

# **SDAD Board meeting**

Held at Sioux Falls Public Library Meeting Room 'B'  
March 23, 2024

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 1:00 PM with the following Board members:  
President Tanya Miller, Vice-president Ashley Cain, Treasurer Kevin Barber;  
At-large members: Tim Jackson, Mark Koterwski, and Patty Kuglitsch.  
Callista Anderson was excused.

Bruce Kucker was present via Zoom and was sworn in as a new Board Member at large (taking the place of the late John Timmer).

Approximately 12 SDAD members and guests were present in person and via Zoom.

Secretary David Dahle arrived at 1:03 PM.

A moment of silence was observed for recently departed members and friends, including John Timmer, John Herr, Diane Medio, Mark Johnson, and Floyd Norris.

## **Agenda:**

Patty Kuglitsch (Ashley Cain) moved to approve the agenda as read. Carried.

## **Minutes of December 9, 2023 meeting / ratification of Email vote Feb 22, 2024:**

There were no corrections, so President Miller declared minutes were approved as read.

## **Treasurer's audited statements:**

The reports for December 2023 through February 2024 were distributed for review. Only two of the three auditors were available, but they have approved the reports.

There was one unexpected consequence when the account ownership transfer was completed. Up until now, the account was classified as a 'personal' account, but has been converted to a 'business' account, so we are no longer able to accrue interest from the savings account.

## **Public Input:**

Patty Kuglitsch:

Patty took a moment to share some information regarding ASL Anywhere.

Ben Soukup:

Ben mentioned that Mark Apodaca gives workshops on various topics, and one item that has come up for discussion is recruiting deaf youth, and it is something SDAD will need to work on in the coming years.

David Dahle:

Speaking as an officer of Deaf Seniors of South Dakota, he mentioned that some documents and other items belonging to that organization were discovered, and should be transferred as part of the discussion on handling items currently stored at the Simpson building.

## **Officer and Board reports:**

### **President:**

The Board approved the selection of Bruce Kucker as a new Board Member at large to replace the late John Timmer. Welcome aboard!

The extension on the space we are currently leasing in the Simpson building has been approved, the extension continuing to June 30, 2024, after which we will sign a new lease for three suites at the new rate they have shared with us.

The Board is underway with a project to inventory and make recommendations for downsizing items currently in SDAD's possession to accommodate the reduction in leased space at the Simpson building at the end of June.

The South Dakota Interpreting Association has requested a donation of \$300 to cover interpreting expenses at their fall retreat.

### **Vice-President:**

Helped with inventory / documentation of items stored in the Simpson building on February 6th. Helped President Miller with the Super Bowl Party at the new American Legion on February 11th, and there were 30 people in attendance.

Made arrangements with Mark Koterwski as an alternate delegate to the National Association of the Deaf Conference in July 2024 in Chicago.

The next fundraiser will be May 4, 2024 – combination spring BBQ and carwash; need a committee to help organize it, so see her if interested.

### **Secretary: No report**

### **Treasurer:**

Membership in 2022-2023 was 208.

Starting from March 5th, we have 151 paid members, 7 of which are new members. There are about 53 that had not renewed yet, 7 that passed away, and four that have declined to renew.

The transfer at Service First Credit Union has finally been completed.

The IRS Form 990 has also been completed and submitted.

The Super Bowl Party had a profit of \$103.24

**Board member reports: none**

## **Committee reports:**

### **Deaf Cultural Heritage Center (Scott Miller):**

Had help in January and February to start an updated inventory of all of SDAD's items in Simpson building in preparation for downsizing to three suites.

Had some help getting pictures of the trophies and feeding them into PastPerfect.

### **Education Committee (Lance Sigdestad):**

Gave updates on various topics; LEAD-K, ADHA, the American Speech & Language Association.

He also recommended the Board approve Mark Koterwski as a new committee member.

### **Finance Committee (Sonny Rasmussen):**

The only update he had was recommending the Board approve LaDonna Haake and Jeff Panek as committee members.

### **Governance (Larry Puthoff):**

The Governance Committee has not met since the SDAD Conference, but will meet soon to begin reviewing the policies and Bylaws for any needed updates, as well as a suggestion from a member.

### **Legislative (Ben Soukup):**

There were no bills in the recent legislative session that warranted action by the committee. Patty Kuglitsch attended two of the legislative coffees held in Sioux Falls. One topic that may need to be considered for next year's session is interpreter certification; there needs to be some clarity in the law relating to video remote interpreting.

Ben also took a moment to discuss the idea of changing the TRS fee to a new fee for universal access (VRS / interpreting etc)

### **Public Relations (Scott Miller):**

Nothing to report other than continuing to send out news through Email, Facebook, and the website, and updating the obituaries on the SDAD website.

## **Unfinished business (none):**

## **New Business:**

1. Ashley Cain (Mark Koterwski) moved to give \$300 to the SD Interpreters Association for their fall retreat. Carried.
2. Patty Kuglitsch (Ashley Cain) moved that SDAD call a membership meeting to last 'all day' on April 27th to determine disposition of SDAD's items in storage. Carried.

Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 27th at Augustana University, Madsen Center Room 202, from 10AM to 4PM.

3. David Dahle (Ashley Cain) moved to approve Mark Koterwski as a member of the Education Committee. Carried.
4. Patty Kuglitsch (Tim Jackson) moved to approve LaDonna Haake and Jeff Panek as Finance Committee members. Carried.
5. Patty Kuglitsch (Mark Koterwski) moved to open the floor for 5 minutes for general discussion of the Legislative Committee's report. Carried.

Ashley Cain stepped out of the meeting at 2:15 due to other commitments.

6. Kevin Barber (Mark Koterwski) moved to close New Business. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Dahle