

Meeting Minutes
Colorado Association of the Deaf
The Legal Center, 455 Sherman St., Denver CO
Thursday, January 17, 2008

In attendance: President Jennifer Pfau, and Secretary Daisy Bravo/Midthun
Representative: Ray Bellofatto, Russ O'Neill, Karl Olander, Diane Kiltbau,
and Noel Rivera.

Absent: Vice-President Lori Koenig (Excused); Treasurer, Kim Parra (Excused)

Visitors: Mark and Cindy Wedgle

The board meeting commenced at 5:40 PM with President Pfau presiding.

I) Call to Order/Roll Call:

- i) Quorum was met.

II) Agenda:

- i) The agenda for tonight's (January 17, 2008) meeting is approved.

III) Corrections for the meeting minutes from October 17, 2007.

- i) Correction on October 17, 2007 needs to be done by February 7, 2008.

IV) Treasurer's Report:

- i) Communicated via pager: As of Dec 31, 2007, balance is \$12,491.12

V) President's Report:

- i) Appointed daisy Bravo/Midthun as CAD's Secretary. She has met her qualification as a member of the CAD. She asked the Board for their approval.
- ii) Thanked the members and board for their participating in the VRS partnership opportunities. Unfortunately, FCC entered a ruling before the CAD board made a decision of choosing a VRS provider to work with.
- iii) Received a request from Hands & Voices to endorse their legislative action to pass a bill for insurance industry to be mandated to cover hearing aids for children with hearing loss.
- iv) Received a request from David Dawson to support the legislative bill to take funds from Disabled Telephone user Fund to assist his organization, Audio Information Network of Colorado (AINC). Suggested to invite him to next Board meeting.

- v) Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind requested donation from CAD. President Pfau recommended for CAD to donate \$1,500 to cover the Dynamic Bro Duo (performance) fee as long as the CSDB Academic Bowl allows the performance to be open to the community.
- vi) Sprint has offered to host the movie “Wrong Game” and allow CAD to raise funds for the movie night.
- vii) Update regarding the former president: She has pled guilty and will face with the judge in February for sentencing. Former president has kept up with her monthly payments.
- viii) President Pfau appointed Raymond Kiltbau, CAD member, as a Chair for the Audit Committee and requested Board’s approval.

VI) Vice-President’s Report: None

VII) Secretary’s Report: None

VI) Representative’s Report:

- i) **Representative Bellofatto:** Chair for the Senior Citizen: Continues to work on recruiting members to serve on the Senior Citizen Committee.
- ii) **Representative Kiltbau:** Will schedule a meeting with Secretary Bravo/Midthun and President Pfau to work on the CAD website.
- iii) **Representative Olander:** Northern Colorado Deaf Chat continues to be doing very well, having successful gatherings monthly. There is new social spinoff of Northern Colorado Deaf Chat called Greeley Deaf Social to be held in Greeley as the result of several deaf Senior Citizens wanting to get together with the Northern Colorado deaf people for social visits since they are unable to get out in the evenings due to their sight problems or lack of transportation in the evening time.
Northern Colorado Deaf Chat/Social gathering is held in 2nd Saturday evenings of every month at alternative cities of Loveland, Fort Collins, and Greeley. Greeley Deaf Social gathering is held every 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoons of month in Greeley only.
Everyone is welcome.
- iv) **Representative O’Neill:** Asked the board about the fundraising opportunity. Wanted to host a Christmas Ball 2008 for the public; however, President Pfau suggested that CAD hosts Winter Ball instead due to the economic reasons during the holidays can be expensive.

v) **Representative Rivera:** chair for the Deaf Education Committee: Shared the goals and mission of the committee: The committee will revisit the Deaf Education, participate in the Deaf Education Reform meetings, seek similar Organizations to share and work together for a common goal, research and learn more about Colorado's Education system at the state and local levels, develop networking among parents, teachers and other organizations and hold forums for concerned stakeholders.

vi) Special Report: Mark Wedgle who is a member of CAD. He recently has been appointed by Gov. Ritter as a representative for the Deaf-Blind seat with the commission for the Blind and Visual-Impaired, a government agency. He asked that CAD create a seat for Deaf-Blind (DB). In addition, he rose the awareness what Colorado DB is currently facing. There are no supportive services for the DB citizens in Colorado and requests support from CAD.

VII) Unfinished Business:

i) Christmas Ball 2008: Representative O'Neill: postpone to the next board meeting.

VIII) New Business:

Motion 0801-01: Representative Olander moved the board approves President Pfau's appointment of the new Secretary Daisy Bravo/Midthun. **Passed**

Motion 0801-02: **Representative Rivera** moved that the CAD endorses the hearing aid coverage for children with hearing loss (Senate Bill 08-57). **Passed**

Motion 0801-03: Secretary Bravo/Midthun moved that CAD donate \$1,500 to cover the performance fee for Dynamic Bro Duo (Willy and Rex Moers) at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) Academic Bowl. **Passed**

Motion 0801-04: **Representative Kilthau** moved that the Board approves Raymond Kilthau as a chair for the Audit Committee. **Passed**

Motion 0801-05: Representative Olander moved that the Board implements Deaf-Blind Committee to study the need of services for Deaf-Blind community. **Passed**

Motion 0801-06: Representative Olander moved that the Board appoints Mark Wedgle as the chair for the Deaf-Blind Committee. **Passed**

IX) Public Comments/Announcement:

Representative Olander announced about his new business providing computer consulting, training, repairs, and upgrades services to the deaf community as well as to the hearing counterparts. He passed out the brochures and business cards.

X) Next Meeting Date and Time:

February 7, 2008 – 5pm at Legal Center

Adjournment of meeting:

President Pfau adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. until February 7, 2008.

Minutes submitted by: Daisy Bravo/Midthun, Secretary

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