

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF  
Minutes  
Of the  
44<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Conference  
Baton Rouge, LA  
June 3-4, 2005

The conference was called to order by President Pauline Wood at 9:10 am on June 3, 2005. Dan Arabie led the pledge the flag to the assembly with 30 members and five board members were absent. Ed Wood accepted the reading of minutes with one correction. (LAD Conference Program Book-page 13 the bottom of the page which the name is missing on volunteer is Linda Johnson Bruce.) Passed.

**President's Reports**

- \*Concerned about the small numbers of registrants
- \*President Pauline Wood decided to use L.S.D. Campus for our conference.
- \*Alabama Association of the Deaf has 178 members
- \*Texas Association of the Deaf has 72 but not completed
- \*Concerned about membership being downsized
- \*5 Workshops this weekend
- \*Five years President and decided not to run again.
- \*Think the split groups that hurt the numbers of membership.
- \*Retired from LSD
- \*It will be my last term of President.
- \*I am on (LCD) Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Chair.
- \*There will be DWU 2007 (Deaf Women United) in New Orleans.
- \*Working on Hospice.
- \*Working with Bingo
- \*Best part of babysitters with my grandbabies
- \*Plan to travel this summer
- \*Hope someone will nominate the president
- Anyone can sign up the nominated President for 2005-2007
- \*2205-2008 – Better start to plan a big event for 100 years.
- Three years can fly faster and we want to get big events for 100 years.
- \*New Officers need to know that the term for three years not two years.
- \*Introduce their Biographies:
  - Lance Fischer and Jo Bienvenu
- \*Our Guest Speaker during Banquet will be Catherine "Kitty" Hoffpauir Fischer.
- \*Our Photographer for this conference will be Gary Stewart
- \*Kathy Stewart, our LAD office secretary has been with us 8 years.
- \*All officers are here and 3 Member-at-large (one position only left) one resigned and another one is out of town for family reunion
- \*We need 25-man power for NAD 2006.
- \*Was surprised that NAD takes conference at New Orleans without us knowing and they don't need L.A.D. assistance. We are getting better and they better not insult Louisiana people any intelligence.

- \*NAD Board will come next Jan 2006
- \*NAD Conference will be held by next summer of 2006
  - Tuesday will be the NAD President Reception
  - Wednesday is open date for us to take first offer as a cruise/dinner event at
  - First then we decided to get TOYS instead.
  - TOYS said that it is a new drama than last time.
- \*NAD Region 3 Conference- Pauline Wood and Houston Moss will be Co-Chair.
  - Conference will be held at Embassy Suites.

### **Vice-President Reports**

- \*All reports and saved his time since Pauline told you all about the conference.
- \*Youth Funds for two years since he was an officer
- \*Golf and monies raised more money.
- \*By-Laws had sent out by mail
- \*Will pass by-laws along before meeting?
- \*Disk missing and I want to thank Kenny Davis to redo the disk on by-laws for me.
- \*New by-laws proposals and they may be referred to law committee.
- \*TDI conference needs 7 or 8 Manpowers
  - I encourage you all to attend the conference and there are 18 booths and they are free. They want to share with you on cell phone and the new technology with hearing and deaf conversation by the new equipment.
  - Very good information.

### **Secretary's reports**

- \*New society-Friend Deaf Society
  - Encourage you all to join and learn the deaf history.

### **Treasurer's reports**

- \*2 years - January 2003 and January 2005 (Read it from LAD Conference Program Book) Cleve Cormier, Chad Cormier, and Boyd Arrington audited with Kenny Davis.
- \*Conference comes... more membership but year with no conference-membership has been downsize.
- \*Two officers went to NAD Region 3 at South Carolina two years ago.
  - (President Pauline Wood and Secretary Angela Arrington)
- \*Thelma Covello-LRID trips
- \* \$290 dollars for LAD
  - \$290 dollars for Bingo Revenue
- \*Will send out to IRS soon and CPA noticed that Bingo monies is less and less so we pay by quarterly instead of once year to pay IRS tax
- \*T90 form
- \*Merrill Lynch
  - Real state 1200..
  - Delete to management function
  - Merrill Lynch profit 7 dollars
- \*Bingo goes less and took money from AG Edwards for Bingo to assist Bingo events.
- \*Hope you read the treasurer reports

\*Treasurer balances \$30,000

\$486 – help by bingo income and thanks for the Bingo profit

\*Super Bingo on December 2<sup>nd</sup> again.

\*Kenny preferred to have twice a year on Super Bingo.

\*If once a year and budget has to cut down on anything.

### **Member-at-large Reports**

\*Tommie Patterson enjoyed her position.

\*Enjoyed closed-captioned

\*Metro – picture getting smaller with an interpreter

Use sign language on the side and want your support for her.

\*Pauline said there will have no Miss Deaf Pageant due to one contestant and our guidelines said it has to be three or more contestants for Miss Deaf Pageant. thought that we will have Mr. Pageant but no luck. Will not have any pageant during LAD conference this year. LAD is still alive and supports the Deaf community.

\*LRID Wendy Harmon has to work and Ann Moore could not come.

\*Pauline asked anyone to volunteer to explain how LRID works.

Pauline asked Wendy that she preferred on Friday instead of Saturday.

Wendy just got message from Pauline about LRID last Monday so Dr. Daniel

Burch will take her place. You all can ask Daniel some questions about

LRID during LRID Workshop. Many people know nothing about Deaf.

\*Returned from Break to 10:30 am

\*Pauline said many people refused to come because of high cost \$75.00

Early Bird and at Door are the same price and cheap.

\*Deaf State Association on Web page

We are 6th lower on our conference cost and the highest cost is at Hawaii (\$260).

\*Pauline said you could go to Lobby and watch the videotapes from two years ago on LAAD 2003 State Conference.

\*Pauline appreciated that Dr. Dan Burch that he accepted the LRID workshop.

\*LRID WORKSHOP-Dr. Daniel Burch is taking Wendy Harmon's place.

Certification

Licensure-License

New Concept

LA License

LCD

LRID-LAD passed law with LCD to make a goal and set up the certificate for interpreter 30 years ago.

Still working with interpreter certification issues

Big issues... how many interpreter in LOUISIANA

Guess what ..Person called and wants to become an interpreter and told her

To check web page on blah blah

Four years ago OL hospital-that is his favorite that women use tape on chest that she can fingerspell.

What is the difference between certificate and licensure...

Certificate is nothing and simple ...example of CPA not legal

Licensure ...example- nurse to work and same position-it is legal.

New concept in South Dakota...Mr. Soukup said that any interpreter get caught and pay fine \$1000.00.

Cannot read me and hmm... demand to take interpreter test.

90 interpreters in Louisiana...who protect deaf children and who protect deaf people?

50 states-they already to set up the committees

Wendy, Leslie, David Hylan-DAC from Shreveport. They

Start to develop and first step to reach all USA to set up...

Alabama law

Missouri has too many laws

Just like buffet to small concepts "small book"

Louisiana laws

Have guidelines by professionals for license

Expand to have interpreter license

Level one to five and extra level for the law and legal.

Get rid of old system..whoa...unfair to old interpreter and keep the grandfather clause.

ICB for current interpreters.

You will notice new test later and RID do the same together

Protects deaf clients.

#### \*Hamilton Relay Service Workshop by Henry Brinkmann

Basic Thing with TTY Relay

25 Kinds of equipments

Hearing People still hung up on relay services with any deaf people.

LRS (Louisiana Relay Service) started in 1993

What is Relay?

The role of Communication Assistant (CA)

Do you know someone who.....

Voice Carry Over (VCO)

How 2-line VCO works (no need to use GA or SK)

How HCO (Hearing Carry Over) Works

How STS (SPEECH TO SPEECH) Works

Who can get benefit from STS Services

Spanish Relay

Traditional TTY relays

Hamilton Internet Relay... more people are using it

HIP Relay Access

Who can Use HIP VRS?

[www.hipvrs.com](http://www.hipvrs.com)

Who pays? NECA (National Exchange Carrier's Association)

Wireless Technology for the Deaf

WAP devices... type [www.hamiltonrelay.com](http://www.hamiltonrelay.com)

888-889-9872 for pagers/wireless device  
Benefit of a Customer Profile  
Customized Greetings  
Getting the Best from Relay Your Way  
Customer Service Support for your Clients  
Service & Support for SLP's and Rehabilitation Specialists  
Captel by Ultratec  
How Does Captel Works

\*Archives for Family Tree Workshop by Lance Fischer, Archivist  
Why is Deaf History being lost?

- \*Second Session at 4:30 pm  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Necrology

\*We don't have any unfinished business. Bobbie Lefors opposed.  
No actions  
1. Door prizes and raffles  
2. LAD website  
3. Homecoming Rally every year  
4. Term of 3 years

\*Pauline gave a person 50 dollars deposit and I reached him as he is in Florida.

\*LSD had a double football game so we don't have any HC Rally. We dropped.

\*Term of 3 years  
Limited of 3 terms  
2 Years each term  
Referred to Board Members and we never discussed.

### **\*NEW BUSINESS**

\*Ed Wood moved that LAD Conference in 2008 for 100 years (Max Ray) Failed.

It can affect some effects  
Membership  
2 years term of Board  
LSDAA and LAD agreement  
By-laws

\*Kenny Davis motioned to get website and get contract to sign first. (Houston Moss)  
PASSED.

\*Richard Malcolm motioned to donate NAD \$1,250. (Ed Wood) Houston Moss referred to Ways of Means Committee (Floyd Perrodin)

\*Kenny Davis motioned to have special events for 100 years in 2008. (Bobbie Lefors)  
PASSED.

\*Richard Malcolm moved to have limited three consecutive terms of 2 years each term.  
(Bruce Dunn) Houston Moss referred to Law Committee.

\*Delvin Fontenot moved to have door prizes and raffles next convention in 2007. (Floyd Perrodin) PASSED

\*Floyd Perrodin moved to continue to have Homecoming Rally every year. (Bobbie Lefors) PASSED.

\*Kenny Davis moved that we have MR. LAD POOF Pageant and Miss Deaf Louisiana at the same events one night not during LAD Conference. (Melvin Royer) PASSED.

\*NEW Business closed.

\*Necrology-please opens the last page of LAD Program book

Please correct on

Mary Ann Rush Mowad Golden-Mary Ann Rush Mowad Lemaster

Dorothy O'Neal McCains-Dorothy O'Neal McCain

- Added to Necrology

- Francis Blanchard died last year

Lena Shearer prayed the Necrology.

Stopped at second session at 5:25 pm.

June 4, 2005

\*THIRD SESSION started at 1:30pm (43 members)

\*Pauline said we would have By-laws now.

\*Richard Malcolm motioned that we go back to new business (second session). (Ed Wood. Carried.)

\*Richard Malcolm moved to take \$1,250 from gaming fund to donate to American Association of the Deaf and Blind. (Dan Arabie) Referred to Ways and Means Committees.

\*Now we do on By-Laws. Here is Mr. Houston Moss, Vice-President.

Red-delete and blue-added

\*Page 1 to delete on line 46-47 (They shall have all rights and privileges with the exception of holding office.) (Carried)

\*Page 3 added secretary on line 45 (If the office of Secretary, Treasurer or Member at Large shall become vacant, the President then shall appoint a member in a good standing to fill the vacancy subject to ratification by the Board until a successor is elected. (Carried))

\*Page 4 line 28 add, Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens (LADBC) Representative (The LAD Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Members at Large, Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LRID) Representative, Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens (LADBC) Representative, and Local Deaf Association Representative. Each representative from Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LRID), Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens (LADBC) Representative and each Local Deaf Association shall be elected or appointed by their organization to serve on the LAD Board.) (Carried)

\*Page 5 line 1.

Section 6: LOUISIANA ACADIANA DEAF-BLIND CITIZENS REPRESENTATIVE

The LADBC Representatives be elected/appointed by their respective Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens and must also be a member of the LAD.

Section 7: LOCAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 8: LAD BOARD MEETINGS (Carried)

\*Page 5 Line 40 to 42 Omit. (3. Organization cannot become a Local Deaf Association of the LAD if they are currently a Local Deaf Association or division of another parent organization or association with the exception of Southwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (SWAAD) and/or American Athletic Association for the Deaf (AAD).

- Move from 4 to 3. (Local Deaf Associations shall not have authority to act on behalf of the LAD, nor shall Local Deaf Associations or Local Deaf Association representative(s) have the right to appropriate property owned by the LAD.) (Carried)

\*Max Ray referred to Law Committee on Dissolution.

\*Dan Arabie asked about Anthony Mowad Leadership Award and Houston Moss is working on another new Article-AWARD. To make some structures on this and please continue on this and law committee will work on it. Dan Arabie referred to Law Committee.

\*Page 8-Richard Malcolm

Order of Business-Houston Moss can answer him the question. This is for general meeting not board meeting. Chapters Representative can be meet at the board meeting. Bayou State Bulletin is to give information about our meetings.

\*Max Ray asked for the ratification on By-laws. (Richard Malcolm) PASSED.

\*Ed Wood is the Nominating Committee.

President – Connie Tullos motioned to have Randy Pippins Sr to be acclaimed. Carried.

Vice-President - June David motioned to have Richard Malcolm to be acclaimed.

Carried.

Secretary – Richard Malcolm motioned to have Thelma Covello to be acclaimed. Carried

Treasurer – Houston Moss motioned to have Kenny Davis to be acclaimed. Carried.

Members-at-large 108 votes

Pauline Wood, Tommie Patterson, and Houston Moss won the most votes for the Members-at-large.

New officers will get an oath at the Banquet.

New officers are:

President-Randy Pippins

Vice-President Richard Malcolm

Secretary-Thelma Covello

Treasurer-Kenny Davis

Members-at-large-Pauline Wood, Houston Moss, and Tommie Patterson.

**\*Announcements**

July 11-13 TDI Conference (Houston Moss)

July 23 Chicot Park Picnic (Thelma Covello)

August 6 BRAD Bowling Classic (Randy Pippins)

Tomorrow- LAAD Picnic (Floyd Perrodin)

June 11- Bowling/picnic by LAAD (Floyd Perrodin)

October 1- Homecoming football game LSD -- ASD (Arkansas)

Volleyball Games

BRAD Social after homecoming

October 8 LADBC banquet (Dan Arabia)

October 7-8 Mini NAD conference (Pauline Wood)

Adjourned at 3:13 pm

Written/recorded by

Thelma Covello

L.A.D. Secretary

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**44TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**  
**LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**  
**JUNE 3-4, 2005**

**First Session**

June 3: The conference was called to order by President Pauline Wood at 9:10 a.m. Dan Arabie led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call: Thirty members were present. Present: Pauline Wood, President; Houston Moss, Vice President; Thelma Covello, Secretary; Kenny Davis, Treasurer and Tommie Patterson, Board Member.

Absent: Wanda Miller

Reading of minutes: It was accepted with one correction: Linda Johnson Bruce's name was missing

**President's Report: Pauline Wood**

- \* Concerned about the small number of registrants
- \* Concerned about the number of membership getting smaller
- \* 5 workshops this weekend
- \* Will not run for president again
- \* Hope someone will run for presidency for 2005 - 2007
- \* Better start planning for the celebration of LAD's 100 years in 2008
- \* Our guest speaker at the banquet is Catherine "Kitty" Hoffpauir Fischer
- \* Need 25 volunteers for NAD next year (2006) in New Orleans
- \* Houston Moss and Pauline Wood are co-chairs for the NAD conference
- \* Will have Region 3 meeting at Embassy Suites this fall
- \* No pageant this year because of only one girl
- \* Wendy Harmon of LRID was unable to make a report for LRID

**Vice President's Report: Houston Moss**

- \* By-laws were sent out by mail
- \* Wal-Mart golf raised more money for the Youth Fund
- \* New by-laws proposals may be referred to law committee
- \* TDI conference in New Orleans and will need 7 or 8 volunteers

**Secretary's Report: Thelma Covello**

- \* New society called Friend Deaf Society; join and learn deaf history

**Treasurer's Report: Kenny Davis**

- \* Cleve Cormier, Chad Cormier and Boyd Arrington were auditors for 2 years
- \* Pauline Wood and Angela Arrington represented LAD at NAD Region 3 conference in South Carolina 2 years ago
- \* Paid expenses for Thelma Covello to attend LRID meetings
- \* CPA noticed that Bingo revenue is getting less so we will pay IRS tax quarterly instead of yearly
- \* Had to withdraw money from AG Edwards to assist Bingo events
- \* Will have Super Bingo on December 2, need to have Super Bingo twice a year to increase budget
- \* We have a balance of \$30,000 in the Bingo account

**Member-at-Large Reports: Tommie Patterson**

- \* Metro - picture getting smaller with an interpreter using sign language on the side; asking that we support to have it captioned

**LRID Workshop by Daniel Burch**  
**Hamilton Workshop by Henry Brinkmann**  
**Family Tree Workshop by Lance Fischer**

**Second Session**

The meeting resumes at 4:30 p.m.

**Unfinished business:**

Bobbie LeFors questioned about no actions on:

- a. Door prizes and raffles
- b. LAD website
- c. Homecoming rally every year
- d. Term of 3 years for officers

Pauline Wood answered:

- a. Door prizes and raffles fell through the cracks
- b. We paid Josh Childress \$50.00 to set up website but he moved to Florida
- c. LSD had been hosting two football games on Homecoming day so there was no time for the rally
- d. Was referred to the board members but it was never discussed

**New Business:**

Kenny Davis (Houston Moss) moved to set up website but needs to find someone to do it and sign a contract with him or her. Carried

Richard Malcolm (Ed Wood) moved LAD to donate \$1,250 to N.A.D. Houston Moss (Floyd Perrodin) moved to refer the main motion to the Ways and Means committee

Kenny Davis (Bobbie LeFors) moved to plan for the 100 year celebration in 2008. Carried

Richard Malcolm (Bruce Dunn) moved to set up a limit of officers to three consecutive 2 year terms. Houston Moss had it referred to the Law Committee

Delvin Fontenot (Floyd Perrodin) moved to have door prizes and raffles for the next conference in 2007.

Floyd Perrodin (Bobbie LeFors) moved to continue homecoming rally every year. Carried

Kenny Davis (Melvin Royer) moved that we have Mr. LAD spoof and Miss Deaf Louisiana at the same night; not during the LAD conference. Carried

**Necrology**

Lena Shearer led the prayer to honor the deceased

The second session adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**June 4 - Two workshops in the morning**

**CSD by Jo Bienvenu**

**LA. Commission of the Deaf by Fred Roy**

### Third Session at 1:30

Richard Malcolm (Ed Wood) moved that we return to the new business. Passed by majority

Richard Malcolm (Dan Arabie) moved that we withdraw \$1.250 from gaming fund to donate to American Association of the Deaf and Blind. It was again referred to the Ways and Means committee.

Houston Moss, the Vice President led the deletions and additional to the by laws.

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Max Ray referred the dissolution of LAD to the law committee

Dan Arabie questioned about Anthony Mowad Leadership Award. Referred to law committee.

Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) moved for the ratification of the by-laws. Carried

### Election of officers:

Randy Pippins, Sr. - President

Richard Malcolm - Vice President

Thelma Covello - Secretary

Kenney Davis - Treasurer      **Members-at-Large:** Pauline Wood, Tommie Patterson and Houston Moss

### Announcements:

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- \* July 23 = Picnic at Chicot Park
- \* August 6 = BRAD bowling classic
- \* June 5 = Picnic at Lafayette
- \* June 11 = Bowling/picnic at Lafayette
- \* October 1 = Homecoming game between LSD and Arkansas, volleyball game and BRAD social after football game
- \* October 8 = LADBC banquet
- \* October 7 - 8 = NAD Region 3 conference

Adjourned at 3:13 p.m.