

**Louisiana Association of the Deaf
47th Biennial Conference
June 3 – 4, 2011
Alexandria, Louisiana**

Friday, June 3

President Randy Pippins called the first session to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Officers in attendance – President Randy Pippins, Vice President Ed Wood, Secretary Pauline Wood, Treasurer John Davis;

Three members-at-large: Cleve Cormier, Bobbie LeFors and Joseph Perrodin

Chapter Representatives: Donna Cormier for Lafayette Athletic Assoc. of the Deaf, Judith Perrodin for Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens, Thelma Covello for Alexandria Assoc. of the Deaf, Shirley Delahoussaye for Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Quorum was met.

The minutes of 2009 LAD conference was accepted without correction.

Officers' Reports

President Randy Pippins

- + Pleased to welcome Debbie Peterson, Libby Pollard, Glenn Anderson and Howard Rosenblum**
- + Thanked the members for their support towards LAD during his 3 terms as the President of LAD**
- + Thanked the LAD board, representatives and members-at-large**
- + Thanked Huey Barbin and Bingo workers for their wonderful effort to keep LAD afloat**
- + Special thanks to Kathy Stewart, our wonderful Executive Secretary**
- + Hope that the conference will sail smoothly and peacefully**
- + Thanked Pauline Wood, the conference chairlady, for the conference**
- + Thanked Wanda Miller for donation of coasters, decals and magnets, all with LAD logo**

Vice President Ed Wood:

- + Welcomed the members to the 47th biennial conference**

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- + Liked the theme for the conference "New Decade, New Vision" because we are in the new decade, 2011 to 2020 with lots of new visions.
- + Had bylaws committee to work on the proposals, drafted by the general membership. Thanked the committee members: Cleve Cormier, Tanya Brown, Kenny Davis and Dorothy Rodriguez for their hard work and for their best effort, their time and energy. President Randy Pippins was there as an observer.
- + Wished all of us good luck with the new vision.

Secretary Pauline Wood:

- + Thanked the members for being at the conference
- + Nice to see many faces, more than what we had here in Alexandria about 10 years ago. The board must have done something good to attract such a crowd.
- + Thanked the board members, officers & Kathy Stewart for helping LAD be a better organization.
- + Believed that our proudest moment was NAD conference in New Orleans in 2008. It was a huge hit and one of the best. NAD planned all but the LAD committee did a great job regarding manpower. They were nice, polite and pleasant. Kudos to them!
- + NAD owed LAD \$5,000.00 but couldn't pay us after the conference in New Orleans. However, we succeeded in making NAD pay two delegates to the NAD conference in Philadelphia last year, 2010. They covered registration fees, airfare, room and the ball for a total of \$2485.00. The balance is \$2515.00 so the new board will need to negotiate with NAD's new CEO, Howard Rosenblum for the next conference which will be held at Louisville, Kentucky in 2012.
- + Inserted in each conference folder a list of our accomplishments during our terms so read it and enjoy
- + Wanted to retire and play more so good luck to the next board members

Members-at-large:

Cleve Cormier – Really enjoyed working with all officers and members-at-large for two years. Try to keep encouraging and support LSD's students. Try to have more workshops. Will not run again and thanked the LAD members.

Bobbie LeFors – Responsible to arrange the buffet menu and being mistress of ceremony for the conference banquet. Most exciting that we have updated website that is bringing more news out in Louisiana. Would like to see LAD do more for LSD and deaf communities in Louisiana. Need to keep in contact with the legislature and districts. Pleasure to serve on board for two terms. Most precious moments for her was the NAD conference in New Orleans. Enjoyed meeting new and old faces at the NAD registration desk. Thanked all for making her years enjoyable. Will not to run for another term.

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Joseph Perrodin - Glad to be the strong supporter of LAD for two terms. Had been a great experience as one of the members-at-large. Wanted to run again this year. Thanked all for letting him represent LAD.

Chapter Representatives:

LRID - Shirley Delahoussaye - Proud to say that she had served on the LRID and LAD Boards for a total of 8 years. Now that her term will soon be over, very proud that this current Board had presented some truly educational and informational workshops to the Deaf community at no extra cost to members and non-members. The spirit of this Board had truly been to bring back more of the deaf citizens to become a real community. Also extremely proud that while LAD presented these workshops this was done in collaboration with LRID in order to provide the interpreting community with CEU's to further interpreter involvement with LAD. At the same time, LRID has provided reduced fees for those not needing the CEU's but wanting to participate in the LRID workshops. The message is that LAD and LRID are truly on the road to a great future of supporting each other in the ultimate goal of an understanding.... We NEED each other!

LADBC - Judith Perrodin - Thanked LAD for its support to LADBC. LAD had provided leadership instructions to LADBC and LADBC appreciates LAD for its service. Thanked LAD for letting her represent LADBC.

LAAD - Donna Cormier - Really enjoyed working with LAD as LAAD's chapter representative for four years. Wish the next LAD Board good luck. Thanked the members of LAD.

AAD - Thelma Covello - Happy to have the LAD conference in Alexandria and the number of AAD membership had increased

**Treasurer Kenny Davis report: ATTACHED
Recess at 5:10 pm until tomorrow, June 4**

Saturday, June 4

**Randy Pippins called the second session to order at 10:40 am.
Quorum was met.**

Vice President Ed Wood took the floor as the by-law proposals chairman.

Article I: Name

Add "This Association and/or LAD is a 501c(3) non-profit organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All charities and/or

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donations to this Association and/or LAD is 100% tax deductible, unless changed by the IRS." FAILED

Article III: Membership Section 1 Full Members

Add "Each graduating seniors of the Louisiana School for the Deaf and each and hard of hearing graduating seniors of regular public, private, or special schools upon recommendation by LAD and the services to students who are deaf and hard of hearing may be given a free membership in this Association following graduation, which shall be in force until state conference."

Houston Moss (Larry Robillard) amended to refer it to bylaws committee for further review. CARRIED

Section 5 Affiliate Organizations

Any organization of or for the deaf in the state of Louisiana may become an affiliate member upon payment of an affiliate fee (replace annually to biennially) as determined by the Board. PASSED

OMIT They shall have all rights and privileges with the exception of holding office and voting.

It was moved and seconded that this line be referred to bylaws committee. CARRIED

Pauline Wood (H. Moss) made a motion to refer the rest of the proposals (Article 3: Section 7 through Article 12) back to bylaws committee for more review. FAILED

Andy Veith (M. Royer) moved that we refer the rest of the proposals (Article 3: Section 7 through Article - 12) back to bylaws committee for more review and clarification with a timeline. CARRIED

Randy Pippins (H. Moss) moved that the same bylaws committee meet with those who made the proposals. CARRIED

Houston Moss (M. Royer) amended that when they meet, they ask Libby Pollard, our parliamentarian , to come and meet with them. CARRIED

Andy Veith (M. Royer) amended that the original bylaws committee meet with the new bylaws committee to go over the proposals. CARRIED

Houston Moss (M.LeFors) amended that the original committee of four meet with the new committee of four. CARRIED

Randy Pippins' Main Motion: PASSED

The bylaws proposals adjourned at 12:15 pm and we meet again at 1:00 for third session.

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Pauline Wood moved that recess be until 1:30 for the third session. CARRIED

**President Randy Pippins called the third session to order at 1:40 pm.
We have seven motions.**

- 1. Paul Winfree (Cindy Robillard) moved that LAD host the MAGIC & COMEDY SHOW TOUR 2011.
Rationale: Deaf Awareness Week – October 10 – 17, 2011... 4 shows at different places, LSD, LAAD, NOBDA and Delgado College. The cost is \$8,500.00.
Houston Moss (Larry Robillard) moved to refer to Ways & Means committee. CARRIED**
- 2. Delvin Fontenot (Thelma Covello) made a motion that our organization, LAD, pay at least \$200.00 but no more than \$400.00 to host a club for the future LAD board meetings at the host club sites.
Rationale: The purpose of the expense to a host's clubhouse is to assist the local deaf organization by defraying part of their routine expenses such as utilities and maintenance expenses. It would be very nice for us to spend our money to the local deaf organizations instead of hotel meeting rooms. The cost – LAD board will determine the final amount as long as it is at least \$200.00 per host club usage. CARRIED
Houston Moss (Cindy Robillard) amended that those clubs not affiliated or chapters with LAD to be involved. CARRIED**

Fontenot's Main Motion: CARRIED

- 3. Gerald Venable (Betha Estes) moved that Article IV: Officers, Section 4 shall be waived for today.
Rationale: To allow more nominations, candidates. OUT OF ORDER**
- 4. Joseph Perrodin (Judith Perrodin) made a motion that we limit the donations per term (2 years) be limited to twenty thousand dollars.
FAILED
Mary Smith (Larry Robillard) amended to increase to \$25,000.00 per year. Carried
Ed Wood (Larry Robillard) amended that donations shall not be made to deaf clubs. Failed
Andy Veith (Cindy Robillard) amended that donations be up to \$20,000 unless by special request by the Board. (Carried)**

Perrodin's Main Motion: FAILED

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5. Cindy Robillard (Thelma Covello) made a motion that we set a date to have a special meeting with the bylaw committee and members' proposals in 90 days before the conference date.

Kenny Davis (Larry Robillard) moved to refer it to bylaw committee to decide the date. CARRIED

~~6. Walker Estes moved to refer the motion to the bylaw committee to introduce a rate of \$1.00 per person. CARRIED~~
~~Pauline Wood moved to refer the motion to the bylaw committee to introduce a rate of \$1.00 per person. CARRIED~~

Estes' MAIN MOTION: CARRIED

7. Andrew Veith (Darlene Austin) made a motion that LAD pay for interpreters at Miss Louisiana Pageant for Miss Capital City Andrea Sonnier.

Rationale: Deaf candidate running for Miss LA Pageant
Cost: \$2,000.00 CARRIED

Session 4 started right after the new business: The election of officers.

President - Walker Estes
Vice President - Thelma Covello
Secretary - Michelle LeFors
Treasurer - David LeFors

Members-at-large: Daryl Argrave, Tanya Brown and Cindy Robillard.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Wood

Pauline Wood
June 4, 2011