

ALASKA DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2009

Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf Council was called to order at 1:18 PM on March 8, 2009 in Red Cross Building by Elizabeth Andrews.

Present:

Aaron Striblings
Jennifer Schwebke
Courtney McCabe
Elizabeth Andrews
John Miranda
Ranee Pascall
Rhonda Easley

Guest:

Sadie Kerr
Rudy Kerr
Darrell Campbell
Margo Aguilar
Adrienne Stribling

A. Approval of Minutes

February Minutes: In New Business section, (1) By-laws (a) Dean's motion (i) Dean's amended—change “**and**” to “**or**”.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Executive Committee Reports

President—Elizabeth Andrews/Vice-President—Courtney McCabe: Had a meeting with Duane. They discussed the infancy program; Duane wants to start infancy program that focus on how to deal with disability and make a list of references with businesses and people names. Another issue they discussed, the Government Council wants to set a five year plan where they sent a representation to different villages and cities to research on their needs and issues. The Deaf Summit II can serve as an additional research to the State's plan, and Duane is willing to talk to his boss about giving \$\$\$ and support the event. Duane's company (Planner 3) recently started their first newsletter—so anybody can read and keep up with the current information. The Government Council has many seats available in different categories and Duane encourages any member from Deaf Community to apply and represent the Deaf Community. Lastly, Anna Kim

contacted Duane about (1) interpreter training program (2) deaf commission (3) deaf center and they both are in favor and want to help out. Duane will try to show up next ADC meeting to discuss more.

Audience comments: (1) MNTA recently received \$380,000 grant, ADC should consider asking for some (2) Not enough resources to contact Deaf Community and ADC needs to set up a better criteria

Treasurer—Randee Pascall: ADC owes SLI (Sign Language Interpreter) \$715 from last year. ADC needs to renew membership with NAD—need to know which membership fee to pay for: non-member (\$250), member of NAD (\$375). Randee can't make out the checks because her name has not been transferred to Bank and need to set up time and place with President Elizabeth to complete the transition. No new revenues.

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke: The February Community Meeting with Anne Lazenby was successful and now working on Dave Robertson and Linda Suter for March and April Community Meetings. The Community Meeting needs more publicizing and hope to see some improvements in advertising because many deaf people don't know about monthly Community Meeting.

C. Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee—Rudy Kerr: Darrell Campbell joined the committee. They made a liaison with Legislative Committee and had few meetings. They discussed many issues about on-going bylaws concerns and determined that the board can change by-laws as long as it applies to Article of Inc. The by-laws can't be revised and be ready before Statewide meeting in May but when the revised by-laws are finely-tuned; the members then should start become involved. This will help the transition becomes smooth from board to member organization. ADHHDBC is politically correct title but if want to change ADHHDBC to ADC, need to go through paperwork—otherwise must continue say ADHHDBC.

Legislative Committee—Dean Gates (Rudy Kerr): Eric Raff from Seattle just gave their sample of Bill on Deaf Commission—the committee want to compare with other states and try to set up one for Alaska.

Fundraising Committee—John Miranda: John has a Plan A and Plan B for Spring Fling and things are moving along.

Education Committee—Courtney McCabe: Did not hear back from Susan Lambert. Missed last PTSA meeting and will try to go on next one. Want to recruit teachers and teacher aides on the committee.

Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling: Used statistics program from ADC website to show which link is the most visited. First is ABOUT, second is RESOURCES, and most search words are INTERPRETER PROGRAM, DEAF CAMP, and DEAF COUNCIL. ADC should take this advantage to promote the website to better serve the Deaf Community.

Deaf Camp Committee—Randee Pascall: Randee is the new Camp Director for Camp Aurora and would like to use Fund-Raising Committee to help out with scholarship process. No

assistant director this year. The Camp Aurora will be at Birchwood Bible Camp site during May 26 to June 9. (*President Elizabeth might call an Emergency meeting to vote on scholarship*).

Audience comments: There are some organizations that will furnish assistant director or other position's income if the event is related to children with disability.

D. Old Business:

1. State-wide Meeting

a. Courtney McCabe: I move to nominate, discuss and vote on a date for Statewide Meeting in May. Randee second. **Lay on the Table**

i. Will vote via email

1. Email vote: Statewide meeting at BP Energy Center on May 2nd in Cottonwood/Alter conference room. Passed.

E. New Business

1. ASL Film

a. Rhonda Easley: ASL for DAW. Randee second. Passed

i. Write a letter to ASL Film???

1. Emergency Meeting on April 5th after Community Meeting to clarify the motion.

Announcement:

The next Community Meeting will be on April 5th, 2009 at 1:00. Dave Robertson will be coming in for open discussion in regarding of interpreter issues.

The director of AVS will be invite to Statewide Meeting in May.

The next DEB meeting is on March 20, 2009. Courtney McCabe will go and represent for ADC.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next Board meeting will be at 1:00 PM on April 19, 2009 in Red Cross Building. (**Time—subject to change**)

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke