

SDAD Board Meeting

January 16, 2015

The SDAD Board meeting was held at the SDAD Center at January 16, 2015. Patty Kuglitsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Patty Kuglitsch, President; Jim Still, Vice President; Kevin Barber, Treasurer; Patty Pibal, Jeff Panek, Tom Kober and Mark Koterwski , Board at Large. Rhonda Ofstad and Doug Schweitzer were absent.

The President asked Patty Pibal to be an acting secretary for Rhonda Ofstad.

Approximately 50 members and visitors were present.

Patty Kuglitsch asked the members and visitors to stand up in silence in memory of Duane Rhode who passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2015. Duane was SDAD member for 52 years.

The agenda was approved as read.

There was a special presentation. Jerry Apperson presented a beautiful podium to SDAD. Jerry's goal was to earn an Eagle Scout rank. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in the Boy Scouts. He and his group built a new podium for SDAD. SDAD sent our heartfelt thanks to Jerry for his beautiful workmanship!

Kevin Barber (Jim Still) moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2014 meeting. Carried.

Tom Kober (Kevin Barber) moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014 special board meeting. Carried

Mark Koterwski (Jim Still) moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014 special board meeting. Carried.

Tom (Mark Koterwski) moved to approve the minutes of December 1 and 3, 2014 special board meeting. Carried.

Public Comments:

Larry Puthoff announced he became an editor for the SDAD News again. He will start a given question and the individual will answer in two sentences. And then he will put in the SDAD News.

Mark Johnson questioned about the interpreting services for deaf-blind.

David Dahle would like to know more about the transition plans for the games, equipment, furniture and when CSD will make payment to SDAD.

John Timmer would like to know more about the CSD and SDAD agreement.

Norman Larson had some concerns about closed caption on news and would like to see some improvements.

Mark Johnson added weather alerts to Norman Larson's comments.

Treasurer report:

Kevin Barber, Treasurer gave the financial reports (July – November 2014). Three auditors signed on all reports. Kevin stated CD was matured in September and put money in the checking account in October. He explored banks that would offer better interests for CDs. In November Kevin found a bank (Minnwest Bank) that offered a better interest for CD and started a new CD. The Board made two suggestions: 1) Change the name from Miss Deaf South Dakota to Mr. and Ms. South Dakota Ambassadors and 2) Add “Signed by Electronically” on the financial reports.

President's Report – Patty Kuglitsch:

After the information sharing meeting the President and Treasurer worked closely with the attorney named David Edwards on SDAD-CSD Agreement. The attorney negotiated with CSD on behalf of SDAD. The Board reviewed the Agreement thoroughly. They made comments and asked the attorney for more clarifications. Then the Board voted unanimously to approve SDAD – CSD Agreement. CSD CEO and SDAD President signed the Agreement on December 4, 2014. SDAD will vacate the Center by September 30, 2015. The President will set up three committees (Museum, Trust Fund and Clean-Up). The SDAD board will heavily be involved in the process.

The President made several contacts with the State. She followed up on TRS Administrative Rules (smart phones). Mr. Eric Weiss, Division Director of Rehabilitation Services was happy to announce that the DHS had a website for the deaf and hard of hearing individuals to apply for iPad Air 2, iPad Mini 3 and iPhone 6. Mark Koterwski, CSD Community Support Specialist was asked to explain more about the devices.

The President participated in the Disability Action Network meeting on a monthly basis. When the legislative session began, the group met every 2 weeks. The biggest issues were employment, autism and mental health services.

SDAD had two fundraising events (Pizza Ranch and New Year Party). Special thanks to volunteers. Granite City Brewery and Pizza Ranch on East 10th and West 41st Street will be SDAD's next fundraising events.

The President had several correspondences: NAD and SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. NAD reminded SDAD to pay \$200 for state association membership fee but SDAD already paid. NAD would like to know if SDAD planned to have any legislative bills and NAD would be happy to provide support if SDAD needed. SDAD received a letter from SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (SDCCD) and they will host a Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol on February 12, 2015.

The next Board meeting will be held in Aberdeen in April 2015.

There were no reports from Vice President and Secretary.

Treasurer's Report- Kevin Barber:

Kevin gave a summary of revenues & expenses and budget. He got a credit card from American Express and the reason for choosing AMEX was that they provided some rewards and SDAD could order things for the events. Kevin explored liability insurance for SDAD. He sent out membership reminders to the members. As of January 13th SDAD has 33 members and some of them made contributions to SDAD.

Board Members' Reports:

Tom Kober is a board member of SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. He encouraged the members to join SDCCD.

There were no reports from other board members.

Committee Reports:

Education/Legislative Committee:

Patty Kuglitsch, Chair contacted the State about Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment. Augustana College is responsible for the assessment. She reviewed the Administrative Rules on the Interpreter Certification. She found out that interpreters with provisional certification were required to receive mentoring services while interpreters with EIPA were not required. SDAD will work with SDIA and SDRID to address this.

There will be no legislative action this year but Patty will keep an eye on legislative bills that are related to deafness. There will be a Disability Awareness Day on Feb 12, 2015.

Finance Committee:

Kevin Barber, Chair gave a finance committee report on the snack bar. The committee reviewed the snack bar revenue and expenses reports. There were some changes in food menu and the prices for outdated drinks were reduced. There was no action on the scanner for the museum. The membership fees for affiliated organizations were referred to the Governance Committee for the further study.

Hall of Fame Committee:

Mark Johnson, Chair had 10 nominations (7 old nominations and 3 new nominations). The food for the HOF luncheon was selected and the cost for the luncheon was \$15. Mark asked SDAD Board for an extension to submit nominations to Feb 1st. Jim Still (Tom Kober) moved to approve the extension of nomination submittal to Feb 1st. Carried

Governance Committee:

Patty Kuglitsch gave a brief report on the House Policies on behalf of Ben Soukup, Chair. The House Policies were outdated and the Governance Committee reviewed and made some recommendations for revisions for the Board's consideration and approval. The recommendations for the revisions were in regards of continuous members; recognition of members of 25 and 50 years and in memoriam of members and the executive agenda. Members were reminded to submit amendments to the Bylaws by April 19, 2015.

Public Relations Committee:

The President gave a report on behalf of Karina Saunders. Karina continues to post the SDAD flyers on Facebook.

SDAD Programs:

Kevin Barber gave reports on games, earnings & expenses and the numbers of attendees. He suggested that a special attention should be given on Bank Night.

Technology Committee:

Clarke Christianson, Chair gave an update of Next Generation 911 in South Dakota. The Board of SD 911 signed a contract with GeoComm last November for the GIS data and maintenance project for NG911. The board is to review proposed final draft of contract for ESInet and call handling. No new or updated information on plans for Outreach/Public Education to deaf and hard of hearing community about NG911.

Museum Committee:

There were no reports at this time.

2015 SDAD Conference Committee:

Tom Kober, Chair announced the new theme for SDAD Conference is “Our Adventure into New Horizons”. Tom Kober explained the reasons for the theme: 1) Have new leadership; 2) Set up new organizational and financial goals; and 3) Seek new opportunities. The Conference will be held on June 19-21, 2015 at SDAD Center. The committee proposed CJ Jones as an entertainment on Saturday night. The committee will seek fund assistance from sponsors for the conference. The registration fees will cover, refreshments, breakfast, supper, hotels, and booths, plus HOF luncheon. The committee are: Jeff Panek, Belinda Panek, Lori Kober, Mark Koterwski, Angie Koterwski, Patty Pibal and John Pibal.

Kevin Barber (Jim Still) made a motion to approve SDAD Conference plan. Carried

SDAD New Year’s Eve Committee:

Patty Kuglitsch, Chair gave a brief report of the New Year Eve party. The party included games, door prizes, appetizers and photo booth. The committee members were: Kevin Barber, Colleen Barber, and Angie Walz. SDAD thanked the committee and attendees for their support.

There was a 10-minute recess.

Committee Reports (Cont’d):

Kevin Barber, Chair announced the SDSD class reunion would be held on July 17-19, 2015. He wished to find a replacement as Chair as he serves on many committees. He will continue to work till he finds a replacement.

Unfinished Business:

Jeff Panek, Chair will do some study on volunteers and bring the report in next meeting.

New Business:

Mark Koterwski (Kevin Barber) made a motion to ask CSD to pay 3 thousand dollars for the comedy performance for the SDAD Conference. Jeff Panek (Tom Kober) amended to use CSD’s restrict fund. Both motions carried.

Mark Koterwski (Tom Kober) made a motion to have CJ Jones as comedy performer for SDAD Conference. Carried.

Jim Still (Tom Kober) made a motion that the Board approves Ben Soukup’s appointment of Larry Puthoff to serve on Governance Committee. Carried.

Tom Kober (Kevin Barber) made a motion that the Board approves Governance Committee's all recommendations for SDAD House Policies except one. The recommendations included awards for milestone memberships; recognition of members of 25 years and 50 years and members in memoriam in SDAD website and SDAD News and at Conference; removal of Section 7 (Continuous Membership) and executive agenda (elimination of Readings of Communications and CEO Report). The public comments will not be included in the executive agenda. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Patty Pibal) made a motion that SDAD contact TV stations and share concerns about closed caption for weather alert or announcements on TV news. Carried.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) made a motion that 90% of money from CSD be put in the restricted fund and the remaining (10%) be put in the general fund. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Jim Still) made a motion that SDAD Governance Committee have a look at the Bank Night. Carried.

Tom Kober (no second) made a motion to have a board meeting on April 24, 2015 in Aberdeen. Dead.

Jim Still (no second) made a motion to have a board meeting on April 11, 2015 in Aberdeen. Dead.

Jeff Panek (Tom Kober) made a motion to have a board meeting on April 25, 2015 in Aberdeen. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Jim Still) made a motion to close new business. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Pibal
Acting Secretary