

MINUTES
Of the
40TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
June 26-28, 1997

FIRST SESSION:

President Mary Smith called the convention to order on June 27, 1997 at 9:25 a.m.

Reverend Joanne Lambert led the assembly in prayer. Della Mae Childress led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Convention Chairman James Henderson recognized interpreters for the convention: Lynne Loupe, Pattie Collins, Cam Tew, Linda Ducotey. Tactile interpreters were Debbie Burnaman, Jeff Bergeron, and Bruce Dunn. The Louisiana Commission for the Deaf donated \$1,000.00 for interpreting services provided by Mrs. Tew and Mrs. Ducotey. The Louisiana School for the Deaf donated the interpreting services of Mrs. Loupe and Mrs. Collins in return for the services/donation provided by the LAD.

Ron Delvisco was appointed Pro-Tem secretary since Secretary Lisa Blakeney was unable to attend the convention.

Present: President Mary Smith, Vice President Medford Magill, Treasurer Wendy Edwards, James Henderson, Lenora Heinen, Oliver Childress, LAAD Representative Melvin Royer, and AAD Representative Roland Brossett.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Smith.

Minutes of the 1995 LAD convention were not passed out because these were printed in the *Bayou State Bulletin*. If a member needed a copy, she would go to Kinko's and make copies.

The Deaf Children's Invitational Golf Tournament fund has raised over \$20,000 plus dollars and earmarked specifically for the needs of deaf children.

Bingo Project has been very successful. Recently Chairman Ron Delvisco initiated coupons for free books at the next session and from this an increase in attendance has happened.

As President, she serves on the boards/commissions/committees:

Early Identification of Hearing Impaired Infants advisory council

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf (LCD). The Executive Committee includes Bill Prickett (Chair), President Smith (Vice Chair) Medford Magill, Lynne Loupe, and June Street. The LCD is to be commended because the commission approved \$1,000.00 to pay for the convention interpreters. The LCD law (ACT 660) will be amended to reduce the number of positions required on the Interpreter Certification Board (ICB). Jeff Bergeron holds a Certified Deaf Interpreter-Provisional certificate and represents LAD on the ICB. Hopefully, sometime next year the LCD can begin certifying deaf interpreters.

Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) program. The EIPA advisory committee is a committee set up by the State Department of Education with parish representatives, educational interpreters, and representatives from the LCD and LAD to consider the merits of the EIPA and possible implementation of the EIPA as a tool to assess educational interpreters.

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GB Alexander who used to work with the LAD is present. Also Carl Brinnistool, NAD Region III representative, will join us on Friday. Ben Soukup is planning a bus trip around the country and President Smith hopes he includes Louisiana on his tour. The intent of the spotlight the NAD will end up in Austin for the NAD Convention.

The LAD Home Office on Constitution Avenue had to be vacated by December 1995. We moved to and eventually purchased the Home Office at 3112 Valley Creek Drive in February. The four units were brought for \$336,000.00 and three of the four units are currently leased. The members were encouraged to listen to the Treasurer's report and either support the board's decision for a straight loan or recommend a pay off of the loan.

Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant committee sent five people to the Miss Deaf America pageant. The money for the trip came from the Pageant Fund. Fundraising was very good. The board, at the recommendation of the President, approved sending five people to gain more experience and help the LAD grow.

Mrs. Connie Tullos once again did an excellent job as pageant director. Miss Deaf Louisiana Glennis Broussard came in the top ten and won first place in the Evening Gown Preliminary for her group. In August 1996, Mrs. Tullos was replaced with Ms. Bambi St. Romain. Both of them have done a super job for the LAD.

LAD has worked very close with LSD. Ron Delvisco, Medford Magill, and Edward Wood lobbied Senators to get more funds for LSD. The budget for LSD was underfunded. The additional money which was needed by LSD to continue current level of operation was cut in half. Although this meant some programs might not be fully funded, LSD officials decided they could live with the 1997-98 funds approved by the Legislators.

LAD donated to many organizations or good causes this year. The board has the responsibility of serving the people of Louisiana. Each donation was considered very carefully.

Minutes of May 17, 1997 are not done, but should be done after the convention. Due to our Secretary's absentee, Vice President Medford Magill and I assumed the responsibilities of completing the minutes.

The Bingo Chair receives letters from deaf organizations, such as BRDBA, LADBC and the pageant committee, asking permission to conduct bingo sessions and earned money. We are proud the LAD can be generous and do this.

LAD donated to the first Family Living Vacation (FLV) at the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Designed to provide information and experiences on deafness involving families, deaf adults, and professionals, the first FLV was a huge success.

Announced she will not be a candidate for re-election. Family commitments are priorities but will be willing to help LAD in any way as possible. Her family will come first. During four years 100% of time was donated to the LAD.

Recommend the LAD consider expanding its board by inviting professionals such as attorneys, doctors, businessmen to serve on the board. LAD benefits from their experiences.

Recommend members share with future boards members what they want for the LAD.

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Stated the present administration has left a legacy and hope the LAD Board and members can continue the work of the present administration as well as offer programs and services to the members it serve.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Medford Magill.

It is unbelievable that I am standing here before you, Board Members, LAD members, friends and visitors at this 40th Biennial Convention once again. It seems to be a habit to find myself standing before you at this podium at every LAD Convention for the last 31 years. Please no more wrist twisting because I have a soft heart and I do not know how to say no.

Anyway I appreciate this opportunity which you have given confidence in my ability to serve as LAD's leader from the beginning, back in 1966, on various official and subject areas for the betterment of living and rights of our deaf citizens in all communities over the entire state of Louisiana.

The most accomplishment that LAD has dreamed for, own Home Office, has finally come true as of February 23, 1997. As you can see the two framed pictures of our Home Office on display some where out there or in the Hall, what elegance they are and how proud we are!

Remember the success of finally owning this nice Home Office is made possible by the funds generated from the Bingo Sessions, dedicated Bingo Volunteers and by every one of your efforts and strong support. Thank you for your dedicated ethereal support. Your continuous support is needed to keep the Home Office there and to be in operation for years to come.

We, the Executive Board, and the Board members have put in much of our dedicated time, efforts to be certain that we, the deaf receive and are treated to equal access to interpreting, to education, to political activities and to every existing thing in ours daily living in the state of Louisiana, United States or any place in the World.

I have worked with, share opinions, altercation, agreements and observed the activities of your President Mary Smith. I could not believe how she survives these but I have high respect for her bravery, her challenge, and the way she manages the President's position and office. She has gone beyond her capacity for LAD to make it more recognized by city and state agencies and officials.

New revised Constitution and By-Laws books were supposed to be printed this year. I made a difficult determination to put on hold printing new books. I have about ten (10) new revised ones for the officers and to be given to anyone who really wish for one. They are not printed to be placed just on the shelves to collect dust or to make the shelves look good. Cost to print nowadays are orbital. Whenever you or anyone really need one, simply ask for one from the Home Office and one will be sent to you or to anyone upon request.

RATIONALE:

1. Over 200 old 1992 revised books are still available.
2. In reality not much were added on or amended to the old one.
3. Now LAD owns its Home Office and not much in present book states how the Home Office is to be operated.
4. By whom?
5. An Executive Director and a Secretary. How will they be hired?

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6. What qualifications? Deaf? Hearing? Fluent in ASL?
7. Hours a Day, 5 days a week?
8. Salary?
9. Etc.

You will see many of the above items in the book. If you do not agree with me on holding up the revising of the Constitution and By-Laws, my apologies.

For new business, a limited number of forms are available from Melvin Royer for making new motions, amendments. Take a sheet if you are sure to use it.

I am serving you at my pleasure in other capacities than being LAD Vice President. I am serving Relay Administration Board (RAB) since 1991. RAB, under the wing of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, is composed of five (5) members. Bill Prickett and I are the ones participating to represent the deaf.

RAB are members of the board who oversees and supervise the telephone company who operate our state relay system. MCI runs our state relay system. RAB members are like "watch dogs" who watch MCI to be certain that they follow our Request for Proposal (RFP) in providing our telephone service and determines if they are charging us properly before we pay MCI their monthly bill.

Another responsibility I have is to serve on the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf as an appointee by the Governor.

LAD has grown so large in the past twenty (20) years and is still growing. The Growth of this Association depends on good elected Board Members and Officers but most of all the success to the Growth of this Association is contributed by you members who carry out what we aim for and accomplished, what we have done, what we intend to do, and keep on right course to accomplish our dreams and goals. Do not sit there and imagine that someone else will do it for you. Strange isn't it! We keep pointing to old people doing business or taking over for us without thinking twice on who you are pointing at you will be in the same category. Can't you point to yourself!

I do not plan to stand here and give you a preaching because I am very concerned on what kind of course or life we are leaning to with this kind of living, going into the 21st century. I guess my fingers and arm joints are starting to squeak, telling me that they are working too much

So I better close my report unless you have some questions to ask. Thank you for your past support and wish you all will enjoy this convention. Let's have some kind of fun wherever we can find the time.

Thank You.

President Smith announced a letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Gus White. They wanted to come, but are unable to come. They send their love and best wishes to the convention.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa Blakeney (absent).

Cleve Cormier/Dan Arabie moved the 1995 LAD convention minutes be accepted as printed in the *Bayou State Bulletin*. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wendy Edwards. (Attachment A)

As of June 1997, the LAD accounts are as follows:

Money Market Hibernia.....	\$ 93,416.32
Operating account.....	8,452.25
Bank One Pageant Savings.....	728.63
Real Estate Account	6,051.45
Merrill Lynch Investment Account	458,710.00
Bank One Payroll.....	1,888.46
Bank One Bingo Account.....	29,116.54
Savings Account.....	34,967.64
	\$633,331.29

Treasurer Edwards also reported on the motion passed at the 1995 Convention which mandated the Louisiana Deaf Symposium fund be separated from the LAD accounts with its own ID number. Larry Latuso, the LAD's CPA, advised not to do this because the fund in the account was too small to justify the paperwork.

Robert Southwell pointed out that the by-laws said we should have the auditors audit the treasurer's report before the convention. Question was why this was not done. President Smith accepts criticism. Mr. Southwell also asks why the 1995 convention program book did not show the end of the 1995 treasurer's report?

Robert Southwell/Robert Bevill moved that based on by-laws of the LAD, approval on the Treasurer's report for 1995 and 1996 be deferred and that the audit be carried out, and that the new LAD Executive Board approve the final audit for the membership. Passed.

President Smith reported LAD's CPA does an "auditing" for our income taxes.

SENIOR BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT: Oliver Childress.

Participated with Vice President Magill, Kenneth Broussard, Earl Wilson, Della Mae and two other people at the Wal-Mart store donation of \$2,000.00 to the LAD from the Deaf Children's Invitational Golf Tournament held in Covington.

Very pleased he voted for LAD to purchase the buildings to be used as Home Office and to collect rental from other buildings. A first for LAD to own its own buildings. Hope someday LAD is able to hire Executive Director to operate the Home Office for the betterment of the deaf and hard of hearing in Louisiana.

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Thanks the LAD for the extra effort to have the Bayou State Bulletin printed in braille for the benefit of the deaf-blind. Stated his wife really enjoyed reading the braille version of the Bayou State Bulletin. Thank Bambi St. Romain, the editor, for making it possible.

Announced this is his last term of a six year term. Expressed his thanks to the members who voted him to the Board six years ago. Is not running for any office as he wants younger officers to run this great Association to keep LAD strong.

Thank you.

MIDDLE BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT: James Henderson.

No report.

JUNIOR BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT: Lenora Heinen.

Appreciated opportunity to serve as a board member. Experiences have been rich. Four more years to go.

Recess for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:52 P.M.

SECOND SESSION:

LAFAYETTE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE' REPORT: Melvin Royer.

Thanks the Bayou State Bulletin editor too for a job well done.

LAAD has bingo on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Encouraged everyone to stop by and play bingo with LAD. In the process of purchasing a bingo office, 895 square feet.

On July 12, 1997 softball tournament at the LAAD.

Praised the officers for the last two years for doing their best.

SWAAD softball tournament in 2000 at Lafayette. Hopefully in Pelican Park. Alternative site is Moore Park.

NSAD 2001 at New Orleans.

Proudly showed off the plans for the new clubhouse. Committee members were Cleve Cormier, Melvin Royer, Dan Arabie, and Mike Baudoin. Estimated cost is \$380,000.

ALEXANDRIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Roland Brossett.

No report.

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LOUISIANA REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Lynne Loupe.

Jackie Desjardins is unable to attend the convention. Deaf panels have been involved at the LRIDs's convention. About 7 or 8 deaf individuals have participated.

LRID, though its President Lynne Loupe, is providing interpreting service for the LAD convention and pageant.

September 18-20 is the dates for the LRID convention in Gretna.

President Smith recognized Superintendent Bill Prickett of the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Superintendent Prickett expressed his appreciation for the LAD's assistance with LSD budget. Louisiana's House of Representative through Yvonne Dorsey amended the budget to \$113,000. About 25 deaf people showed up en masse at the state capitol and asked senators to add the underfunded portion to the budget. The senators amended and added \$200,000. Another \$147,000 was added for the equipment.

The Louisiana Commission for the Deaf's Executive Director Jan Faulkner was recognized. She described LCD's current activities involving TDD program, 911 project, court interpreters, notifying HMO's of a bill passed by legislators to provide for medical interpreters, and new bill passed by Senator Landry requiring motels and hotels to have visual alert alarms. Discussed briefly ADA requirements on interpreters and hospitals. Advise contact Office of Civil Rights if deaf people felt their rights are violated. Lynne Loupe is on Interpreter Certification Board (ICB) and ICB will recommend certified deaf interpreters. ICB will sponsor meetings in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Alexandria.

NECROLOGY CHAIR: Anna Gremillion.

Chairlady Gremillion presented a list of members who passed away between 1995 and June 26 1 997.

Dorothy Hodge
Herman Ernest Fenger, Jr.
Beulah Austin Jubb
Peggy Ana Bond Eldrige
Marie LeBlanc Trahan
Saie St. Pe Landry
Sara Sellers Champagne
Jerry Johnson
Bree Gomez Hull
Paul LeBleu
Theodore Cafiero
Ida Yvonne Henderson
Ann Stoyko Fulford
Ethel Vicknair Fisher
Harold Hanson
Sanette Menard Broussard

Inez Hebert Broussard
Waverly A. Richoux
Terry Haney
Jean Aura (John) Landry
Gerard Chatelain
Elwood Hebert
Anthony J. Barlotta
Myrtle Rousseau Nuccio
Theodore Marciante
Charles Brownell
Woodrow Tong
Theodore J. Fenger, Sr.
Margaret Dupre Vanderbrook
Murl Collins French
Pierre Aguillard

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mary Smith/Debbie Bumaman moved to accept the CPA's recommendation to keep the fund as part of the LAD's account. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

97:01: Dan Arabie/Golden LeMaster moved LAD Deaf member must be a member of local deaf club to help Club be Chapter of LAD. Referred to Law Committee.

97:02: Dan Arabie/Cleve Cormier moved to give present officers another term without election. Referred to Law Committee.

97:03: Max Ray/Lenora Heinen moved to create a new position as Executive Secretary at the LAD Home Office along with a forty (40) hour working schedule (decided by the LAD Board of Directors), wages to be negotiated effective of September 1, 1997. Passed.

97:04: Bruce Dunn/Lenora Heinen moved the need to get all representatives for the LAD from each chapter in Louisiana, no matter how many they require the number of membership to be representative for the Executive Board meeting can be at least 15 membership. Referred to Law Committee.

97:05: Cleve Cormier/Melvin Royer moved by-laws books be 8 ½ x 11 books, be stapled and available for interested members who request for a copy from the Home Office and Home Office will mail by-laws to member. Referred to Law Committee.

97:06: Melvin Royer/Cleve Cormier moved the Executive Officers to study to reduce the convention session in the future. Referred to the Law Committee.

97:07: Cleve Cormier/Ron Delvisco moved the LAD reduce from 60% to 25% the requirement for chapters. Della Mae Childress/Roland Brossett amended 25% to 50%. Amendment failed. Main motion referred to Law Committee.

97:08: Melvin Royer/Lenora Heinen moved LAD must have workshops/sympo during even year. Referred to Law Committee.

THIRD SESSION:

President Smith called the Third Session to order at 9:25 p.m. on Saturday morning, June 28, 1997. Vice President Magill assumed the duties of President while President Smith assumed the duties as secretary. Max Ray was appointed acting chair of the Law Committee.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT: Max Ray, Acting Chair.

97:01: Dan Arabie/Golden LeMaster moved LAD Deaf member be a member of local deaf club to help Club be Chapter of LAD. The Law Committee recommended motion be rejected based on that it violates individual's rights. Referred back to the Law Committee.

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97:02: Dan Arabie/Cleve Cormier moved to give present officers another term without election. Recommendation of the Law Committee accepted to reject motion since the by-laws provide for election of officers.

97:04: Bruce Dunn/Lenora Heinen moved the need to get all representatives for the LAD from each chapter in Louisiana, no matter how many they require the number of membership to be representative for the Executive Board meeting can be at least 15 membership. Recommendation of Law Committee to reject the motion because this is covered in the by-laws under Chapter Requirement was accepted.

97:05: Cleve Cormier/Melvin Royer moved by-laws books be 8 ½ by 11 books, stapled and that interested members who want copy request copy from the Home Office and Home Office will mail by-laws to member. Law Committee recommended the motion be accepted. Recommendation of the Law Committee accepted.

97:06: Melvin Royer/Cleve Cormier moved the Executive Officers to study to reduce the convention session in the future. Referred to the Law Committee. Law Committee recommended motion be rejected and to leave determination on number of sessions to officers and Board members. Passed.

97:07: Cleve Cormier/Ron Delvisco moved the LAD reduce from 60% to 25% the requirement for chapters. Della Mae Childress/Roland Brossett amended 25% to 50%. Amendment failed. Main motion referred to Law Committee. Law Committee reported the present by-law is unfair to large organizations. It was easy to meet the 15 member requirement but hard to meet 60% of club members who were also members of the LAD. Motion passed.

President Smith introduced NAD Region III Representative Carl Brinnistool. He announced the NAD Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel in San Antonio, TX close to the San Antonio Convention Center during the July 4th weekend in 1998.

97:08: Melvin Royer/Lenora Heinen moved LAD must have workshops/sympo during even year. Referred to Law Committee. Law Committee recommended wording be improved. Max Ray/Oliver Childress amended to strike out "workshop." Main motion as amended passed.

97:09: Nick LeFors/Robert Southwell moved LAD pay the Pageant Committee for their travel, lodging and combo ticket. Acting Chair Ray ruled the motion out of order.

97:10: Robert Bevill/Nick LeFors moved LAD ask LCD to co-write a letter to the House Speaker to have televised legislative floor proceedings real-time captioning statewide for the benefit of the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Melvin Royer/Robert Southwell amended and to the President of the Senate Motion as amended passed.

97:11: Mary Smith/Oliver Childress moved LAD and LCD co-write letters to all television and cable TV systems to be in compliance with the FCC regulations which requires closed captioning of broadcasts for emergencies, e.g. hurricanes, chemical leaks. Bob Bevill/Lenora Heinen amended the 1976 FCC ruling. Motion as amended passed.

97:12: Mary Smith/Bob Bevill moved LAD goes on record supporting the Advanced Level of the Sign Communication Performance Interview (SCPI) on Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment. Passed.

Recess for lunch; meeting resumed at 1:14 p.m.

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97:13: Max Ray/Melvin Royer moved to instruct the LAD secretary to make copies of the previous LAD Convention minutes and post on wall of the meeting room at future convention during the first business session and that this include a braille version of the convention minutes. Passed.

97:14: Melvin Royer/Cleve Cormier moved to strike out voting from last sentence of Article 1: Membership; Section 2. Associate members effective June 29, 1997. Passed.

97:15: Cleve Cormier/Melvin Royer moved the LAD buy a multi-media equipment for workshops and future LAD business. Melvin Royer/Debbie Bumaman amended motion be referred to the Ways and Means Committee for further studies on the feasibility of the concept and reported at the next convention. Motion as amended passed.

97:16: Max Ray/James Henderson moved the LAD prioritize a list of action and expectations for the LAD board to act for the next two years. Tabled.

97:17: George T. Joffrion/Cecilia St. Romain moved to remove the Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant. Failed.

97:18: Mary Smith/James Henderson moved the LAD co-host 2nd Deaf Sympo with LRID and LCD on interpreting and that Deaf Sympo Fund be used as seed money. Passed.

97:19: Ron Delvisco/Medford Magill moved Chapters or Affiliates of Louisiana Association of the Deaf shall have no binding with the L.A.D. in any form. Passed.

97:20: Charles E. Core/Cleve Cormier moved that LAD bid for NAD Convention 2004 in New Orleans. Passed.

97:21: Lenora Heinen/Bobbie LeFors moved LAD Board decide how many delegates to send to the NAD convention from now on. Failed.

97:22: Dan Arabia/Cleve Cormier moved to waive by 2/3 vote to kill the Constitution for no pay for LAD four officers. Referred to Law Committee.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Robert Bevill, Chair.

Before beginning his report, Chair explained two words:

Whereas means "Udo" in American Sign Language (ASL). Therefore Be It Resolved means "Applaud" in ASL. Each resolution voted on one by one.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee of the Board of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, with James Henderson appointed Convention Chairman, has done a superb task making the Convention a huge success;

WHEREAS, the Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant Planning Committee has done the task exceptionally well in meeting the guidelines of the Pageant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that convention members give them sincere appreciation. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the officers of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf and some members of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf have shown a great deal of interest in the welfare of the Deaf Community and have assisted the Louisiana School for the Deaf through legislative contacts in restoring the fund to the Louisiana School for the Deaf;

WHEREAS, the officers of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf have worked exceptionally well under difficult conditions in meeting the immediate and future needs of the Deaf Community;

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, with full approval of the membership, has successfully purchased an office building for our Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we give our big applause to officers and members of the LAD for meeting the Deaf Community needs and also applaud the sincere efforts of the Executive Board for making our dream come true. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO.3

WHEREAS, Bambi St. Romain, editor of the *Bayou State Bulletin*, has made our state association newsletter professional-looking appreciably;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that convention members show our sincere appreciation to her for making our association newsletter a tremendous success. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, sign language, oral, and tactile interpreters, as well as cued speech transliterators, have assisted the Deaf Community in the area of interpreter and transliterator services in the world of communication;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deaf Community sincerely show appreciation to them for their willingness to help bridge the gap between the non-functional hearing and the functional hearing. Passed.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the 1997 State Legislature has tremendously supported legislative bills affecting the deaf and deafness in meeting the needs of the Deaf Community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we show our warmest gratitude to our state legislators for supporting our welfare. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO.6

WHEREAS, Dr. Ed Corbett, Henry Brinkmann, Robert Mather, and Bill Carwille, have made themselves available for providing their fine workshops to the Convention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LAD Executive Board send a letter of appreciation to those presenters. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, Ronnie Delvisco has continued performing his task very successfully in managing bingo sessions and keeping it within the Metro Bingo Enforcing Division ordinance on behalf of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf;

WHEREAS, Delvisco has successfully kept the LAD in the black;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we show our appreciation of Ronnie Delvisco for his sincere efforts to keep the LAD financially going on to meet the needs of the Deaf Community. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, Annie Gremillion, chair of the Necrology Committee, has been keeping tabs on our departed friends;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the LAD send a letter of appreciation to her. Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, Connie Tullos directed the Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant for three terms;

WHEREAS, during each term, Miss Deaf Louisiana has placed in the top ten at the Miss Deaf America Pageant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the LAD send a letter of appreciation to her. Passed.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Effie Miller moved Ronald Delvisco be elected President by acclamation. Passed. Pro-tem secretary Mary Smith cast the ballot for Ronald Delvisco as President.

Melvin Royer moved Wendy Edwards be elected Vice President by acclamation. Passed. Pro-tem secretary Mary Smith cast the ballot for Wendy Edwards as Vice President.

Medford Magill moved Robert Bevill be elected Secretary by acclamation. Passed. Pro-tem secretary Mary Smith cast the ballot for Robert Bevill as Secretary.

Treasurer: Dan Arabie.

Junior Board Member: Melvin Royer.

Middle Board Member: Lenora Heinen (formerly Junior Board Member).

Senior Board Member: Henry Brinkmann.

Anna Gremillion administered Oath of Office to the new board.

BIDDING FOR 1999 LAD CONVENTION:

Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf was the sole bidder for the 1999 LAD Convention. Bid was accepted. Max Ray recommended that LAAD be given thirty (30) days to send bid letter and deposit.

GOOD OF ORDER:

Anna Gremillion remarked this was one of the best LAD convention she had ever attended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LRID Convention coming up September 1997.

ICB meeting in Baton Rouge August 1997.

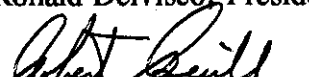
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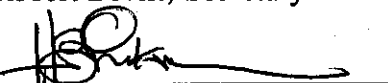
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Ronald Delvisco, Medford Magill Mary L. Smith

Ronald Delvisco, President	Wendy Edwards, Vice President
Robert Bevill, Secretary	Dan Arabie, Treasurer
Board Members:	
Melvin Royer, Junior Board Member	Lenora Heinen, Middle Board Member
Henry Brinkmann, Senior Board Member	

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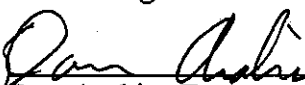

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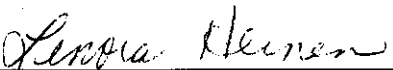

Robert Bevill, Secretary


Henry Brinkmann, Senior Board


Melvin Royer, Junior Board


Wendy Edwards, Vice-President


Dan Arabie, Treasurer


Lenora Heinen, Junior Board

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