

45th Louisiana Association of the Deaf Conference

**Hotel Acadiana
Lafayette, Louisiana
June 8 – 9, 2007**

June 8, 2007

President Randy Pippins called the first session to order at 9:20 a.m.

Pauline Wood led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call: President Randy Pippins, Secretary Thelma Covello, Treasurer Kenny Davis, and Members-at-Large Pauline Wood, Houston Moss and Tommie Patterson. We do not have Vice President. Richard Malcolm had to resign and he moved to Florida.

Attendance: 26 members

President Randy Pippins' report:

Ed and Pauline Wood attended Deaf Seniors conference in San Francisco in 2005. They collected \$6,700 dollars for Hurricane Katrina victims. They sent the money to LAD office. We gave \$100 Walmart gift cards to the victims. We need to prepare for the next disaster.

He and Kenny Davis went to New Orleans last January 27 and met with NAD board members. They were great and gave us a warm welcome. We showed them that we are able to assist them as much as we can. The NAD conference will be held at New Orleans during the week of July 7 – 12, 2008. We discussed about manpower provided by LAD and agreed on our plan. We are to receive 25 registrations from NAD at no cost and they will give us \$5,000.00. I signed the agreement.

The new La. Commission of the Deaf executive director is Naomi DeDual.

HB1029/SB195 is now Act 722 which was signed by Governor Kathleen Blanco, effective July 2006. (Interpreter Fund to Deaf Telecommunications) Nothing had been done about HB788.

We want to welcome Lake Charles residents to come and join LAD.

We only have two Miss Deaf Louisiana contestants. Since our by-laws stated that to have an official pageant, we must have 3 or more contestants so we will not have a program but we have a different method of choosing one.

Secretary Thelma Covello's report:

There is a new text accessibility program by Cingular.

Treasurer Kenny Davis' report:

Cleve Cormier and Chad Cormier were his auditors for two years.

By the end of December 2006, we had \$363,000. There is a financial report in your program book.

Houston Moss and Stephen Hlibok advised on stocks by using less risk stocks. They have been increasing very well.

He thanked the Bingo workers for their great job.

We actually collected \$8,000 from donations for Katrina victims.

In 2005, LAD made profits of \$90,000 from Bingo and Janet Arnold, CPA, said we have to pay more taxes. We pay taxes quarterly on Form 990T.

We presently have 178 members of LAD.

Member-at-large Pauline Wood's report:

We want to recognize Max Ray who passed away in February 2006. He was a great leader of LAD. She knows that we will have Necrology but she wanted to honor him in her report.

New LCD executive director, Naomi DeDual was hired to head LCD. She had been working hard with the Deaf people but she is now also working hard with the Deaf and Blind people. At the recent LCD meeting, 30 Deaf and Blind people showed up.

There is a new state interpreter/transliteration certification program policy and program manual. Since she is chairperson of LCD, she is now on Interpreter Certification Board.

Since Connie Tullos would come at 1:00, I will explain briefly about the informal pageant program tonight. The two women are Fallon Frederick and Jennifer Higgins. They will be at the banquet wearing casual outfit. They also will perform skits and change into evening gowns. They are to mingle with the people and at the end, an interview. We do not know who the judges are but they will be at the banquet.

We have NAD brochures so please pick them up from one of the tables.

We want to introduce Lissette Molina of Florida. She is our Region 3 representative and will give a presentation to us.

There will be 4 workshops today and tomorrow. The presenters are: Lissette Molina, "The Art of Listening"; Kenny David, "Fact or Rumor About LSD"; Janie Powell about Sorenson; and Naomi DeDual about La. Commission of the Deaf.

Tommie Patterson's report:

She is still working on Metro 21. Each Metro program should be captioned.

Houston Moss' report:

He had been working on by-laws.

Baton Rouge Chapter, Arthur Patterson's report:

He wants us to provide financial support to youths who want to go to camp. We need to develop guidelines.

He wants us to commend President Randy Pippins for a good job the last two years.

Shreveport Chapter, Gerald Bamburg's report:

He was not involved in LAD much but will be more involved now.

Lafayette Chapter, Cindy Robillard's report:

LAAD should work with LAD and develop a stronger bond.

Announcement:

Session 2 will be held tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

The first session came to a close at 12:00 noon.

June 9, 2007

President Pippins called the 2nd session to order at 2:00 p.m.

John Jacobs led the Invocation.

Dan Arabie led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: All officers are here.

Attendance: 45

Reading of the 2005 conference minutes: Cleve Cormier (G. Bamberg) accepted the minutes without any correction.

New Business:

Pauline Wood (H. Moss) moved that the conference fee be \$100 each registrar to be effective in 2009. Carried

Ed Wood (Cleve Cormier) moved that LAD collect information on conference fees from other state associations and be known to the LAD members. Carried

Cindy Robillard (P. Wood) moved that any pageant contestants and chaperones pay LAD membership fees before the start of the conference. Carried

Election of New Officers:

Randy Pippins – President

Houston Moss – Vice President

Treasurer – Kenny Davis

Secretary – Pauline Wood

Three Members-at-Large

Tommie Patterson

Cleve Cormier

Bobbie LeFors

Necrology

Max Ray Lucien Babin Anna Foreman
Kenneth Broussard Elise Burke Donald Babin
Jamaal Ardoin Tony Wilks Jo Ann Ikerd
Joanne Lambert Mary Dupre Geneva White
Larry Fontenot Wayne Cockerham Wayne Bennett
Bonita Bennett Maybelle Beason Rufus Perkins
Larry Goodin Ralph Dupre William Muse
Amary Lauve Hollis Warmack Wanda Tulley
Bert Hartford Wendy Galle William Edmond
Jerry Godbold Dallan Lyles

Announcements:

L.S.D. Homecoming on October 20, 2007 against Georgia School for the Deaf

LAD's 100th anniversary to be in November, 2008

LAAD – Water Fun Day on July 31, Crab and shrimp boil in September, Halloween party in October, Roasted pig in November and New Year party on Dec. 31

Texas Hold'Em Poker tournament at B.R.A.D. last June 2 was a success.
Next poker will be on June 30.

Oregon Assoc. of the Deaf sent us 15 boxes of supplies for the Katrina victims.

Jerrye Ray will lead the oath for the new/re-elected officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Thelma Covello, Secretary
Pauline Wood, Revising Secretary

Pauline Wood, Nov. 17, 2007

Friday, November 16, 2007 AOL: Guest

Louisiana Association of the Deaf
45th Biennial State Conference
Best Western Hotel Acadiana and Conference Center in Lafayette, LA
June 8-9, 2007

SESSION ONE - FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007

The conference was called to order by President Pippins at 9:20 am. Pauline Wood led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

President Randy Pippins, Secretary Thelma Covello, Treasurer Kenny Davis,
No Vice-President.

Members at Large-Tommie Patterson, Houston Moss, Pauline Wood

Chapters Representative-Shreveport Gerald Bamburg, Baton Rouge Arthur Patterson,
Lafayette, Pageant Director/DWBR Absent, Cindy Robillard, LADBC-Absent, Alexandria-
Absent, LRID Representative-Absent

26 members

President's report

*NAD relocated 2006 Biennial Conference to Palm Desert, California due to Hurricane Katrina Disaster in New Orleans.

*Pauline and Ed Wood attended DSA and collected \$6,700 dollars from DSA attendants for Hurricane Victims.

*Gave \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Cards to Hurricane Victims and LSD no longer provide for evacuee to shelter and LAD needs some actions to help hurricane disaster in the future..

*Randy wanted LAD to prepare for next disaster.

*LAD Rally at Capitol about the legislature issues and budgets.

*Good News - Kenny Davis and Randy went to New Orleans last January 27 with NAD Board officers. NAD Re-negotiated and signed a new contract with New Orleans Marriott for 49th Biennial NAD Conference. The Date will be held from July 7-12, 2008. Agreed and signed with NAD on manpower.

*LAD President Tour with Interpreters Issues from Deaf People

*New LCD Executive Director is Mrs. Naomi DeDual

*LAD President Tours-Shreveport, Lafayette, & Lake Charles. Want Lake Charles to join LAD Chapter. Still working with Lake Charles. Interpreter Issues.

*HB1029/SB195 now is Act 722 after Governor Blanco signed effective July 2006 (Interpreter Fund to Deaf Telecommunication Equipment)

*Telecommunications equipment-Ms. Naomi has a better idea but she will explain to us later.

*HB788 is no actions and everything goes well.

*Pageant-By-Laws said three (3) participants run the pageant but we have two(2) and we just go ahead and do some special occasion with two participants as debuts.

*Vice-President Richard Malcolm resigned last August 2006 due to job transferred to Florida.

Secretary's Report

*Text Accessibility Program from Cingular.

Treasurer's Report

- *Cleve Cormier and Chad Cormier are our financial auditors for two years (2005 and 2006).
- *End of December 2006 \$363,000 and you will see the amount in the program book.
- *Unaudited on January 2007 and February 2007.
- *Steve Morrisll advised on stocks and invest lower stocks and they increase very well and flow chart with finance.
- *Bingo workers with offset and work well. Kenny thanked bingo workers for their efforts.
- *Collected \$8,000.00 for the disaster fund to spend all to all disaster victims but we verified their address first before we gave them.
- *2005-LAD made profits \$90,000.
- *Janet Arnold from CPA-we will have to pay more taxes.
- *Divide with quarterly on Form T990.
- *Cindy Robillard asked Kenny how much money do we have to pay taxes and he said that we don't have to pay taxes if the gross income has not earned over net income \$25,000 but you must report three years but he prefer to report every year to be certain. Form T-990 is for Bingo because of their income with State withholding, federal and FICA.
- *Updated with numbers of members from Kathy Stewart (178 members).
- *Want to tell everyone that Minutes/By-Laws from two years (2005-2006) inserted in program book and amend gray form (red-deletion and blue-addition)

June 8-9, 2007

Members-at-Large

Pauline Wood

- *We want to recognize a great person, Max Ray, who passed away last February 12, 2006 and he was a great leader of LAD but he is not gone and he is around here.
- *We will have necrology but we want to honor him.
- *New Executive Director Namoi DeDual who go her position last four months and she is a very great person. She will work with deaf person and she recently tried to help deaf/blind people, too. There was about 30 deaf/blind people at LCD Board meeting last month.
- *TAPB dropped.
- *ICB (Interpreter Certified Board) New Policy and I hope Naomi will bring ICB procedures to here and we will know by November 15, 2007 if interpreter has not taken test, they can no longer to be an interpreter if they don't take tests.
- *Connie Tullos will come at 1 pm/I will announce for her. We will have a debut which we have two(2) participates. Fallon Frederick and Jennifer Higgins will be participated the debut. There will be the casual outfits, skits, evening gowns, and interviews. Judges will be at the banquet.
- *Please get the NAD brochures at LAD Banquet.
- *Introduce Lisette Molina from Florida Region 3.

*Speaking Evaluation Planning for SCPI/EIPA

*LCD Meeting- Get ASL Sign Language as a foreign language credit at Any University in Louisiana.

Tommie Patterson

*How I am involved with LAD and we are having strong supported at LSD as a camper and they can involved a good leader for the future.

Houston Moss

*Had been working on By-Laws as I was formerly Vice-President last two years ago. You can see President Randy Pippins for By-Laws amends or changes.

*Glad that we closed the disaster funds as we spent all to hurricane victims.

Chapter Representatives

Baton Rouge-Arthur Patterson

*Youth Camp Issues

Shreveport-Gerald Bamburg

We just joined LAD recently and we will be involved more with LAD in the future

Lafayette-Cindy Robillard

We want to involve more with LAD and get strong together.

Alexandria-Absent

Workshop-Janie Powell from Sorenson Communication

AFTER LUNCH

Workshop-"LSD Fact or Rumor" by Kenny Davis, Director
Louisiana School for the Deaf

Banquet/Pageant Debuts

Saturday, June 9, 2007 - 9:00am to 12:00pm

Workshop "The Art of Listening" by Lisette Molina.

Workshop "Preparing for Tomorrow Today" by Naomi DeDual.

LCD(Louisiana Commission for the Deaf) Town Meeting with Naomi DeDual.

SESSION TWO - SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2007

The Session Two started at 2:00 p.m. and Invocation was by John Henry Jacobs, Jr. Dan Arabie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: 45 Members, 3 Non-members.

Read the minutes and Cleve Cormier accepted without corrected. (Gerald Bamburg)

Reports of Officers and Committees

NAD chair -Pauline Wood

Houston Moss resigned NAD co-chair and Pauline has chosen Randy Pippins to be her co chair.

Randy accepted the position.

Unfinished Business-none

New Business

Delvin Fontenot motioned that LAD gives \$200 to each chapter representative for board meetings. (Floyd Perrodin) Failed.

Floyd Perrodin move to give free memberships to Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant contestant and Chaperone effective today. (Delvin Fontenot) Failed.

Pauline Wood moved that we form a resolution: The 45th LAD Biennial Conference is appreciative of the support and dedication that Ms. Trella Bennett has contributed to the Deaf Community during her 20+ years of service on the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf. (Houston Moss) Carried.

Pauline Wood moved that from now and on, the conference fee for each participant be \$100 or more and LAD collect the conference fees from other states and distribute to all LAD members. (Houston Moss) Carried.

Cindy Robillard motioned to any participants and chaperon for pageant to pay LAD membership before the conference. (Pauline Wood) Carried.

Elections of New Officers-Nominations

President -Randy Pippins

Vice President-Houston Moss, Thelma Covello, Dan Arabie

Secretary-Cindy Robillard, Michi Lefors, Pauline Wood

Treasurer-Kenny Davis

Members-at-large -Tommie Patterson, Delvin Fontenot, Cleve Cormier, Dan Arabie, Floyd Perrodin, Bobbie Lefors.

Elections of New Officers

President-Randy Pippins

Vice President-Houston Moss

I PROMISE TO DO MY DUTY AS A HONEST OFFICER. MAY GOD HELP ME TO SUPPORT AND SERVE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF. ALLOW ME TO SEE OUR ORGANIZATION TO STAND STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL.

Jerrye Ray