



Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Date: **March 29, 2020** ~ Location of Meeting: **Zoom live streamed with Officers at home**

Call to Order: **1:01pm**

Invocation: **Jerrold Wingate**

Pledge of Allegiance: **Thelma Covello**

Roll Call: **All officers present via Zoom with Kevin O'Donnell, Bingo Chair**

AGENDA

1. **Good of the Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda** Sherry Crosby (Jerrold Wingate) moves to accept.

3. **Reading & Approval of Minutes**

- 3.1. **9/20/19 Quarterly Meeting** - Accepted without revisions
- 3.2. **1/4/2020 Quarterly Meeting** - Accepted without revisions
- 3.3. **3/25/2020 Board Meeting via Zoom** - Accepted without revisions

4. **Officers' Report**

- 4.1. **President** - Report attached
- 4.2. **Vice President** - Sherry Crosby informs the Board that she is arranging for a Workshop in late summer related to Social Security, etc with Melinni Taylor. Report attached
- 4.3. **Secretary** - No Report
- 4.4. **Treasurer** - Report posted
- 4.5. **Members-at-Large**

Jerrold Wingate: Cooked Gumbo at January 11th workshop, \$330 profit going to Youth Fund, and LAD's first annual Crawfish Boil, \$1,011.46 profit with \$517.14 going to Youth Fund. He thanks volunteers, Paul Zeringue, Tony Lewis, and Floyd Perrodin including Sherry Crosby and Thelma Covello who made desserts.

Thelma Covello: Code of Ethics draft is pending committee approval. Code of Ethics Committee: Henry Brinkmann, Dave Imme and Alvina Malcolm. Additionally, she will work on getting Christmas Toy Drive started earlier this year. Report attached.

Floyd Perrodin: Recently elected as President of NOBDA. He looks forward to bridging the gap between NOBDA and LAD. He appreciates the experience of working with a great and proactive Board and encourages the community to get involved with LAD by joining as a member.

5. Standing Committees' Report

- 5.1. **Charitable Gaming Committee** - Bingo Chair, Kevin O'Donnell was present via zoom. Currently, LAD Bingo operations are closed due to coronavirus. Report attached.
- 5.2. **Ways & Means Committee** - Currently, Youth Fund: \$847.14.. Jr NAD Fund: \$78.53. Recently, budgets were established for the 2021 Conference Budget: \$30,000 and Office Renovations: \$20,000.
- 5.3. **Investments Committee** 1. Before the stocks took a nosedive due to the coronavirus pandemic, Investments Cmte approved to invest \$80,000 of the \$120,000 in cash reserves in our LAD Portfolio into the four existing stocks we own. This was eventually put on hold. 2. LAD sold 400 shares of Qualcomm stock upon the advice of the broker. Proceeds from the sale (**\$24,966.18**) have been moved to cash reserves (currently **\$145,388.78**) in the LAD portfolio. Investments Cmte and Board are keeping an eye on stocks due to the coronavirus pandemic affecting the economy. **As of 3/29/2020, LAD Portfolio is valued at \$213,478.87.** **Investments Committee:** Marc Bartholomew, Chair, Jerrod Wingate, Jay Isch, Dave Imme, Ari Latino, Floyd Perrodin, Ralph Vice and Norman Walker. Jimmy Challis Gore as ex-officio.

Jay Isch (Sherry Crosby) moves to take a break. Meeting to resume at 2:35pm. Board Approves.

Meeting called to order at 2:35pm

- 5.4. **Auditing Committee** - Marc Bartholomew, Chair, reports that auditing has been caught up with auditors, Jerrod Wingate and Thelma Covello. Auditors can access materials online for approval. Saving costs on travel.
- 5.5. **Bylaw Committee** - Sherry Crosby reports that she will start working on bylaws this summer with Committee members: Sherry Crosby, Chair, Jay Isch, Thelma Covello, Tish Imme and Kenny David. Jimmy Challis Gore as ex-officio.
- 5.6. **2021 LAD Conference Committee** - Jay Isch, Chair, reports that he will find a place to host the conference within the next 3 months and report back to the Board at the next quarterly meeting.

- 5.7. **Youth Committee** - No Report. President Gore shares that he will host a Youth Leadership weekend in mid-September at Louisiana School for the Deaf.
- 5.8. **Code of Ethics Committee** - Code of Ethics draft has been reviewed by the Parliamentarian, now pending committee approval.
- 5.9. **Social Events Committee** - See Member-at-Large, Jerrod Wingate's report.
- 5.10. **Website Committee** - Board met with Seth Gore, and discussed our vision and committee's input in the redevelopment of the website including personalized access for each member to access privileged information and a better referral system to resources. Seth also offers a maintenance/support service with a \$100/month fee which will include the cost of domain and hosting. Seth will draft a couple of designs within a month to present to the Board. The total redevelopment will take about 3 months. **(3/18/2020)**
- 5.11. **Community Spotlight Committee** - Marc Bartholomew, Chair, explains the point of Community Spotlight is to bring light to unique Deaf individuals in Louisiana who go above and beyond or inspire others in whatever he/she does.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1. **Internal Audit** - Sherry Crosby (Floyd Perrodin) moves to defer this discussion until after our legal situation comes to a close.
Board Approves. **(Approved 1/8/2020)**
- 6.2. **Jr. NAD leadership workshop at LSD and Deaf Programs in other schools** - Workshop will be led by President Gore on September 12th at LSD. More information coming soon.
- 6.3. **Nonprofit exemption application for Postage** - Referred to the Board
- 6.4. **Office Renovations** - Jerrod Wingate, Chair, reports that the Front door and refrigerator have been replaced. 3 recessive lights outside the LAD home office were replaced by a Deaf man in New Orleans, Walter Jung. Hansen Touchard handles LAD's Landscaping and major clean up is done (power wash, trim bushes and trees). Jerrod looks forward to renovating the office. Design for landscaping in the front and office renovations are being compiled. President Gore mentions that donations; suggesting flowers, plants, etc, are always appreciated.

7. New Business

- 7.1. **Committee for revisions to LAD Mission and Vision.** President Gore appoints Jay Isch as the Chair of this committee. Board Approves. Jay states that he will contact members to see if anyone is interested to be on this committee and report back to the Board.

8. Announcements

- 8.1. Next Quarterly Board Meeting: TBA due to Coronavirus
- 8.2. Sherry Crosby reminds members about LAD's T-Shirts and Polos if anyone wants to order.
- 8.3. Jay Isch reports that the DEA's Deaf Education Summit has been postponed to the Fall.
- 8.4. COSD's Deaf Festival has been postponed to September 5th.
- 8.5. Jay Isch reports that LAAD's Crawfish Boil on April 18th has been converted to Take out only. RSVP by April 10th. Order Forms are available on Facebook and they were sent via email to LAAD E-News subscribers as well. Pick up time is 12pm - 4pm.

9. Adjournment

Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:09pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jay Isch, *Secretary*