.

—Staff of LCD mostly from the LSD staff, especially Kenny David who has been alternating duties.

—Reviewed draft for certification of interpreters which LCD focused on during their meeting.

President Benedetto announced a recess for lunch. After lunch, a Joint LAD-LRID Board meeting was held.

LRID President Larry Barnett called the Joint Board meeting to order. Four items placed on the agenda—

- 1) The Government Relations Committee
- 2) The Joint Home Office
- 3) A Planning Calendar
- 4) Printing of a Directory of Interpreters

Fr. Jerry Howell presented a report as Chairman of the LCD Government Relations Committee. He named members of the committee. Then he reported on the January 11, 1986 Governor's Task Force meeting. Dan Burch suggested the Committee develop one checklist, using the information from the forum and the White House Conference on Disabled Persons report.

Home Office Committee representatives are: LAD (Max Ray, Medford Magill, and Mary Woods); LRID (Fr. Jerry Howell, Linda Annala, and Joseph Sarpy). Max Ray (Medford Magill) moved that Fr. Howell be Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming year. Passed.

The new *Directory of Interpreters* is to be a separate directory from the LAD's *Directory of Services*. Inquired if the directory can be published under LAD's contract with UDS. Inquiry to be considered by LAD board.

President Barnett presented a permanent calendar of meeting dates for both organizations to be considered by the LAD Board. LAD Board would take the suggestions under advisement, but could not guarantee that the suggested calendar would be accepted.

The Joint LAD-LRID Board Meeting adjourned.

The Board meeting resumed with Committee Reports.

UDS TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS CONCEPT,

Chairman Medford Magill:

—Has been working with Rose Barbin on membership list; subscription/membership now over 3-0. Mrs. Barbin now checking NAD computer printout with LAD printout to determine quota fee.

—Received notice from UDS that the LAD owes \$50.00 for bulk rate postage. Advise Treasurer to write a check.

—Suggested that LRID Directory of Interpreters be printed under the UDS contract since Harvey Katz advised that our annual UDS allotment should be used up.

LAD CONSULTANT'S REPORT, Consultant Medford Magill:

—Urged LAD to take action for the good of the deaf community. Cablevision is considering increasing rates. Should send

letter to Cablevision Director Tony Currier, with copy to newspaper, once again encouraging Cablevision to keep rates low for deaf consumers.

—Suggested that the LRID representative should be a true interpreter holding a certificate above RSC and that the LAD representative should be a deaf person.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE,

Chairman Delvin Fontenot:

—No report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE, Chairman Delvin Fontenot:

—Inquired about the system of affiliate dues.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Chairman Jack Falcon:

—No report.

TAX-EXEMPTION COMMITTEE, Chairman Houston Moss:

—Said he is working on it. Inquired into the past history of the Tax-Exemption process and its present status.

HENRY SOLAND FUND COMMITTEE,

Chairman Houston Moss:

—Max Ray (Nancy Benedetto) moved Secretary draft a resolution to the Louisiana National Bank authorizing the following committee, chaired by Houston Moss, Treasurer, to administer the fund: Robert Sheffield, Max Ray, and Medford Magill. Passed.

AWARDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Delvin Fontenot:

—Discussed purchase and awarding of trophies during the L.S.D. 1985 Homecoming Day. Max Ray (Nancy Benedetto) moved the report be referred to the Treasurer and Secretary to be worked out. Passed.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, Chairlady Mary Woods:

—Much of what has been done was mentioned under Secretary's Report.

1992 NAD CONVENTION COMMITTEE,

Co-Chairmen Fr. Jerry Howell and Ray S. Parks:

—Still working on details for bidding the 1992 Convention at the Utah Convention.

LAD LOGO COMMITTEE, Chairman Delvin Fontenot:

—Secretary reminded Board that the logo contest must be advertised in the *BSB* and only three more issues to be published before the Convention.

TV-MEDIA COMMITTEE, Chairman Huey Barbin:

—No report.

1986 CONVENTION COMMITTEE,

Chairman Delvin Fontenot:

—Announced that the Convention is being co-sponsored by I.C.D.A. #21 and N.F.S.D. #128.

—Max Ray (Houston Moss) moved that the Board and the 1986 Convention Chairman meet at a later date to work out plans for the LAD 1986 Convention. Passed.

President Benedetto announced a recess for five minutes. Meeting resumed.

1985 CONVENTION REPORT, Chairman Oliver Childress

and Committee Member Dan Burch:

—Lengthy discussion on financial report submitted.

President Benedetto announced LRID Representative to LAD Board Joseph Sarpy is present.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Delvin Fontenot moved to untable a motion made at 1984 Convention regarding the opening of a clubhouse for the deaf while the convention is being held. The motion died for lack of a second.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

86-1. Houston Moss (Delvin Fontenot) moved that all committees' financial request must go through the Ways and Means Committee to be discussed and approved before going to the Board of Directors. Mary Woods (Max Ray) amended motion to read: and a copy of approved budget be given to each Board Member thirty (30) days before the meeting. Amendment and main motion passed.

86-2. Max Ray (Houston Moss) moved that LRID's representative to the LAD Board must be a hearing person who possesses fluency in ASL and has a certificate better than an RSC. Withdrawn and referred to the LRID Board.

86-3. Houston Moss (Mary Woods) moved that all the Committee Chairpersons appointed by President Benedetto be approved by the Board. Passed.

86-4. Max Ray (Houston Moss) moved that LAD members be given the opportunity to attend all official LCD meetings and be reimbursed at 16¢ per mile. Houston Moss (Max Ray) amended motion to read: Executive Committee of

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- the LAD Board. Amendment and main motion passed.
- 86-5. Delvin Fontenot (Mary Woods) moved that LAD pay Consultant Medford Magill's travel expenses at 16¢ per mile for today's January 25th meeting. Max Ray (Joseph Sarpy) amended motion to: pay...\$25.00 flat. Amendment and main motion passed.
- 86-6. Max Ray (Houston Moss) moved that the President have the authority to contact local cable vision companies and negotiate through the mail the possibility of reduced cablevision rates for its statewide deaf subscribers. Passed.
- 86-7. Mary Woods (Delvin Fontenot) moved that LAD pay travel and room expenses for two NAD Region III delegates and to reimburse them at the rate of 16¢ per mile. Passed.
- 86-8. Mary Woods (Max Ray) moved that LAD publish the LRID Directory of Interpreters with a deadline of March 15, 1986, provided that LRID gives LAD 40 hours of free interpreting services at the LAD Convention. Passed.
- 86-9. Mary Woods (Delvin Fontenot) moved that LAD give LRID-NO and SNOAD and \$800 bonus to be divided equally between each organization. Max Ray amended motion: to

leave it up to organizations how to decide ratio of the split. Amendment and main motion passed.

The Board of Directors voted to go into Executive Session. Chairman Medford Magill of the Special Committee presented his report.

The Board re-opened the Executive meeting.

- 86-10. Max Ray (Joseph Sarpy) moved that the Board direct President Benedetto, Chairman Medford Magill, and Secretary Woods to contact an attorney for guidance on procedures to take. President Benedetto will report back to Board within one week. Passed.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

No comments were made.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Burch passed out a paper on homes for the mentally retarded. Asked Board to review and discuss at next meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Benedetto adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Woods, Secretary

Attested By:
Joseph Benedetto, President

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VII. GOOD OF ORDER

Secretary responded to inquiry of why affiliates were left off letterhead—lack of system of updating. Will put Lake Charles back on letterhead. Appreciate their support.

Robert Sheffield commended LAD for smooth procedures during business meeting.

President Benedetto handed out Certificates of Appreciation to those who were not present at Convention in June.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Robert Sheffield announced Homecoming Dance to be held at B.R.A.D.

Mary Woods announced Jr. LAD fundraising projects to earn funds to attend the Jr. NAD Convention in Washington, D.C. in June.

Dan Burch had message for LAD from LRID's President Larry Barnett—due to recent surgery could not be present.

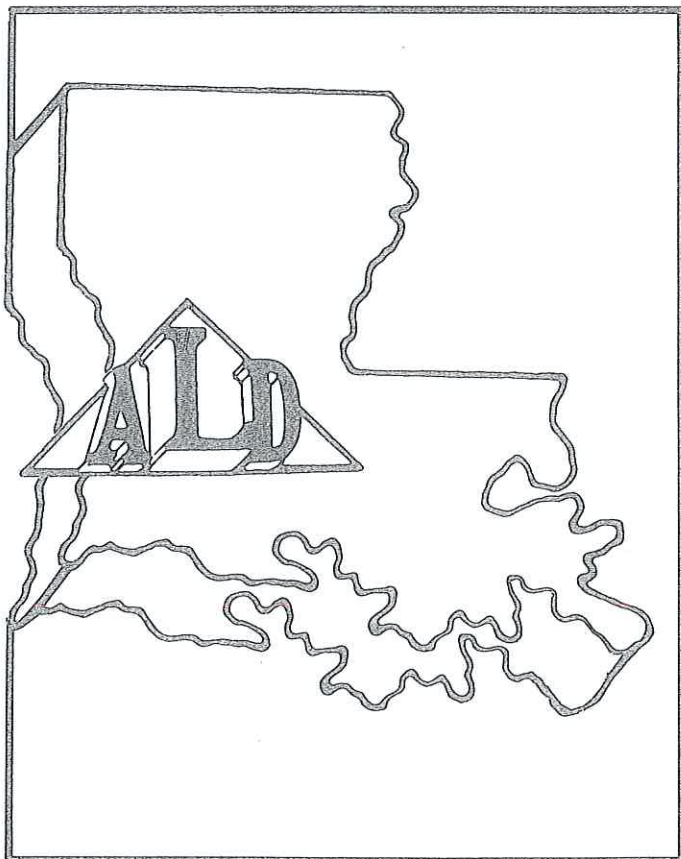
Joseph Sarpy announced New Orleans Parish School Board meeting to be held November 13th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

President Benedetto adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

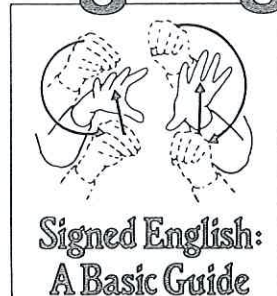
Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Woods, Secretary

Attested by:
Joseph Benedetto, President



BOOK REVIEWS

Signing



HARRY BORNSTEIN & KAREN L. SAULNIER
Illustrated by Ralph R. Miller, Sr.

Cover design for SIGNING by Harry Bornstein and Karen L. Saulnier, published by Crown Publishers, Inc., 1986.

SIGNING SIGNED ENGLISH: A BASIC GUIDE was developed and written by Harry Bornstein and Karen L. Saulnier as a beginner's course text in Signed English. It is organized into 11 categories with illustrations done by Ralph R. Miller, Sr.

For a beginning level course in Signed English, this book would be a good text. Practice drills are provided at the end of each chapter. The illustrations of signs are fairly well done, although they do not clearly show directionality and the point of contact. The vocabulary was selected from survival signs essential to daily communication.

—Reviewed by: Sue Hays, RSC

SIGN: Comprehensive Permanent Trained as Sign Language Instructor at the National Consortium of Programs for the Training of Sign Language Instructors (NCPTSLI) SL Instructor for 9 years.



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Dear Dr. Corson,

We, the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, will not be using the deaf school's facilities. We will have all the events for the convention at the Ramada Hotel (former name Prince Murat). But we would like to thank you for permitting us to have it at the deaf school, if needed. We believe it would be too much transportation involved if using the deaf school. Thanks again for your understanding and offerings.

Sincerely,

Delvin Fontenot, Gen. Chairman

CC: J. Benedetto, President

M. Ray, Vice-Pres.

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