

ALASKA DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF BLIND COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2009

Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Council was called to order at 1:47 PM on May 2, 2009 in BP Energy Center by Elizabeth Andrews.

Present:

Elizabeth Andrews, President
Courtney McCabe, Vice President
Jennifer Schwebke, Secretary
Pam Guy
Ryan Thompson
Jose Silva
Rhonda Easley
Aaron Striblings
Dean Gates
John Miranda

Guest:

Denise Duffy
Sharon Miranda
Rudy Kerr
Sadie Kerr
James Nathan
Tracy Pifer
Darrell Campbell
Mark Lefebure
Albert Berke
Adrienne Stribling

A. Approval of Minutes

April Minutes revisions:

- *Treasurer Report*: ... will make **receipt** and letter for Shana Gibbs and Sharon Miranda respectively for their donations ...

Rudy Kerr moves that we accept the minutes to be read. John Miranda second. **PASSED.**

B. Approval of Agenda

Courtney McCabe moves that we accept the agenda. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED.**

C. Executive Committee Reports

President—Elizabeth Andrews: Had meeting with Anna Kim in the fall of 2008 to discuss three goals (1) deaf center (2) deaf commission (3) interpreter training program at UAA. The goals were brought to Duane's attention and he is very interested getting involved with ADHHDBC to meet those goals.

Vice-President—Courtney McCabe: Went to DEB meeting in April and met with Michelle Reed who travels through Alaska's rural to research on children and their language development. Michelle wants to set up DVD plan that provides information about deaf services, deaf Alaskan graduates, SLC, and so on. Had meeting with Lt. Parnell in regarding of Alaska's education and setting up deaf commission with Elizabeth Andrews, Dean Gates, Shawn S., and Andrew D.

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke: Developed a motion template for the board and members to make motions with. Some board members have difficult time opening minutes and obtaining adobe program or incorporating technology (i.e. website) can make the minutes more accessible. Linda Suter will be at John Thomas Building on May 3, 2009 for open discussion in regarding of interpreter issues.

D. Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee—Rudy Kerr: Compared with different states' bylaws and would like to borrow some ideas to make ADHHDBC by-laws more effectively. Hope to finish revising the by-laws by next statewide meeting in October or May. In effect, three motions will be made today to improve the by-laws.

Legislative Committee—Dean Gates: Had few meetings with the committee and is making some progress such as emailing Senator Lesil McGuire three different bills. Will not stop there to wait for his response; plan to contact Human Health Services and other senators about interpreter bill, commission on deaf and blind and deaf center and donations. The meeting with Lt. Parnell looks promising, although he had different priorities but had similar priorities such as education and commission. Just sent him the AVS draft letter and will email to follow up with him. Next plan is to work on ideas for education and how can ADHHDBC use Lt. Parnell because there's lot of money involved. Anne and Colleen are interested in getting involved with interpreter bill.

Fundraising Committee—John Miranda: Had several meetings with the committee and recently had Spring Fling using local celebrities. The event earned over \$800 from tickets and selling foods.

Education Committee—Courtney McCabe: Would like ADHHDBC to help advocate DVD plan with Michelle Reed. Plan to start interviewing rural Alaskans such as Ryan Thompson about their experience growing up in Alaska.

Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling: Got lot of positive feedbacks from the community about website. Did lot of research and found several discount software and hope ADHHDBC would look into it and consider the software to make the organization more productive.

ADHOC—John Miranda: AVS and ADHHDBC were able to draft a stimulus letter. Attempted to contact Debbie, who specializes in engineering, about drafting a deaf center blueprint but could not meet her yet and hope to meet soon.

E. Old Business

1. Meeting Schedule

- a. Albert Berke: I move that the Board meet twice a month on Sunday and the Deaf Community meet twice a month on Sunday. John Miranda second. **FAILED**

2. Event Coordinator Committee

- a. Aaron Stribling: I move ADHHDBC to create an Event Coordinator Committee. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**

3. Interpreter Committee Chairperson

- a. John Miranda: I move that ADHHDBC set up Interpreter Committee Chairperson. Pam Guy second. **PASSED**

F. New Business

1. Membership

- a. Courtney McCabe: I move ADHHDBC to set up a form of membership. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**

- i. Dean Gates: I amend at end of sentence add “and Executive Committee is authorized to develop, approve and distribute the form.” Aaron Stribling second. **PASSED**
- ii. *Final Motion:* I move ADHHDBC to set up a form of membership and Executive Committee is authorized to develop, approve and distribute the form. **PASSED**

- b. Rudy Kerr: I move that we establish membership dues according to the board:

Members	Fees
Single	\$10
Couple/Family	\$15
Senior Citizen/Students	\$5
High School Graduates	Free for one year
Affiliate	\$20
Associate	\$20

John Miranda second. **PASSED**

- i. Tracy Pifer: I amend to include high school students for no fee membership. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
- ii. *Final Motion:* I move that we establish membership dues according to the board and no membership fee for high school students. **PASSED**

Members	Fees
Single	\$10
Couple/Family	\$15
Senior Citizen/Students	\$5
High School Graduates	Free for one year
High School Students	Free
Affiliate	\$20

2. Resolution for Change of Registered Agent
 - a. Dean Gates: I move to change ADHHDBC's registered agent with State of Alaska to Elizabeth Andrews. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
3. Russian Jack ASSDHH Classrooms
 - a. Dean Gates: I move that ADHHDBC refer to Education Committee to find out what is happening with ASSDHH classroom's situation and advocate to keep four as appropriate. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
4. Stimulus funds for Education Programs
 - a. Dean Gates: I move that Education Committee develop list of ideas for education program, and work with Legislative Committee to apply for federal stimulus funds. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
 - i. Albert Berke: I amend to add "special." John Miranda second. **PASSED**
 - ii. Courtney McCabe: I amend to add "deaf and hard of hearing students." Eve Ooten second. **PASSED**
 - iii. *Final Motion*: I move that Education Committee list of ideas for special education programs for deaf and hard of hearing students and work with Legislative Committee to apply for federal stimulus funds. **PASSED**
5. Rural Outreach Committee
 - b. Dean Gates: I move to set up a rural outreach committee. Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
 - i. Albert Berke: I amend to have Rural Committee to contact and work with DEB and SESA. Courtney McCabe second. **PASSED**
 - ii. *Final Motion*: I move to set up a rural outreach committee and they will contact and work with DEB and SESA. **PASSED**
6. Regulatory Commission of Alaska-surcharges
 - a. Dean Gates: I move that ADHHDBC resolves to support CSD's position and request the Regulation Commission of Alaska (RCA) maintain the surcharge at current levels. Rudy Kerr second. **PASSED**
7. By-Laws
 - a. Dean Gates: I move to amend by laws Article 16, Section 1 by adding "or board" and deleting "at least 60 days". Jennifer Schwebke second. **PASSED**
 - b. Rudy Kerr: I move that we add Article 16, Section 3: By-Laws may be suspended for a specific purpose by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a regular meeting by the board members present and voting. Dean Gates second. **PASSED**
 - c. Courtney McCabe: I move to change the date in Article 4, Section 4 from January 1st to December 31st of each year to May 1st to April 30th of each year. John Miranda second. **PASSED**
8. Flash Drives and Adobe Programs
 - a. Jennifer Schwebke: I move that ADHHDBC buy Adobe Program for Meeting Minutes and flash drives for Executive Council. Aaron Stribling second. **REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

9. Insurance

- a. Albert Berke: I move ADHHDBC to buy liability insurance to cover the board member. John Miranda second. **PASSED**

Announcement:

The next Community Meeting will occur on May 3, 2009 at 1:00 PM. Linda Suter will be coming in for open discussion in regarding of interpreter issues.

Deaf Center Meeting with Lynn will occur on May 3, 2009 at John Thomas building from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next statewide Board meeting will occur in October 2009.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke