

## **IAD Board Meeting Minutes**

**Centennial High School, Boise, ID**

**with Fuze Video Conference**

**to Post Falls, ID**

**March 7, 2015**

**12:30 pm – 3 pm**

Board members present: President- Alan Wilding, Vice President- Mike Miller, Secretary- Stefanie Saltern, Treasurer- Ray Lockary, Auditor- Kristi Dorris, Past President- Bill Andrew

Board members absent: President Emeritus- Jerry Wilding, Member at Large- Andrea Austin

Members & visitors present: Sarah Frasier, Janis Whitney, Jeff Irvin, Lauren Seale, Christopher Dahlke, Kyla Hiser, Coral Lafferty, Tara Adams, Steven Snow, Alisia Galvez

After we met with DCI board member Steven Snow and Easter Egg hunt chairperson Tara Adams, President Alan Wilding called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm.

### **1. Reading of the minutes**

- a. Mike Miller moved that we accept January 17, 2015 Board meeting minutes as read and corrected via email. Passed.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

- a. As of March 6, 2015, Checking balance increased from \$5,943.55 to \$6,818.30 with deposits. I paid NAD State chapter dues of \$200. Certificate of Deposit (CD) account for Deaf Center purposes is now \$1,828.03. I just renewed the CD with maturity date 2/6/2016. Interest paid in CD account 2015 so far is \$0.92.

### **3. President's Report**

- a. Signing of Deaf Center of Idaho (DCI) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - i. Signed by President Alan Wilding and DCI board member Steven Snow.
  - ii. Videotaped recently to be posted on our website for purposes of transparency.
  - iii. Binder and check was turned over to President Alan Wilding.
- b. Interpreter License Bill (HB 152) Updates
  - i. Vlogs posted on Facebook, website, and email announcing scheduled hearings and results, inviting people to testify in support of the bill with an example of a testimonial, addressing concerns about interpreting by family members, and explaining the legislative process.
  - ii. I encourage everyone to share vlogs that I will be posting on Facebook about this process and on how to get assistance with writing testimonies.
- c. Brief statement for IAD membership recruitment purpose
  - i. 4 minute vlog shorten to 1 minute, deadline was Jan. 31. This is on hold due to focus on making Interpreter License Bill vlogs.
- d. IAD Auction results last January 24
  - i. Food sales was \$237 and Auction sales was \$595.82. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with picking up and delivering furniture and selling food.
  - ii. Regarding the investigation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about tax exemption and how affiliates can ask for donations with IAD's non-profit status, Ray

Lockary tried the IRS website but found a vague answer then called IRS and couldn't get through. Alan Wilding went to the IRS office and found out that if we include the names of our affiliates in the bylaws then they are covered by our nonprofit status. When IAD sells food at events like the Bazaar, we don't have to pay taxes but businesses do. When IAD buys food, we can get tax exempt by filling out forms at the store.

- iii. Kristi Dorris is sending thank you letters with receipts to businesses and individuals who request.
- e. Idaho Deaf Awareness Day (IDAD) funds
  - i. Sarah Frasier, Stefanie Saltern, and I met with Steven Snow at the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) on Friday, Feb. 13.
  - ii. There was a lot of misinformation regarding where the money came from, etc. The money was donated by Northwest ADA (NWADA) Center of Idaho on the first IDAD in 2013. Since IDAD is an event collaborated by several state organizations, it was decided that CDHH would be a neutral place to hold the money. Some concerns about the government taking the money is false, there is a special account called "unrestricted" that is established for IDAD purposes only so they can't touch the money.
  - iii. IDAD 2014 did not have any expenses or additions to the fund that the balance is the same as 2013. NWADA Center of Idaho donated food for snacks and lunch. CDHH meeting room was free. I have the finance report and can share a copy with the board via email.
- f. Silent Weekend last Feb. 20-21 at ISDB in Gooding
  - i. We collaborated with the Idaho State University (ISU) ASL Club and Idaho ASL Teacher Association (ASLTA) for this weekend. In order to get more Deaf people involved, ISU agreed to discount the registration of Deaf for the first time. IAD donated pop and water.
  - ii. Friday night, I was the Master of Ceremonies for the Idaho ASLTA Storytelling competition that was rescheduled from last November. Mike Miller, Janette Lancaster, Shaun McLaughlin, and Deanne Montgomery were judges. We had 3 kids (1 Deaf), 6 ASL/Interpreting students, and 8 Deaf storytellers. Congratulations to Jerry Wilding for winning 1st in the Deaf community group.
  - iii. On Saturday, Stefanie Saltern and I provided mini workshops on Deaf World Emergencies and Disasters, ASL Numbers, Deaf Privilege on Saturday during the Deaf Deaf World day for students. Rules restricted voicing, mouthing, fingerspelling when there are signs, or writing English. Several scenario cards were given to students for role-playing in the "village". Deaf volunteers acted like village people, cops, EMTs, or "business" store owners at different tables, students completed dialogues to earn stamps on cards for a drawing to win a prize. Students enjoyed this "rich" experience and want us back next year. This would not be a success without our volunteers! Thank you!!
- g. Letter to Gooding Police Department and Gooding Sheriff Department
  - i. We still 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.

- ii. CDHH asked for more letters from the Deaf community. The police may be more responsive to CDHH.
  - h. Fundraising
    - i. Unfortunately I missed the deadline to sign-up for the Idaho Power Community grant in December so I will try this December 2015.
- 4. Vice President's Report**
- a. Current Revised Bylaws
    - i. Blue highlights are changes that were approved by the board at our October 2014 meeting and orange highlight to add the duty of "sending out tax deductible receipts" to the Finance Committee was approved at our January 2015 meeting. All board approved changes are currently effective. Members can vote on changes at IAD conference 2015.
- 5. Necrology**
- a. Janette Lancaster was unable to attend today's meeting and reports "Lawrence Netz of Post Falls/Seattle died on Jan. 18, 2015. He was 89 years old and graduated ISDB class of 1945".
- 6. Committee Chair Reports**
- a. Finance-
    - i. Cheryl Nance Dotson accepted to be the Finance chairperson to oversee fundraising. She has contacted Andrea Austin to get donations and sell ads to Boise businesses for IAD conference 2015.
  - b. Membership-
    - i. 2 more Complimentary members who attended Silent weekend have been added to the membership directory. We now have a total of 70 members. Sarah Frasier emailed and Facebook messaged 4 pending members but got no response.
  - c. IAD Youth Leadership Scholarship-
    - i. We still need a volunteer to be chairperson of this committee and investigate Jr NAD and how to establish a chapter under IAD.
  - d. La Pearl McPherson Award-
    - i. No report.
  - e. Constitution & Bylaws-
    - i. See Vice President's report.
  - f. IAD Social Media-
    - i. Darcy Sinsley accepted to be the Social Media chairperson. Stefanie Saltern has been training Darcy on editing website pages and posting on Facebook.
  - g. ISDB Relations-
    - i. We will ask Jerry Wilding to contact Hannah Mikesell and Michael Hyde and get them involved on this committee.
  - h. IAD Conference-
    - i. Andrea Austin, chair of this committee, was not able to attend today's meeting and did not have a report to answer the questions below.
    - ii. Hotels
      - 1. Did someone ask if the hotels will provide a shuttle to the hospital?
    - iii. Park
      - 1. Checked into Ann Morrison Park, Julia Davis Park, or Municipal Park near downtown for the Sunday picnic?

iv. Theme

1. We did not brainstorm ideas or vote on a theme by Feb 5th.
2. ASL theme suggested that is similar to NAD's theme: SIGN-LIKE-PRO, GATHER, UNITE!

v. Scholarship

1. Cheryl Nance Dotson is contacting Andrea Austin on collecting donations for the scholarship. We can contact other organizations on ideas for the application process.

i. Activities-

- i. Deaf Youth Leadership Retreat date is still tentative.
- ii. Annual DCI activities- IAD and Boise Valley Association of the Deaf (BVAD) have hosted the Holiday Bazaar and Chili Cook-off the last 2 years. Tara Adams is in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, at 10:30 am, with a Signing Bunny at 11 am. Every year a Candy Drive to collect donations and call for volunteers is sent. Often students will gather at a place the night before to help stuff eggs. It costs \$64 to reserve Storey Park, still waiting for a response on exemption for non-profit organizations. Plastic eggs are stored at CDHH, after the hunt Tara asks parents and kids to help put eggs back together. Last year we purchased pizza for volunteers and prizes for some eggs that have numbers on paper in them. Sometimes we get donations for pizza or juice, coffee, muffins, and donuts. KM Engineering and ASL Expressions will donate this year. Tara is working on getting more donations and need to know who people can write checks to. Alan Wilding has connections with Family Dollar store and will see if he can get clearance prizes after the holiday sale. Over 200 people attended last year and this event is a good exposure for parents with D/HH children to see Deaf adults. Alan Wilding can bring a donation bucket to the event. We still need to discuss how we will handle the Chili cookoff and the Bazaar.

j. Other-

- i. Member at Large
  1. Coral Lafferty said North Idaho Deaf Club (NIDC) President Jerry and Adam Schafer emailed Alan Wilding asking for more information on this position.

**7. Community Requests/ Updates**

a. DeafVibe presentations

- i. After finding out ISDB had a presentation scheduled in Gooding at 2:30 pm on Thursday, March 5th, Stefanie Saltern and Alan Wilding contacted IESDB Outreach director, Paula Mason, to help find a location for the presentation in Boise in the morning since it was the only day DeafVibe would be in the area. The presentation was held at the Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC) office at 8:30 am. Stefanie and Ray Lockary attended this presentation along with other community advocates, IESDB Outreach staff, and 2 young D/HH students.
- ii. DeafVibe is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in Vancouver, WA that provides support services for equal access, gives scholarship opportunities and rewards for D/HH students who want to attend a private college or vocational school. Average age of students who use their services is 30. Their first tour was in 2013. This year is their second tour.

b. "Walk/Run Your ASL Off" 5k fundraiser

- i. Ginille Howell, president of the United Signers Club (US Signers Club) at College of Southern Idaho (CSI) asked IAD to sponsor this fundraiser for Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind (IESDB) Foundation annual Sawtooth Camp for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- ii. This fundraiser event will be at CSI on Saturday, April 11, at 9 am.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1571253199787882/>
- iii. There is concern from the Deaf community with the theme of this fundraiser, conflict with our Walk4ASL event, and not involving Deaf people on their committee or ASL program at CSI.

## **8. New business**

- a. Mike Miller moved that we put the DCI funds in the CD account we already have for Deaf Center purposes. Seconded. Passed.
- b. Bill Andrew moved that the questions of the affiliates be referred to the Bylaws committee. Seconded. Passed.
- c. Mike Miller moved that the IAD conference 2015 theme be in ASL "SIGN-LIKE-PRO, GATHER, UNITE". Seconded. Passed.
- d. Stefanie Saltern moved that IAD write a letter to US Signers Club and copy to CSI ASL Department that we do not support their walk/run fundraiser theme due to objections from the Deaf community and will not consider sponsorship at this time. Seconded.
  - i. Bill Andrew moved to amend the language to: IAD write a letter to US Signers Club, with a copy to the CSI ASL Department Head, expressing concerns about the inappropriateness of the walk/run fundraiser theme due to objections from the Deaf community and that we will not consider sponsorship at this time. Mike Miller seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed.
- e. Ray Lockary moved that IAD pay for the reservation of Storey Park in Meridian to host the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. Seconded. Passed.

## **9. Announcements**

- a. Steven Snow emphasized how important it is that we show up for the Senate hearing this Wednesday, March 11th at 3 pm. When you arrive, sign the paper to testify for yourself, usually only those representing organizations will actually testify because of time limit. Legislators say the most impression they get is from the number of people who show up to support the bill rather than hearing all their testimonials. It is encouraged to type our testimonials on paper so interpreters can voice for us or if time runs out, we can give our paper to the legislators. The House voted 43 ayes and 22 nays. One legislator was ready to vote nay but after seeing the people who came to support he changed his mind. Our presence makes a difference.
- b. IESDB Outreach is hosting an Easter Storytelling with a Signing Bunny at Barnes and Nobles in Twin Falls on Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm.
- c. IESDB School Board meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, March 17th, 2:00 pm, at ISDB in Gooding.
- d. NWADA Center of Idaho is hosting a "Hands Around the Capitol" event on Friday, July 17, at 11 am - 4:30 pm to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). People will circle the Idaho State Capitol with a yellow ribbon in support of ADA. There will be Civil Rights speakers, music, food, resource booths, photo booth, games and other activities.

Sponsorships available. Sign the ADA Proclamation in support of the 25th anniversary of the ADA at <http://adaanniversary.org/proclamation>.

**10. Next Board meeting**

Focused meeting and not formal board meeting May 2nd, 10 am, at St Lukes Hospital where the IAD conference will be held in Boise.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 pm.

\*Respectfully submitted by Secretary Stefanie Saltern.