

SDAD Board Meeting

Held at the Rapid City Library, Rapid City, SD
Saturday September 20th, 2014

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 1:25pm with the following Board members present: Patty Kuglitsch, President; James Still, Vice President; Rhonda Ofstad, Secretary; Kevin Barber, Treasurer; Patty Pibal, Jeff Panek, Tom Kober, Mark Koterwski and Doug Schweitzer, at Large members.

Approximately 26 members and guests were present during the meeting.

The agenda was approved as read.

Patty Pibal (Mark Koterwski) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Carried.

Public Input Comments:

John Pibal suggested that we need to do fundraising for all school reunion next summer.

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Barber, Treasurer walked through the April, May and June treasurer reports with the board. Mark Koterwski (Doug Schweitzer) made a motion to approve the April to June reports. Carried.

Officer reports:

President:

Patty Kuglitsch spent her time and energy on Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS) administrative rules. The Department of Human Services (DHS) and Division of Rehabilitation (DRS) invited Patty to serve on the work group. There were service providers and professionals and parents participated in the work group. Patty went to Pierre for the meeting and gave feedback or brainstormed what should be included in the administrative rules. The State drafted the rules and asked the community and stakeholders for comments. Patty asked the SDAD Board to help develop a letter of the comments. Kevin Barber went and made vlogs for deaf community to write comments. Kevin and Patty went to the SDAD Center to help people write the comments. On August 27th Kevin, Jeff Panek, Clarke Christianson and Patty attended the public hearing and shared our comments. On Sept 8th Gloria Pearson, Secretary of the DHS and Eric Weiss, Division director of Rehabilitation Services called and shared the good news. The deaf community will not have a cost sharing when they get iPhone or iPad however financial need eligibility was still required. Patty objected and explained that when the TTY's were first released, the deaf people did receive TTYs with no questions. Eric explained that DHS would continue to modify the rules each year, depending on the outcome of the equipment distribution. The DHS was worried that the TRS funds would be depleted fast with different programs and DHS just released a RFP to vendors for the iPhones and iPads. Eric had high respects for SDAD and the deaf community. He appreciated SDAD's advocacy and asked Patty to continue communicating with him about the new equipment distribution program and how the deaf community feel about it. He assured that CSD would continue to provide communication assistance services to the deaf community as the DHS was overwhelmed with comments about CSD. On Sept 16th I went to the legislative committee hearing and made a comment about eligibility. There were no other comments. The committee voted to approve the TRS administrative rules as whole. This will include Telecommunication Equipment Devices, Telecommunication Adaptive Device, Hearing Aid Program and Communicate Support Services.

Patty had a teleconference with SDCCD and had a good discussion. SDCCD agreed that at next board meeting they will develop policy and procedures for two or more organizations that will have a dispute on the issue. We asked them to share with all members of the SDCCD about the new policy. SDCCD, CSD

and SDAD agreed that a deaf person should serve on the SDCCD board. We agreed that we move forward and work together in unity for the best interest of the people with disabilities. We have two persons that are nominated to serve on the SDCCD Board and they were myself and Tom Kober. SDAD had one fundraising event – SDAD picnic. More information will be found in the committee report. One more fundraising event is at Pizza Ranch at 41st on November 3rd. I feel that we need to do more fundraising to support SDAD and outreach activities.

Vice President:

There will be fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on November 3rd. I got volunteers to come and help him out. James encouraged the community to come and eat good food, chat and give support for SDAD's advocacy services.

There are no reports from Board members.

Committee Reports:

Education/Legislative – Patty Kuglitsch, Chair

There were no reports as Patty focused on the TRS Administrative Rules for telecommunication equipment distribution (TED) and Communication Support Services (CSS).

Finance – Kevin Barber, Chair

The Finance Committee had a meeting and Kevin provided copies of SDAD's monthly financials for the committee's review. No action on the scanner was taken at this a point. The committee made a recommendation that SDAD purchase a tree and plaque in an honor of Paul Berka by using Paul Berka Fund. The tree will be placed at current facility at Gateway Lane or a new owned building in Sioux Falls. The plaque will also be used to recognize the other donors.

Hall of Fame – Mark Johnson, Chair

There were no Hall of Fame committee reports.

Governance – Ben Soukup, Chair

There were no Governance Committee reports

Public Relations – Karina Saunders, Chair

The flyers have been posted on SDAD Facebook.

SDAD Programs – Tom Kober, Interim Director of CSD of SD

There is an issue related to SDAD News. There were some changes within CSD. CSD no longer provides support in areas of manpower, availability of equipment for printing the news and postage. At this moment, it does impact the efficiency of accomplishing to complete SDAD news on time. There is no one at CSD of SD office to assist us with postage and printing. With those issues, we recommended to eliminate paper/print and move our publication into electronic. The electronic distribution is a best solution for our organization and our members. In addition this will save costs of paper, ink and postage. The effective date is January 1 2015.

Action item is to eliminate SDAD news paper and convert into electronic and distribute SDAD news via email effective January 1 2015.

Technology – Clarke Christianson, Chair

The 911 Coordination Board met in Pierre and approved recommendations from the review committee on which vendors to go with. Currently they are in negotiations with two vendors for the NG911 system. Per Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, the 911 Coordinator, the Board does not plan to add any additional staff at

this time. Public education and outreach to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing will be taken on by the Board and Shawnie.

Museum – David Soukup, Chair

There was no report.

2015 SDAD Conference – Tom Kober, Chair

Tom Kober, Chair of the 2015 SDAD Conference had selected individuals who were interested in helping with the conference planning. The names of SDAD committee members are: Jeff Panek, Belinda Panek, Angela Koterwski, Mark Koterwski, Lori Kober, John Pibal and Patty Pibal. We are looking for possible locations for the conference and working on possible conference themes that will apply to our SDAD 115th Anniversary as an advocacy organization. The HOF luncheon/ceremony will be separated but the HOF committee will work with the conference committee on food selection and pricing. The HOF committee will be responsible for the HOF ceremony program. We will have our first committee meeting soon after the Board approves Tom's appointments of the individuals.

NAD Conference Report – Patty Kuglitsch and Mark Koterwski

Mark Koterwski and Patty Kuglitsch attended the 52nd Biennial National Association for the Deaf Conference in Altana on July 1 to 6. There are delegates from 44 state association, 15 non profit organization affiliates and 5 sections plus hundreds and hundreds of NAD members. 1500 people attended the conference. At council of representatives sessions, forums and caucuses reviewed a total of 42 proposed priorities and 15 bylaws amendments and they discussed the pros and cons of each priority and amendment. In the end they voted on the top 5 priorities for 2014 – 2016. Most of them are tied to the Vision Strategic Plan and the NAD Board of Directors will be responsible for any further follow up action. The priorities are listed as follows:

- 1 – Preservation and Advocacy of Relay Services (PARS)
- 2 FEMA communication to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing –
3. Preservation of the Mental Health Services that meet needs of deaf and hard of hearing.
4. Defining and supporting the education strategy team's focus for 2014-2016
5. Outreach to Deaf Youth including mainstream school students

There was an election for the officer and board members. Christopher Wagner, President; Melissa Draganac-Hawk Vice President and Philippe Montalette, Treasurer were re-elected. Joshua Eckman is new secretary, New Regional board members are: Michelle Cline (region 1), Richard McCowin (region 2 – re-elected), Gerald Nelson (region 3) and NAD board will appoint someone for region 4.

Between sessions and regional caucuses, the attendees had an opportunity to attend workshops and booth exhibitions. Evening events were: Community forums – members discussed topics such as Deaf heart, collaboration and activities, Panormaic fireworks bash and live action = picnic type food were served on top of the hotel. Austin Andrews provided storytelling, jokes and poetry. College bowls as a conference tradition, there was college bowl where the colleges and universities sent teams of contestants to the academic competition. NTID won the championship. Youth ambassadors programs competition – it was first ever that Youth ambassador program competition and they brought 6 young deaf and hard of hearing female and male Americans to compete for the NAD ambassadors. The winners were Elena Mayer and Ryan Hait-Campbell.

Also CSD hosted a Gala in honor of our leader Benjamin J Soukup. The attendees joined the NAD To recognizing Ben for his many years of leadership and contributions to the NAD.

Mark and Patty wished to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to SDAD members for giving them an opportunity to represent SDAD and CSD for the generous sponsorship for their travel to the NAD Conference. It was long and hard week but a very rewarding experience for both of them.

SDAD Picnic Report – Marge Morse, Chair

On July 19, 2014 the deaf community and relatives of deaf children gathered at the Sertoma Park in Sioux Falls, SD for the SDAD summer picnic. Attendees were asked to bring cold or hot dishes, salads, or desserts to share in a potluck fashion and everyone also brought and cooked their own meat on the grill. They enjoyed socialization and the children had a blast at the huge playground. Door prizes were given to lucky winners. Most prizes were donated by CSD. The purpose of the annual summer picnic was basically to get people out of the house and enjoy the summer weather and to enjoy friendly socialization. Special thanks to fellow committee members: Mark Johnson, Steve Janecek, John Timmer, Pat Anderson-O'Neill and Kevin Barber, SDAD Treasurer for their hard work in planning for the wonderful event. SDAD made a profit of \$41.09.

Unfinished Business:

Mark Koterwski (Kevin Barber) made a motion that SDAD news be distributed via electronic mail, effective January 1, 2015. Carried

No action on membership dues for affiliated organizations and volunteerism.

New Business:

Tom Kober (Kevin Barber) referred SDAD House Policies to the Governance Committee. Carried.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) made a motion that board meetings be held at different cities other than Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Carried.

Patty Pibal (Jeff Panek) made a motion that SDAD check with the State regarding Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA) for interpreters at public schools. Mark Koterwski (Kevin Barber) referred it to the Education Committee. Carried.

The Board supported the idea of inviting Lisa Norris' class to give a short Christmas performance during the SDAD's annual Holiday Dinner.

Tom Kober (Jim Still) made a motion to approve SDAD budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Carried.

Mark Kotewski (Doug Schweitzer) made a motion to give SDAD Treasurer an authorization to move SDAD funds to First Premier Bank. Jeff Panek (Patty Panek) amended to have CD for 60 months. Carried on both motions.

Tom Kober (Jim Still) made a motion to close checking account to First Premier Bank along with CD account. Carried.

Tom Kober made a comment about SDAD's having a credit card for SDAD's functions. Jeff Panek (Patty Pibal) made a motion that SDAD Treasurer check with banks on how to secure credit card/debit card when the officers are elected every two years and bring back to the next board meeting. Carried

There was a 5-min break at 3:05 pm.

The meeting was resumed at 3:13 pm.

Mark Koterwski (Doug Schweitzer) made a motion that the Board brainstorm and discuss one financial topic. Carried

Kevin Barber (Jim Still) made a motion to approve Tom Kober's appointments (Jeff Panek, Belinda Panek, Angela Koterwski, Mark Koterwski, Lori Kober, John Pibal and Patty Pibal) to serve on 2015 SDAD Conference committee. Carried

Mark (Kevin Barber) made a motion that we change from Miss Deaf South Dakota to Mr. and Ms. SD Ambassador. Carried

Kevin Barber (Tom Kober) made a motion that SDAD check to see if Granite City restaurant has the fundraiser program like Pizza Ranch. Carried

Jeff Panek (Kevin Barber) made a motion that SDAD have the all school reunions on July 17, 18, and 19, 2015. Carried

Patty Pibal (Jim still) made a motion to close the new business meeting. Declined

Jeff Panek (Kevin Barber) made a motion to refer the interpreting services issues to Legislative Committee. Carried

Mark Koterwski (Patty Pibal) made a motion to close the new business meeting. Carried

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Ofstad
SDAD Secretary