

# **SDAD Board meeting**

Held at SDSD gym, Saturday, October 6, 2018

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 1:30 PM with the following Board members present:  
President Jeff Panek; Vice President Teresa Nold; Secretary David Dahle;  
Treasurer Sonny Rasmussen; At-large members: Mark Koterwski, Scott Miller,  
Lance Sigdestad, and Brian Reno. Callista Powell was absent (excused)

17 members and guests were present at the meeting.

The President asked the Vice President to take over for this meeting as he is still recovering from a recent medical procedure.

Tom Kober was selected as Parliamentarian.

After discussion, Public Input was moved to just before Unfinished Business.

## **Agenda:**

Lance Sigdestad (Mark Koterwski) moved to approve agenda as amended.  
Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)

## **Minutes of July 14, 2018 meeting:**

Scott Miller (Lance Sigdestad) moved to approve the minutes as read.  
Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)

## **Treasurer's report: None**

Did not have time to complete reports; expect them at the next meeting

## **Officer and Board reports:**

### **President:**

A planned meeting with SDSD had been postponed, but has been set for Oct. 12th.  
Had received a concern regarding registration cost for SDAD Conference attendees

### **Vice President:**

Pizza Ranch fundraiser netted SDAD over \$400  
Plans for the next Holiday Bazaar are underway, and Spring Hill Suites near the mall are a definite possibility.  
Involved with various SDAD committees / functions (Games, SDAD Newsletter, 2019 Conference, Facebook, community taskforce, and upcoming Christmas dinner)  
Will present options for the Christmas Dinner for the Board's consideration.  
Also working with DSSD for announcement postings, etc.  
Assisting President during his medical leave

**Secretary: No report**

**Treasurer: No report**

As mentioned earlier, time did not permit completing in time – next meeting.

**Board members-at-large: No report**

## **Committee reports:**

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

Nominations were sent out in August 2018, but only one nomination was received. A second reminder was sent out to try and receive more nominations.

Have not taken action on fundraisers yet, but there was not enough interest for one during the upcoming World Series.

**Finance: No report**

**SDAD Deaf Cultural Heritage (Scott Miller):**

Continuing posts weekly with deaf history and work on research, photo identification, updating the photo and historical archives.

With the possible sale of the SDSD campus, alternatives for the future of the archives are being investigated, among them the Simpson building, Old Courthouse Museum, and the SD Heritage Center in Pierre. The Old Courthouse Museum has since reached out to Scott and expressed a definite interest as they have few materials relating to SDSD on hand.

**Governance (Tom Kober):**

Because of the need for the Governance Committee to be independent and neutral, it was realized Mark Koterwski being on both the Board and Governance presented a conflict of interest. Mark is willing to step down and John Timmer has been selected as his replacement. Also under review is the approval process of Governance committee members, Board transition process, and placement of Public Input in the order of the meeting.

Also discussed were Hall of Fame honorary selection, Open Meeting guidelines, Board Code of Conduct, encouraging a push to have relevant state laws to update outdated “hearing impaired” terminology, and process for when a disclaimer may be needed for certain SDAD postings.

Lastly, a heads-up was given as to a possible impending sale of the SDSD campus.

Sonny Rasmussen (Scott Miller) moved to accept Mark Koterwski's resignation from the Governance committee and approve John Timmer as a new member.

Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Reno; Koterwski abstained)

**Technology: No report**

**2019 Conference:**

The committee members met via Zoom videoconference.

The possibility of having Matt Gilmore (firefighter) as a speaker, and it was suggested maybe it would be better to have him participate in a deaf youth camp or as a SDSA activity.

Callista went over the overall conference agenda, and the members discussed possibilities for making the awards portion of the conference less time-consuming.

Currently underway with developing the menus as well as sending out letters requesting sponsorships and invitations to local and state VIPs.

**Emergency Preparedness: No report****Legislative (Teresa Nold):**

Met with LRC and Eric Weiss from SD DHS to discuss accessibility to audio online, committee hearings (testimony), and floor discussions.

A follow-up meeting has been set for Oct 19th.

Discussed removal of 'hearing impaired' terminology from various programs / services in favor of 'deaf or hard of hearing'.

Discussed interpreter availability for legislative coffees

**Interpreting (Lance Sigdestad):**

Informal 1:1 surveys being done

Concern regarding provisional certs and EIPA 3.5 score

People not happy with 5-year provisional cert

Will have more detail next meeting

**SDAD Activities Taskforce (Kevin Barber):**

Thanked Board for opportunity to chair this taskforce

146 people were sent surveys, and 67 responded.

A majority of responses favored keeping the Museum displays, continuing the SDAD Games, and providing social events (Saturdays and special occasions), but there was not enough interest for making our tables and chairs available for rental.

**Youth (Lance Sigdestad):**

Added Scott Miller to committee. Also met with Kim Wadsworth at SDSA, wanted to add outreach to committee, but no reply last 3 weeks. Will have more next meeting – scholarship guidelines, member discounts, volunteer opportunities

**Education / Legislature (Mark Koterwski for Teresa Nold):**

Mark Koterwski is the SDAD rep on the committee, while Teresa chairs the parent committee LEAD-K committee met at SDSA

Issue with interpreter availability at first meeting, due to red tape and disagreement over who was to request and pay for interpreter – DHS, DOE, SDSA, or SDAD / cost sharing agreement developed

Developing a survey for parents, which will likely be handled via SD Parent Connection

Next meeting is this coming Wednesday

## **Public Input:**

Lori Kober and Janet Grate – encouraged the Board to Email prior minutes with the agenda (Input from parliamentarian: Ensure that the latest approved minutes are sent OR ensure most recent minutes not yet ratified are marked as "unofficial")

Lori Kober:

Requested committee reports be posted on website along with minutes

Sheila Barton:

Expressed concern regarding inaccurate dates for events on SDAD News calendar

David Soukup:

Expressed concern regarding news about non-members included in SDAD News

Tim Nold:

Had a question about SDAD's affiliated organizations, particularly SFAD – does it still exist, and if not, please remove it (Consensus was that it is 'inactive' and that Curt Anderson is the most recent president of SFAD). He also wanted clarification about the list of 'individual donations' on SDAD site (those who had donated additional money besides dues – i.e., 'booster'). Lastly, he suggested removal of interpreter certificates if it would help with the shortage of ASL interpreters

Barry Carpenter:

Deaf Grassroots Movement is working to encourage update of laws to remove 'hearing impaired' from state laws nationwide. He also expressed concern regarding the working relationship between SDAD and DGM

Kevin Barber:

First, regarding Tim Nold's idea to repealing interpreter certification: a BIG **NO!** The issue is REGISTRATION, not certification. Certification proves the interpreter has the necessary skills to convey information between deaf / hearing people, while registration relates to permission from the state to interpret for pay. Current state law says only those registered with the state are allowed to interpret for pay in SD, meaning out of state interpreters cannot cross the state line for work, and that VRS companies are actually on a 'fine line' regarding compliance with this law. He also suggested SDAD send a reminder to members to get registered to vote before October 22 deadline. He also mentioned that SDAD has a history of changing mandates at each conference, and suggested that one previous mandate be revived, regarding access to mental health services. In regards to interpreting, SDAD needs to emphasize and practice right of customer choice regarding interpreters. Lastly, there is a new option for interpreter certification (BEI of Texas), but the level of certification depends on the number of tests completed and passed.

Patty Kuglitsch:

Regarding the survey of interpreters, it may be a good idea to include deaf consumers as well as interpreters and to offer the survey in various formats (in person or via SurveyMonkey). She also gave some history as to how the EIPA score requirement got lowered to 3.5 from the original 4.0 standard (3.5 = 65% information conveyed; 4.0 = 80% information conveyed). As chair of the SD Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, she had already pushed to replace old 'hearing impaired' language with more appropriate 'deaf or hard of hearing' throughout the department's materials. Lastly, she asked the Board to consider adjusting the registration cost for members to make it more affordable, as hotel costs must be considered in the members' expenses.

Brian Reno (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to have a 10 minute recess at 3:20. Carried (all aye)

Meeting resumed at 3:31 PM.

### **Unfinished business: None**

### **New Business:**

1. Mark Koterwski (Brian Reno) moved that SDAD take action to encourage legislation at the state level to remove 'hearing impaired' from existing SD laws in favor of 'deaf or hard of hearing'.

Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)

2. Brian Reno (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to open floor to discuss the options for the upcoming SDAD Christmas dinner.

Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)

3. Brian Reno (David Dahle) moved that SDAD host the Christmas Dinner at the Royal Fork on December 2nd, and that SDAD pays for members' meals.

Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno; Nay - Rasmussen)

Vice-President and President switched back to normal roles at this time.

4. Scott Miller (Teresa Nold) moved to set up an ad hoc committee to focus on member incentives (community service).

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Reno; Nay – Koterwski; Abstain - Nold)

Vice-President and President switched back to acting roles at this time.

5. Scott Miller (Brian Reno) moved that SDAD host a holiday bazaar at Spring Hill Suites.

Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Reno; Nay - Koterwski)

6. Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to adjust the 2019 Conference registration (early bird) fees to \$25 regular member and \$15 for senior citizen member.  
Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)
7. Scott Miller (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that SDAD give \$250 to the SDSD as a sponsorship.  
Brian Reno (Teresa Nold) amended that two SDAD Board members help with running the carnival.
8. Amendment carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno; Nay - Miller), and main proposal carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)
9. Brian Reno (Lance Sigdestad) moved that SDAD look at fundraisers for youth program.  
Ruled out of order – already enacted in past minutes
10. Jeff Panek (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that SDAD pay \$130 so Teresa Nold and Callista Powell can attend the gala at the end of the LEAD-K summit in October 2018  
Carried (Aye: Panek, Dahle, Rasmussen, Miller, Sigdestad, Koterwski, Reno)
11. Mark Koterwski (Brian Reno) moved to close New Business.  
There being no objections, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Dahle