

# **SDAD Board meeting**

Held at the SDSD Gym, Saturday, January 14th, 2017

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 1:30 PM with the following Board members present: President Patty Kuglitsch; Vice President Jeff Panek; Secretary David Dahle; Treasurer Kevin Barber; At-large members: Sonny Rasmussen, Brian Reno, Mark Koterwski, and Dean Schweitzer. Lori Kober was absent (excused).

About 20 members and guests were present at the meeting.

## **Agenda:**

Kevin Barber (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to accept agenda as read. Carried.

## **Minutes of previous meetings:**

### **September 10th regular, November 9th special, and December 11th special**

Mark Koterwski pointed out that the three motions pertaining to the SDAD Board at the Christmas Dinner should actually be a main motion and two amendments.

Kevin Barber (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to accept the November minutes as corrected. Carried.

Kevin Barber (Mark Koterwski) moved to accept the September and December minutes as read. Carried.

## **Treasurer's report:**

Reports from August to November 2016 were reviewed, and the October report reflects the transfer of money to the SDAD Foundation.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to accept the reports. Carried.

## **Officer and Board reports:**

### **President:**

Recently appointed to the CSD Advisory Board and had a meeting, but more deaf people are needed to serve on the board (2 of 11) and CSD will take the request under advisement.

The SDAD President has also participated in a number of meetings (Disability Advocacy Network, SD Coalition, VR Board, and SDSD Foundation Golf Tourney committee).

SDAD has paid up for rental of museum / storage space, and provided the required insurance certificate. Should SDAD also make a contribution for appreciation in use of the gym?

The SD Coalition has asked if SDAD would be interested in having a booth at the State Capitol on February 14th during the Legislative session.

Angie Walz has volunteered to chair a kickball game fundraiser, and plans to seek donations from interpreting agencies and seek out people willing to form teams.

Tamara Casey-Trujillo is now BHAD President and informed SDAD that BHAD is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this month and wondered if it was possible to have a small celebration during the SDAD Conference.

We also need to decide on a location for the April board meeting.

Brian Reno (Jeff Panek) moved that SDAD have a booth at Disability Day at the state capitol on February 14th. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to accept Angie Walz as chair of kickball fundraiser. Carried.

#### **Vice President:**

A summary was given of recent SDAD events (Pizza Ranch fundraisers, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners) – a total of around \$900 was earned for SDAD.

#### **Secretary: No report**

#### **Treasurer:**

The budget so far this term was shared with the Board, showing the impact of transferring money to the SDAD Foundation on the current budget.

#### **Board members-at-large:**

Mark Koterwski shared a concern about captioning, noting that captions do not work with certain combinations of cable equipment.

#### **Committee reports:**

##### **Education / Legislative: (Patty Kuglitsch)**

The Board of Regents does not recognize ASL as a language, and this is creating an issue as to the availability of resources to establish ASL classes in the Black Hills area.

The committee also discussed LEAD-K and decided it is not the time to push for legislative action at this time for a number of reasons.

Two issues the EHDI advisory committee is trying to resolve are follow-ups once a deaf child is identified, along with the fact that doctors do not take deafness seriously.

A letter to Augustana University asking to restore the Deaf Education program has been drafted but not sent yet.

A couple possible dates have been found for Kim Bianco-Mareji to come to Sioux Falls for Legislative training, and the Board needs to select a date.

An attempt was made to reach out to Toby Wishard, Codington County Sheriff for further dialogue about driver's license and vehicle registration, only to find that he has resigned his post to work in the family business. We do not know if Wishard's successor will take up this issue.

#### **Finance: (Kevin Barber)**

The committee gave its blessing to Board requests of up to \$2000 from SDAD Programs for Legislative training, up to \$2000 for new PC and printer for the Museum, and an allowance of \$1000 for ongoing Museum expenses.

The committee will also begin work on the next biennial budget to be approved at the SDAD Conference. Also the committee was informed of, and gave its blessing to, the Board's request to increase the Finance Committee referral cutoff to \$500.01.

The committee also gave its blessing to the Board's request to donate \$2000 to Parent Connection towards establishing a Deaf Mentoring program.

#### **Games: (Steve Janecek)**

SDAD continues to conduct games on the 4 Saturdays at the SDSD gym, and a report was shared with the Board. The SDSD gym was closed December 17th due to severe cold and was also closed for the 24th and 31st for the holidays.

#### **Governance: (Patty Kuglitsch for Ben Soukup)**

The committee accepted the Board's request to increase the Finance Committee automatic referral amount from \$250.01 to \$500.01 and has updated the Finance Committee policy accordingly.

The committee will also begin working on the SDAD Bylaws for the 2017 Conference.

Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to approve the updated Finance Committee policy. Carried.

**Hall of Fame: (Scott Miller)**

With Mark Johnson having resigned, Scott Miller was selected as the new Chair and approved by the Board. An extension for nominations was requested and accepted. The materials have also been transferred from Mark to Scott and work is underway with selecting nominees to the Hall of Fame. To fill the recent vacancy, Curt Anderson has been selected and needs the Board's approval.

Mark Koterwski (Dean Schweitzer) moved to accept Curt Anderson as a new member of the Hall of Fame committee. Failed due to Curt's lapsed SDAD membership status.

**Museum:**

There has not been much activity recently, and will be meeting soon to develop a plan for things to be done in 2017.

The PC requested in a past meeting, and approved by the Finance Committee, has been purchased.

**Technology: (Sonny Rasmussen)**

A brief summary of updates to the SDAD website was shared, and nothing to report about E-911 system at this time

**SDAD Conference: (Dean Schweitzer and Patty Kuglitsch)**

The contract with The Lodge at Deadwood has been signed, and a block of rooms reserved. Deb Kuglitsch has developed some of the conference materials and will develop additional materials later. Melissa Draganac-Hawk has been invited as a keynote speaker, but her availability is not assured. Another possibility is Stephen Greene from Maine who now lives in Custer. Sponsorship requests have been sent out as well, and most have been acknowledged and they will respond as time comes closer.

Dean Schweitzer (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to have Stephen Greene as a second keynote speaker. Carried.

**Emergency Preparedness: (Jeff Panek)**

Some discussions were held as to what information should be in the manual, and it was decided not to use the Wisconsin manual after all, as it is too broad. The committee's next step is to meet with someone at the state level to gather some needed information.

### **Interpreting fund: (Kevin Barber)**

Information was shared how the Wisconsin and Iowa associations handle requests for reimbursement of interpreting at funerals and other special situations, and a suggestion was made to reach out to the association in Chicago. Information from these sources will be used to develop relevant guidelines to be recommended for use here in South Dakota.

### **SDAD logo: (Patty Kuglitsch for Tanya Miller)**

SDAD went through a RFP process with a number of deaf graphic designers around the country, including CSD. CSD was the only firm willing to submit a formal bid, but SDAD initially declined due to the amount bid being over the limit. After a revision, the bid was accepted and a Statement of Work was then developed. In the meantime, three individuals were asked to serve on the committee and need the Board's approval: Angela Ellman, Larry Puthoff, and David Soukup.

Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to accept the selection of Angela Ellman, Larry Puthoff, and David Soukup to the Logo Committee. Carried.

### **SDAD Membership Coordinator: (Patty Kuglitsch for Tom Kober)**

SDAD has 162 members as of Jan. 5th, 2017; a decrease from 182 in 2015. A number of people have allowed their membership to lapse.

Kevin Barber (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that the Executive Board develop recruitment plan for lapsed members. Carried.

### **Unfinished business: None**

Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved for a 10-minute recess at 2:35. Carried. The meeting resumed at 2:45 PM.

### **New Business:**

1. Mark Koterwski (Dean Schweitzer) moved to request that the Technology Committee work with cable providers to resolve a captioning issue where captions do not display properly without DVR equipment in place. Carried.

2. Dean Schweitzer (Kevin Barber) moved that the next SDAD Board meeting be held on April 22nd in Sioux Falls.  
Jeff Panek (Brian Reno) amended that the meeting be in Yankton.  
Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) amended that the meeting be held on April 8th OR April 22nd, depending on scheduling of legislative training.  
Amendments and main motion carried.
3. Mark Koterwski (Brian Reno) moved to have SDAD host legislative training on April 8th or 22nd in Sioux Falls. Carried.
4. Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to have ASL links and resources added to the SDAD website. Carried.
5. Brian Reno (David Dahle) moved that the Public Relations and Education / Legislative Committees work with the Technology Committee to develop ASL content to be posted on SDAD's website. Carried.
6. David Dahle (Dean Schweitzer) moved to give SDSO \$200 as a gesture of appreciation for being allowed to use the gym on Saturday evenings. Carried.
7. Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to close New Business. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Dahle