

IAD Board Meeting Minutes

**AJ's Restaurant & Lounge, Mountain Home, ID
with Fuze Video Conference
to Boise, Idaho and Post Falls, Idaho
January 17, 2015
1 pm – 5 pm**

Board members present: President- Alan Wilding, Vice President- Mike Miller, Secretary- Stefanie Saltern, Auditor- Kristi Dorris, Andrea Austin- Member at Large, Past President- Bill Andrew, President Emeritus- Jerry Wilding

Board members absent: Treasurer- Ray Lockary

Members & visitors present: Sarah Frasier, Darcy Sinsley, Coral Lafferty, Emilie Banasiak, Ashley Verrinder, Alisia Galvez

President Alan Wilding called meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

1. Reading of the minutes

- a. Andrea Austin moved that we accept October 17, 2014 Board meeting minutes as read and corrected via email. Passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Ray Lockary was unable to attend today's meeting and reports "As of Jan. 16, 2015, Checking balance is \$5,943.55. I will have to pay NAD Dues of \$200 when I get the bill. Certificate of Deposit (CD) account (Deaf Theater funds) is \$1,827.11 - maturity date 2/5/2015. Interest paid in CD account 2014 is \$2.73. "

3. President's Report

- a. Funding for travel expenses
 - i. We ran out of time at the last meeting to finish voting on this for Stefanie Saltern and I to visit Pocatello and Idaho Falls to educate people about IAD and what we do. This vote was done online and approved.
- b. 6 vlogs posted on Facebook, website, and email
 - i. Introduction to IAD, State of the Union, Review of 2014, Auction 2015, Challenge for 2015, and IAD Conference 2015. I encourage you to share these vlogs to spread the community.
- c. Brief statement for IAD membership recruitment purpose
 - i. Still a work in progress because I made a 4 minute vlog and now trying to shorten it to 1 minute, new deadline Jan. 31. I will ask the board for feedback before we share in Social media.
- d. IAD/BVAD Bazaar results last November 8
 - i. This year was the first time we had a Tax collector come and asked each booth owner to pay taxes. Our non-profit status should exempt us from taxes. Ray Lockary will go to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) office in Boise to investigate more about tax exemption and how affiliates can ask for donations with IAD's non-profit status.
- e. Letter to Gooding Police Department and Gooding Sheriff Department

- i. IAD and individuals addressed the issue that the police and sheriff did not provide a certified interpreter but insisted a so-called Child of a Deaf Adult (CODA) that works for the police department but not a skilled signer was sufficient. We have not received a response from Chief Chris Ward to our offer to provide training on what the law says about providing interpreters or other accommodations for the Deaf. However, individuals got responses back.
- f. Interpreting License Endorsement
 - i. Right now this Interpreter License Bill is on the floor and trying to get passed. We have about 7 sponsors and 5 co-sponsors. This is a good number and I feel positive the bill will pass. I wrote a letter for IAD that we support this bill and need your vote of approval.
 - ii. Legislature requires 3 readings of the bill before they vote on it. Sometimes they will ask the community to testify for more information. If this happens, they will let us know. Be prepared to testify at the State Capitol in the next month or two.
- g. Legislative training in Oregon. Feb 21 and 22
 - i. Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) is hosting this training and Kim Bianco-Majeri will be there. OAD invited IAD to attend. However, this training conflicts with Silent Weekend on Feb. 20-21, which I feel is important. I suggest you make a motion to invite Kim Bianco-Majeri for IAD Conference 2015 so we don't miss out on her training. I feel we would benefit greatly from her expertise and training.
- h. IAD Auction 2015 Update
 - i. Business Auction Donation Letter
 - 1. Janette Lancaster has been contacting several businesses the last month and we have not received as many food donations as last year. We still need hot dogs and cheese. Janette will go to businesses and ask again this week. Darcy Sinsley reported she will ask NIDC this Tuesday if they can donate some money to buy food. Andrea Austin said BVAD can donate condiments.
 - 2. I challenge the board & members to help with asking more businesses this week with our donation letter. It is okay if we don't get donations before this Friday, we plan to have yard sales during the year and another Auction during IAD conference.
 - ii. Tax deductible receipts
 - 1. Is anyone interested to help send thank you letters with receipts to businesses and individuals who request? Kristi Dorris volunteered.
- i. Fundraising
 - i. Idaho Power has a Community grant that I want IAD to apply for then the community has to vote on. If we get the most votes, we get the money. When I finish the application, please help us spread the word to get votes.
- j. Deaf Center of Idaho (DCI) funds: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) update
 - i. I suggest someone make a motion to accept DCI's MOU. **Discussed later**
- k. Idaho Deaf Youth Representative (IDYR)'s involvement in IAD conference 2015, basic plans
 - i. Gallaudet is supposed to send someone for the Deaf Youth Leadership training and donated money at the Walk4ASL allocated to cover this expenses. This money has not been received yet at this time.

- ii. Darcy Sinsley and I are co-directors for the Idaho Deaf Youth Program (IDYP) competition during IAD conference to choose 2 ambassadors who will compete in the Youth Ambassador Program at NAD Conference in 2016.
- iii. The IESDB Outreach & Transition team feels it is important that we bring Jr NAD back to Idaho. We can try to set it up during the conference. The problem at ISDB is finding someone willing to be an advisor for this. Bill Andrew explained there has not been real leadership training for Deaf youth at ISDB for about 20 years.

4. Vice President's Report

- a. Current Revised Bylaws
 - i. Blue highlights are changes that were approved by the board at our last meeting and currently effective. Members can vote on changes at IAD conference 2015. Orange highlights are minor spelling or formatting errors that need to be fixed and other suggestions that have not been voted on. Most of the orange-highlighted issues will not need to be voted on.

5. Necrology

- a. Janette Lancaster was unable to attend today's meeting and reports "Martha Jane Oberle died on Nov 24, 2014. She was in Media department at ISDB. Sammy Sain died on December 14, 2014 in Las Vegas and he graduated in 1962".

6. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Finance-
 - i. Alan Wilding wants to go ahead and appoint Cheryl Nance Dotson to be the Finance Chair to oversee fundraising before the Bylaws are officially approved at IAD Conference 2015. Cheryl is good at collecting donations for various events.
- b. Membership-
 - i. Names of 9 Complimentary members have been added to the membership directory. Since October, we gained 6 new members with a total of 68 members. 4 people have pending membership since they submit member form online and have not sent in payment. We have their contact information and could use help following up on their payment. Sarah Frasier volunteered to follow up with these pending members.
- c. IAD Youth Leadership Scholarship-
 - i. President Alan Wilding would like to appoint a different person to be Chair of this committee.
- d. La Pearl McPherson Award-
 - i. For 2014, this award earned a total interest of \$100.32 on three CDs of \$1,000, \$3,493.98, and \$1,000. Savings of \$2,644.77 increased with added interest transferred from CDs. The total combined fund as of Dec. 31, 2014 is \$8,158.75.
 - ii. Many young Deaf don't know Mrs. McPherson was formerly known as Miss. Moore and the printing teacher at ISDB. This award is for ISDB graduates only to be sent to Gallaudet. We have to be careful about changing the purpose of this scholarship to include mainstreamed students and give more options for the college of their choice.
- e. Constitution & Bylaws-
 - i. See Vice President's report.
- f. IAD Social Media-

- i. Darcy Sinsley consented to be on this committee and has helped Stefanie Saltern with the website and Facebook posts over the last 2 months. We still need a Committee Chair.
- g. ISDB Relations-
 - i. We lost contact with Taylor Kimmes. Hannah Mikesell and Michael Hyde are interested to help with this committee.
- h. IAD Conference-
 - i. Andrea Austin, chair of this committee, reported the conference will be August 7-9, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital in downtown Boise. They have a big lobby and 3 meeting rooms that can be joined to become one big room. Parking is free.
 - ii. Hotels
 - 1. We have a block of 7 rooms at Candlewood Suites in Boise for people to reserve as needed. This hotel is near Boise Towne Square Mall and starts at \$70/night and has a mini kitchen with refrigerator and stove.
 - 2. Closer option to downtown is the Safari Inn about \$79 with \$20 off discount for Queen bed. Kristi Dorris suggested we ask if the hotels will provide a shuttle to the hospital.
 - iii. Park
 - 1. Andrea Austin will check into Ann Morrison Park, Julia Davis Park, or Municipal Park near downtown for the Sunday picnic.
 - iv. Theme
 - 1. Timeline: Continue brainstorming and share ideas for the conference theme by January 31st. We will vote on a theme by Feb 5th.
 - 2. Some possible ideas relating to Leadership, Advocacy, and Working Together were discussed.
 - v. Scholarship
 - 1. I want to offer this for people who live far away or who are in college and need assistance to attend our conference, etc.
- i. Activities-
 - i. IAD Auction in War Memorial Hall, Gooding on January 24 at 10 am to evening
 - 1. We have several volunteers signed up and donations picked up in Logan, Utah, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Magic Valley, and Treasure Valley.
 - 2. More volunteers are needed on Friday the 23rd to set up.
 - ii. Silent Weekend on Feb. 20-21 at ISDB in Gooding
 - 1. We are collaborating with Idaho State University (ISU) ASL Club and Idaho ASL Teacher Association to provide mini workshops during a Deaf Deaf World day for students.
 - 2. We need Deaf Volunteers to role-play as "actors " like business store owners.
 - iii. Deaf Youth Leadership Retreat in March, this is a tentative plan.
- j. Other-
 - i. Member at Large

1. North Idaho Deaf Club (NIDC) is now our new Affiliate after the board voted to accept online and NIDC will vote on a representative to join our board as Member at Large. Coral Lafferty was asked to take on this position. She has accepted but we need to wait for NIDC to approve this.

- ii. Advocacy/Legislative watchdog

1. No report at this time.

7. Community Requests/ Updates

- a. DCI funds for Deaf Center: MOU update and discussion
 - i. President Alan Wilding discussed/explained each point of the MOU and clarified any questions we had.

8. New business

- a. Mike Miller moved to accept DCI's MOU as written. Seconded. Stefanie moved to amend the MOU with spelling errors fixed and with Mike Miller and Kristi Dorris' names added. Seconded. Amendment Passed. Motion passed.
- b. Andrea Austin moved to amend in Bylaws to add the duty of sending out "tax deductible receipts" to the Finance Committee. Seconded. Passed.
- c. Andrea Austin moved to open discussion on Idaho Deaf Awareness Day (IDAD) funds. Seconded. Bill Andrew amended that we limit the discussion to 10 minutes. Seconded. Amendment Passed. Motion passed.
 - i. We discussed our concerns about IDAD funds for 10 minutes.
- d. Jerry Wilding moved that the IAD President and his 2 appointed representatives meet with the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) to consider adoption of IDAD funds. Seconded. Bill Andrew moved to amend to this motion that we set a time limit and have the president share the results of the meeting with the board ASAP. Seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed. No date was established as a deadline.
- e. Bill Andrew moved that IAD investigates Jr NAD and how to establish a chapter under IAD. Seconded. Passed.
- f. Stefanie Saltern moved that Alan Wilding be the sole signer of the Interpreting License Endorsement letter. Seconded. Passed.

9. Announcements

- a. Alan Wilding announced the Legislature Meet & Greet is 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11 at the State Capitol.
- b. Andrea Austin announced BVAD is hosting their 3rd annual "Wild Wild West" Gala fundraiser on February 13 at the Nampa Civic Center. Tickets are now \$35 per person.
- c. Emilie Banasiak announced that Hamilton Relay has three \$500 scholarships for high school seniors with hearing loss. If you know anyone that is a senior, email Emilie.
- d. Alan Wilding reminded everyone that the Auction is coming up in one week and to share flyers and continue collecting donations!

Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary Stefanie Saltern.