



# Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Date: **September 26, 2020** ~ Location of Meeting: **Live stream**

Call to Order: **9:02 am**

Invocation: **Jerrold Wingate**

Pledge of Allegiance: **Sherry Crosby**

Roll Call: **All officers present via Zoom**

## AGENDA

1. **Good of the Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda** Sherry Crosby (Floyd Perrodin) moves to accept.
3. **Reading & Approval of Minutes**
  - 3.1. **6/20/20 Quarterly Meeting** Accepted with revisions.
  - 3.2. **9/23/2020 Board Meeting** Accepted without revisions.
4. **Officers' Report**
  - 4.1. **President** - As you all know, LAD is in the middle of two lawsuits, one involving 4 individuals, Robillard, Smith, Wood and Tarasyuk that we are suing, seeking a declaratory judgement related to the petitions to remove the President and Secretary and special meeting. One with Mary Smith against the LAD Board. Additionally, LAD lost the lease at the Bingo Hall. LAD Board feels confident that we will bring it back into operations. Next time we sign a contract with a Bingo hall, it will be more stringent and fair. Board is also considering discipline with those who were involved in the Bingo situation. Hurricane Laura: Lake Charles was a sight to see, almost like a war zone. It was a touching experience and it was good to see the coordination with FEMA to provide those with what they need, including a visit to Rosepine where I met new people. Our home office now looks like a messy landfill due to massive donations of clothes. On August 8th, the Board met with NOBDA Board, that was a good experience for us to learn of their perspective on reality and relations with the rest of the Deaf community. We also decided to contribute \$1,000 to SouthWestern Center for Health Services for their role in assisting the Deaf community in the immediate aftermath of the Hurricane.

- 4.2. Vice President** - Necrology Report, President appointed to me coordinate the hurricane relief with Thelma Covello and Floyd Perrodin. We have raised over \$32,000. We went to the Catholic Deaf Center in Lake Charles and Rosepine where we gave away \$300 gift cards to Walmart for those who were affected by the hurricane, we also gave lunch, water and care packages. We were joined by Jana Broussard and Vanessa Magnon with Louisiana Commission for the Deaf and FEMA was fabulous in their assistance with Interpreters for the applications process which many have stated was incredibly helpful. We will return to lake Charles on October 17th with a massive load of donated clothes from 9 am until 3pm with FEMA. Deadline for donations to Hurricane Relief is set on September 30th. Thanks to those who came to the LAD office to fold and organize clothes. Cheers Y'all, hosted by Natasha Aymani is selling jewelry amongst other items for our Hurricane relief. Grateful for her enthusiasm to help where needed. Bylaws meeting this past September 12 with Parliamentarian, Mark Apodaca, went well and we look forward to continuing our work. Next meeting will be on October 24th. Marc Bartholomew will be handling the operation of our Zoom meeting. Members can observe the meeting. NAD's Biennial conference last summer was canceled due to COVID-19 but will hold a virtual conference on Oct 1-4.
- 4.3. Secretary** - Working on development of LAD website, transferring data and working out the bugs and I'm still working on Conference location but may have to hold a virtual conference. Board will discuss further before making a final decision. Additionally, the Board has approved a \$25,000 contribution to LSD's Early Education Program. Groundbreaking ceremony to come soon.
- 4.4. Treasurer**
- 4.4.1. Operation:** Transferred \$20K from Bingo on July 7th, then \$40K on August 16th. We spent mostly on all common expenses such as bills and such, except one big sponsorship of \$2,775 that went to Vanessa Magnon's LLS fundraising. Big thanks to CheersYall for their biggest donation of \$1,000 from their fundraising.
- 4.4.2. Bingo:** We profited more than \$20K in June, \$48K in July, and \$48K in August. The total is **\$117,245.09**.
- 4.4.3. Investments:** We profited around \$12K in June, \$10K in July, and \$24K in August. The total is **\$46,544.51**.
- 4.5. Members-at-Large**
- Jerrold Wingate:** Meeting with NOBDA was a good learning experience for me, I learned a lot. I am now working in Lake Charles helping people rebuild here with my brother's construction company. It was very disheartening to see so many people losing their homes.

**Thelma Covello:** I want to add that meeting with the NOBDA Board was a revealing experience because their perspective was very different from us. I am happy that LAD is providing relief for Hurricane victims. I feel very good about doing it. All information that we have gathered from Hurricane victims will remain confidential. Thank you.

**Floyd Perrodin:** NOBDA wishes to meet with LAD again but it has been on hold since many issues have come up but we are looking forward to it. As a part of the hurricane relief team, I networked with those who are Deaf and Black and isolated from information, I am pleased to have contributed to the coordination of the hurricane relief. I enjoy working with the Board. We are also selling new LAD T-shirts. One for \$20, two for \$30. Please contact us to order one or two to support LAD. Thank you.

President calls for a 10-minute break.

## 5. Standing Committees' Report

- 5.1. **Charitable Gaming Committee** - See Treasurer's report
- 5.2. **Ways & Means Committee** - See Treasurer's report
- 5.3. **Investments Committee** - Bought 6 additional stocks in July: Rigel, Bristol-Myers, NIO, Netflix, and NVIDIA. Apple stock split 1 to 4 at the end of August, and we bought more additional shares including the most recent purchase, Tesla.
- 5.4. **Auditing Committee** - Auditors found no issues to date (Jerrod Wingate and Thelma Covello are auditors)
- 5.5. **Bylaw Committee** - See Vice President's report. President adds that he likes what he sees from the Bylaw committee and is impressed with the professionalism and working towards better transparency with Members.
- 5.6. **2021 LAD Conference Committee** - See Secretary's report
- 5.7. **Youth Committee** - We will send out a poll soon.
- 5.8. **Code of Ethics Committee** - Final draft should be ready for approval by the Board at the next meeting.
- 5.9. **Social Events Committee** - No report due to COVID-19.
- 5.10. **Website Committee** - See Secretary's report
- 5.11. **Community Spotlight Committee** - The guideline is being developed. No reports due to COVID-19. The next meeting is TBA.

## 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. **Office Renovations** - Jerrod Wingate announces resignation due to high demand with construction work in Lake Charles. Jay Isch reports that he is still in the meeting phase with an architect. Need to submit measurements for the Bathroom and Kitchen to try avoid changing the plumbing.
- 6.3. **LAD Golf Tournament** - Tentatively set for March 5, 2021 **(7/13/2020)**
- 6.4. **Website development** - Still in the testing and transferring phase.
- 6.5. **LAD Promotional Banners** - Pending Committee for mission and vision
- 6.6. **Future workshop - Update:** On hold due to Hurricane Laura **(8/31/2020)**
- 6.7. **Christmas Toy Drive** - Thelma is working on putting together the committee and forms to send out to gather information on items needed. This process was interrupted by Hurricane Laura.
- 6.8. **Conference location** -
- 6.9. **Hurricane Laura Relief** -

## 7. New Business

- 7.1. **LDBR Donation request**  
Thelma Covello (Jerrod Wingate) moves to honor their request by contributing \$600.  
Board Approves.

Sherry Crosby (Jerrod Wingate) moves to go into the Executive Session to discuss personnel.  
Board Approves.

## 8. Executive Session

- 8.1. **Board decides to take disciplinary action**

Board agrees to close Executive Session.

## 9. Announcements

- 9.1. **Thelma Covello announces that Alexandria Association for the Deaf will have a Halloween party on October 10th and Thanksgiving party on November 21.**
- 9.2. **Jay Isch announces LAAD's Boiled Crabs & Shrimp event on October 3rd. The order deadline is on September 28th**
- 9.3. **Thelma Covello asks that those who haven't registered for hurricane relief, please do.**

- 9.4. Jay Isch announces Deaf Focus will hold DEA Summit virtually in March/April of 2021.
- 9.5. **Next Quarterly Board Meeting:** December 19, 2020

## 10. Adjournment

**Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:52am**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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Jay Isch, *Secretary*