MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
4864 Constitution Ave., Suite 2B
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
December 16, 1989

The meeting was called to order by presiding Vice President Medford Magill at 10:10 a.m. at LAD Home Office.

ROLL CALL: Medford Magill, Leo Burke, Cleve Cormier, Houston Moss, Wayne Bennett, Charles Heinen, Mike Baudoin, Richard Malcolm, Harry Hutnance, and Marcella Little.

Vice President Magill explained there was so much to discuss that he felt it was necessary to forgo exact parliamentary procedures and get on with pressing businesses. Several agreed to the idea.
Leo Burke (Charles Heinen) moved to accept Joe Benedetto's letter of resignation. Passed.

Richard Malcolm (Mike Baudoin) moved to accept Mary Ann Mowad's letter of resignation. Passed.

Leo Burke (Houston Moss) moved, as provided in the By-Laws, to recognize Magill as official President of LAD. Passed by acclamation.

Houston Moss (Charles Heinen) moved Leo Burke be promoted to Vice President. Passed by acclamation.

Mike Baudoin (Charles Heinen) moved Jack Falcon be promoted to Recording Secretary. Passed by acclamation.

Max Ray was nominated by Houston Moss (Wayne Bennett) to fill vacancy when Leo Burke moved up. He was elected by acclamation.

Richard Malcolm moved all officers ousted by former president be reinstated. Passed unaminously.

Oath of office was administer to newly elected officers by President Magill.

The board unanimously accepted as obsolete all committee appointments made in the past by the former president. Each committee will be reviewed and chairpersons selected at a later date.

Ex-President Joe Benedetto's lawyer sent a bill of roughly $4,680.00+ for legal fee according to Houston Moss. Max Ray (Jack Falcon) moved to send it back to said lawyer to give us complete itemization of the bill for our study. Point of Order: Wayne Bennett suggested LAD attorney to look at bill first. Passed.

Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) moved to hire David Hardy to be LAD attorney if he accepts. Passed.

After we get full itemization of the bill, it will be sent to David Hardy for consultation first before acting on it. Passed.

Leo Burke explained about "victim" lawyer's bill of $2,100. Charles Heinen (Cleve Cormier) moved LAD pay this bill. Max Ray (Mike Baudoin) amended to do so only after our lawyer's consultation and study. Both amendment and main motion were passed.

Houston Moss took the floor to explain various doubtful and pending bills, one at a time, as follows:

A bill for $116 paid for security during the July 1989 Convention meeting in Lafayette. Mike Baudoin explained that $91 was first agreed on, but because of overtime, it was upped to $116. Approved by the board.

Jack Falcon (Cleve Cormier) moved that this $116 is to be shared as follows: $16 by Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf and $100 by LAD as provided for in the LAD By-Laws. Carried.

The LAAD asked for refund of $300 bidding fee. The President ruled this void and null. Richard Malcolm (Max Ray) moved to send letter to LAAD explaining of conflict according to LAD By-Laws. The $300 deposit is not refundable. Passed.

Houston Moss (Max Ray) moved to pay mileage of 16 cents a mile only to those attending Shreveport meeting on October 7, 1989 -- Joe Benedetto, Cleve Cormier, and Mary Ann Mowad. The others are not to be reimbursed. Passed.

Recess from 11:22 to 11:42 a.m.

President Magill ruled that no expenses for mileage, etc. be paid to officers attending October 21 hearing because it was not a regular meeting. The word "hearing" is not provided for in By-Laws for such payment. Unanimously agreed.

Jack Falcon (Charles Heinen) moved to loan $2,000 plus interest of 10% to LAAD. Richard Malcolm (Max Ray) amended to remove interest and put collateral in the motion. Leo Burke (Harry Hutnance) amended to let President with a group of three to decide on kind of collateral with LAAD members. Both amendments and main motion were passed.

Anthony Mowad Memorial Fund needs $750 more to meet cost of memorial. LAD and Alexandria Chapter already donated $1,000 each in the past and there is $100 in a fund earmarked for this Memorial so LAD only needs to chip in $650. Max Ray (Harry Hutnance) moved to pay $750. Leo Burke (Wayne Bennett) amended to pay $650 from General Fund and $100 from this other fund. Passed unanimously.

Richard Malcolm (Max Ray) moved to send $100 to Catholic Deaf Center in memory of Mrs. Sydney Courrege. Passed.

Cleve Cormier (Charles Heinen) moved to reimburse $14 to LAAD to cover David Burch, a Jr. LAD member, for his services as page at the July Convention.

BSB co-editor Pat Scofield explained in detail the problem of printing between UDS and local business. Leo Burke (Jack Falcon) moved to continue with UDS for a year allowing us time to research for better options now that deadline with UDS is December 1991. Passed. All such business transactions must go thru President first.

Houston Moss explained $450 legal fee for Pippins' case. The case involves LRE (least restrictive environment) and the Pippins' rights to place their daughter at LSD instead of a public school. Wayne Bennett (Charles Heinen) moved to allow up to $3000 without calling another meeting for this purpose.

Max Ray (Jack Falcon) moved to close debate. Unanimously passed.

Houston Moss mentioned the need for $120 for stamps on Pippins' case. Max Ray (Jack Falcon) moved to put this item under above motion just passed ($3000) and use discretion on other minor items thereon. Passed.

Houston Moss (Mike Baudoin) moved to add $200 to LSD Annual Scholarship Fund which now has $200 making a total of $400. Passed.

Leo Burke (Harry Hutnance) moved LAD to pay 16 cents per mile to every Board member present at this special meeting as a gesture of generosity. Passed.

President requested to have proxy vote thru mail on anything and if no answer within ten (10) days, then it means approval. Unanimously approved by the board.

President asked to set up $10,000 in Operations and Maintenance Fund for Home Office. Approved.

President Magill announced to have all bingo monies turned over to LAD treasurer. Approved.

President Magill announced to buy three TDDs -- SuperCom, Super Print #400E and Minicom IV. Unopposed.

President Magill announced to buy TV set and VCR. Approved.

Those TDDs, TV set and VCR made possible thru Home Office Operation and Maintenance Fund.

Leo Burke announced rent for this office is $404 per month. Accepted unanimously.

President Magill advised the cost of combo ticket to NAD Convention will be $89 at a special price before January 6 and up after that date or $150.00 at door. Max Ray (Cleve Cormier) moved to buy two delegate tickets now. Passed.

Wayne Bennett (Leo Burke) moved to have regular board meeting held at 9 a.m January 13 here. Next one April 7 at Lafayette hosted by LAAD. Approved.

President asked for approval to pay for coffee and donuts this time. Approved by board.

Leo Burke announced Charles Martin as Bingo Chairman. Approved by board.

Elise Burke announced the LAD had five decoders left and asked for permission to buy ten more decoders, Model #4000, and allow LAD to sell some to LAD members along with some being donated to poor people. Approved.

Leo Burke moved to have one day sometime in March set aside for a special meeting solely for revision of Constitution and By-Laws and nothing else. Approved.

Leo Burke asked to continue with 3rd Annual Horse Race festival in New Orleans this Winter. Approved.