Louisiana Association of the Deaf
3112 Valley Creek Drive, Suite C
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Board of Directors
August 28, 1999
Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf Great Hall

Meeting: President called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Open Prayer: Our LAD member, Bobbie Lefors led a prayer to everyone at the BRAD Great Hall

Pledge: Our LAD member, Pauline Woods led the pledge of the allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Roll Call:

Medford Magill, President
Tim Kuyrkendall, Vice-President
Sharon Marquez, Secretary
Richard Fraychineaud, Treasurer
Lenora Heinen, Sr. Board
Melvin Royer, Middle Board
Lonnelle Crosby, Jr. Board

Leo Burke, BRAD Chapter
Robert Southwell, AAD Chapter
Calvin Royer, LAAD Chapter
Denise Crochet, LRID Chapter

Staff:

Ron Delvisco, Executive Director
Kathy Stewart, Executive Secretary

Comments from the Public:

The Pippin Children gave their Thanks to LAD for sponsored them to the Aspen Camp for the Deaf in Colorado. They each gave their adventure stories of their enjoyable stay and would like to return again.

Priscilla Burch, director of the Sign Language International Services gave an overview comment on the interpreter contract with LAD.

Comments from the Board: None

Approval of the Minutes: Vice-President Kuyrkendall moved to suspend the June 3, 1999 Board minutes until all the minutes of the LAD Conference are present for a full approval. Seconded by Leo Burke. Amended by Calvin Royer to make sure that Chapter's names to be include as signature on the minutes.

Melvin Royer moved to donate $500.00 to St. Gerard Camp from the Deaf Children fund as its long overdue. Seconded by Lenora Heinen. Approved.

Secretary Marquez gave the July 10, 1999 minutes with minor corrections. Seconded by Melvin Royer. Approved.

Approval of the Treasurer Report: Treasurer Richard Fraychineaud stated at this time, he has not been able to make a report since Nothing has been turn over to him from the outgoing Treasurer with his finalize report.
Executive Director was able to give a current approximate update balance on the LAD assets accounts.

UDS	$1,728		
Merrill Lynch	$571,000		
AG Edwards	$34,000		
Real Estate	$2,816.11	Total:	$629,544.11
Deaf Children Fund	$10,000		
Bingo	$10,000 w/ cash on hand		

President Report: **No Attachment Given**

Vice-President Report: **Attachment**
A letter of resignation was given to Vice-President Kuyrkendall from President Magill. Leo Burke moved to accept the President's Resignation. Seconded by Lenora Heinen. Opposed by Lonnelle Crosby to have the Board to reconsider Mr. Magill's resignation. Board approved. Lonnelle Crosby moved to send a letter of reconsideration to Mr. Magill and respond within 14 days. Seconded by Melvin Royer. Approved.

Secretary Report: Secretary Marquez was delighted to receive LAD stationary but does not have a key to the office and concerned of the other issues of not getting to in relating to secretarial duties. Expressed of memos from e-mail that was received in the past weeks was nothing down to business but garbage of verbal attacks and would like to put a halt to it. We are a new Board and just need to mend the differences, clean up and move on with a full cooperation for LAD in the coming days to a new era.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Richard Fraychineaud selected his auditors and they are Ann Walker, Cindy Federick and Larry Hebert. He moved that we accept them as auditors. Seconded by Calvin Royer. Approved.

Senior Board Member: Lenora Heinen moved to eliminate the carpool traveling mileage for the Board travel expense. This will be referring to the By-law committee for review.

Middle Board Member: Melvin Royer only concern was the rationale that was never approve to sponsor two children, Lacee Richard and Olivia Malcom to camp. I would like the Board to reconsider this rationale to reimburse with the funds of the Deaf Children Fund to their parents.

Junior Board Member: Lonnelle Crosby stated he felt betray of this turmoil that occurred today with the resignation of our President. He hopes its not the Board's intention to spend the next two years bickering about who has the power to do what. If anyone is confused about his/her duties, then he/she can refer to the By-laws. It's here for a purpose. Now, if anyone on this Board feels that they are immune to the By-laws, then that person should be removed from his/her position. It doesn't matter what or how things were done in the past because the past is just that. We need to move on and do what we were elected to do. I will not waste two years on this Board with petty arguments, or will I sit on this Board and do nothing but pass insults or "get back" at someone for something that happened in the past. That is CHILDISH! Egos, and personal vendettas has no place in the LAD or at its Board meetings. We can't go changing the President's duties in "mid-stream just because he/she or a supporter feels it needs to be done. Everyone has ample opportunities to do that at the recent Convention. If changes in anyone's duties need to changed, then such proposal should be brought to the Vice-President's attention and he in turn can propose such amendment to the By-laws and have it prepared for approval at our next Convention. If the By-laws doesn't state or imply what the President can or can't do, then we know that something needs to be done. But to act upon our own without the full membership's input would lead to CHAOS!

One last thing, I am making a LAD Journal. This journal will be on display at each convention from now on to let our members know the kind of things that goes on at our Board Meetings and how decisions are made. The good and the bad will be included because I don't want ANY member to be misled about the happenings of the Board. It's up to US to get together or face embarrassment to the General Membership.

Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf:

Leo Burke attended the BRAD meeting last August 30' 1999. A motion was approved by the BRAD members to let LAD Board members know that they want LAD Board to pay $150.00 for the cost of renting their hall for the Board meeting. Therefore, I would like for LAD to pay $150.00 to any host organization when a Board meeting is held at their hall.

Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf:
Calvin Royer gave a list of special events that will be held such, as October 30' 1999 will host a dance, Super Bingo on November 6' 1999 and a New Year Eve Gala on December 31, 1999.

Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: **No report**

Alexandria Association of the Deaf: **No report**

Other Reports:

A. Louisiana commission for the Deaf Board Representative: Leo Burke
I attended the LCD meeting on August 14, 1999. From the bottom of my heart, I thanked former President Magill for appointing me as the LAD designee to attend the LCD meetings.
I was given a blue binder of past issues and meetings of the LCD and it was rather awkward for me to pay full attention to the meeting and look over the binder at the same time. I must say that the meeting was very interesting. We have Mary Smith, as Chair of LCD and 8 other deaf and hard of hearing members on the Board. Its about time for them to speak out and focus on Deaf community issues more than interpreting business. The board members were very nice and helpful too. I very much like this rapport. Mary Smith (Burke) moved to request for $30,000 from the Legislature to develop workshops for the deaf employees and unemployed deaf people. Senator Landry will assist with LCD. Also, this will apply to developing a workshop to identify early deafness in babies. RAB Executive Director, Merilyn Crain thanked me and my committee for doing a good job on the LA Relay Service Survey. She had a meeting with Tommie Patterson, Charles Martin and myself some months ago and it went out very good. She will be contacting me later to work things out.
Looking forward to attend the next LCD meeting on November 6, 1999. I am sure that I will be knowledgeable at the next meeting after I review the big blue binder. Once again, I thanked former President Magill for appointed me as a LAD designee on the LCD Board.

B. Telephone Access Program Board Representative: Max Ray

Not available

Committee Reports:

A. Charitable Gaming – Chairperson B. Delvisco:

Bambi Delvisco gave a Charitable Gaming Quarterly report of the 2nd calendar of the year. The ending profit shows at an amount of $1,190.00. Also a list of income and expense as a projected budget for 1999. The projected income comes to a total of $418,000 and the projected expenses at $337,750.00. The 1999 Bingo Projected Profit at $80,250.00 and with 1999 Charity to LAD comes to $65,000 with a 1999 Projected net profit at $15,250.00.

A formal announcement was made by Bambi Delvisco to resign as a Bingo Chair effectively today. The Board will have to decide who will take over the Bingo Management at this short notice. She expressed feelings of unhappiness with the people going against her and her family and no help from the Board to assist with Bingo duties. Therefore its best that she steps down so she can take her family as her first priority.

Executive Session was called by Acting President Kuyrkendall

Acting President Kuyrkendall will manage the Bingo this evening and other days until an appointment is made for the new person to take over the Bingo Management. Leo Burke accepted to assist with Bingo, as other Board members are unable to assist at this short notice. However, a group of interested members offered assistance. It came to resolve the problem in a short time. Acting President Kuyrkendall was very happy with the turn out of the support and appreciates it very much at this time of turmoil.

B. Auditing- Auditor Moss:

The purpose of the Special Audit team is to audit the treasury books on ALL accounts of LAD from 1995 to 1999 due to the fact that since the past 2 terms, the audit had not been performed accordingly to the By-laws. The LAD members at both conferences did not approve the treasury reports from 95-97 and 98-99. Since the Board approved for an audit and appointed me to become the chairperson, all across town and other cities within the state of LA, some people are making loud noises to STOP the audit. I am asking that you members of LAD to please respect the Board's decision to leave the team and me alone to proceed with the audit. I reminded you that the CPA only does the audit for income taxes, which does not apply to the treasurer's monthly report and breakdown of incoming revenues, expenses or transactions.

I am very disappointed with the actions and results of the audit due to the staff at LAD office had from July 13, 1999 to August 27, 1999 to retrieve the materials I had requested with the former President's OK, but they have not cooperated or followed up at doing it.

Charles Martin was called up to prove his membership of LAD, which he was claimed repeatedly to be DISQualified to be on the audit team. Mr. Martin gave out and showed the Board the 2 copies of his proof of memberships. The Bayou State Bulletin of August 1998 listed his name as a renewed member.

Per my request due to time being wasted at conducting the audit, I asked the board to accept my request for the office staff to retrieve all materials in 10 working days.

Informed members of the memos I received from the Ex. Director about being unable to retrieve the materials I asked for. He stated that the disks being unreadable, the program being in an older version computer that crashed were the reasons. This would not be a problem if originals were filed at the office all these years. Therefore all paperwork, reports, printouts or any other records as properties of LAD which are required to be filed at the office accordingly to the By-laws have not been followed. Also they destroyed all the necessary paperwork excluding bank statements and canceled checks after the State Police Charitable Gaming Division claimed the audit to be satisfactory.

C. Law – Chairperson Kuyrkendall:
A special meeting will occur soon to review the By-laws.

Executive Staff Report: **Not Available**

Ratifications: **(Accepted)**
Hunt's Florist - $75.00 Suite A repairs - $74.95
Suite E repairs - $326.00 Office Max - $303.84
S.L.S.I. Interpreters - $600.00 Neopost- $200.00

New Business:

99-08 MSP Remove frozen funds for expenses and to be conservative on spending with good judgement

99-09 MSP The Charitable Gaming Quarterly Report for the 2nd Calendar year

99-10 MSP Executive Director to a Grantsmanship II Seminar on October 27, 1999

99-11 MSP Select 2 or 3 Board members to the NAD Region 3 Conference on November 12-14, 1999

99-12 MSP Executive Director to the LRA/LRS Training Conference on September 22-24, 1999

99-13 MSP Deaf Woman of Baton Rouge as a Chapter of LAD

99-14 MSP LAD to pay $150.00 to rent BRAD Great Hall and other Organization hall for hosting LAD Board meeting site

99-15 MSR To eliminate carpool mileage for Board member travels Referred to the Law Committee for further review

99-16 MSP Direct the Home Office to issue all of Treasury books on all accounts of LAD from 1995 to 1999 to the Audit committee within 10 days from August 28, 1999.

Announcements:

The next meeting destination will be at the Greater New Orleans Association of the Deaf Hall in Kenner, Louisiana
On Saturday, October 2, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

A good word of order came forth by member, Pauline Wood. Pauline applauded Acting Tim Kuyrkendall for taking the role as an Acting President at this crisis and performed a well-done job by directing the meeting in a professional way.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Recorded and Submitted by:

Sharon Marquez

Sharon Marquez, Secretary
08/28/99

Approved by:

Tim Kuyrkendall

Timothy Kuyrkendall, President
08/28/99

Approved by Board of Directors on October 2, 1999
At