

Colorado Association of the Deaf
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
The Legal Center, Conference Room
455 Sherman St., Denver, CO

March 6, 2008

Corrected at May 8, 2008 board meeting.

In attendance: President Jennifer Pfau, Treasurer Kim Parra,
Regional Representatives Diane Kiltthau, Russ O'Neill, Noel Rivera, Karl Olander

Absence: Vice-President Lori Koenig (excused), Regional Representative Ray Bellofatto (excused)

Visitor: Alyssa Kurth

President Pfau called the regular board meeting to order at 5:19 PM with President Pfau presiding. The quorum was met.

Previous secretary Daisy Bravo Midthun resigned for the personal reasons. Karl Olander offered to be Secretary Pro Temp to record the minutes for tonight's meeting. However, President Pfau requested if Karl would accept the appointment to be "permanent" secretary for the remaining term. Karl replied elatedly that he accepted with the pleasure the appointment. The board then unanimously approved the appointment. **Add: CAD appreciates Daisy Bravo's valuable contribution to CAD as a secretary.**

First, before the board meeting would be proceeded further, President Pfau introduced a visitor, Alyssa Kurth, an University of Northern Colorado student with interest in American Sign Language and the deaf community, to the CAD board. Ms. Kurth presented her "application" to the CAD board to do the volunteer community service related to deaf for the CAD to meet her class requirement for her school project. The discussion involved the details of what kind of community service Ms. Kurth would perform for the CAD (fundraising activities for Miss Deaf Colorado, interpreting coordination, seek sponsorships for donations, conduct the CAD survey to the deaf community to gain experience for her). The CAD unanimously welcomed her aboard to achieve her community service for the CAD.

1) **Agenda:** The agenda for tonight's (March 6, 2008) meeting is approved.

2) **Corrections for the previous meeting minutes dated January 17, 2008 and February 7, 2008:**

These minutes have not been previously approved for corrections yet; therefore, they need to be reviewed and approved for any corrections. However, due to the timing factor during the meeting progress, President Pfau suggested that Secretary Olander e-mail the board these minutes for review and send back to him with any corrections to be recorded for this tonight's meeting.

3) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Parra remarked the following:

- I was not able to submit March financial report due to not receiving the bank statement in time before the meeting. I am still working with Jennifer to set up a meeting with the former Treasurer Sponable to go to the bank to set up on-line banking and remove Sponable's name off the account. As soon as I receive the statement, I will submit the financial report electronically to the board

3) Treasurer's Report: (continued)

- Thanks to CAD for their generous support with Miss Deaf Colorado Pageant's fundraising event for Dynamic Bro Duo. Because of CAD's support, MDCP has raised \$825.63 profit from the fundraising event.

4) **President's Report:** Enclosed is the President's lengthy typed report (2 and half pages) electronically submitted to Secretary Olander after the meeting.

5) **Vice-President's Report:** None due to L. Koenig's absence.

6) **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Olander commented how pleased he is to be appointed respectfully to be the board secretary and is looking forward to working with the board for the remaining term.

7) Representatives' Reports:

i) **Diane Kilhau** – (Corrected) She indicated she had no report other than to join the Senior Citizen Committee.

ii) **Noel Rivera** – He mentioned about his new e-mail address for our e-mail correspondences. He discussed about the CAD Deaf Education Committee and the deaf educational issues, which at this point are still weak due to being in the infancy phrase. But, he is continuing to work the best he can to keep it going. He also has been working on transferring the old CAD archives onto CDs for the electronic storage by way of scanning.

iii) **Russ O'Neill** – He discussed about the idea of merging the Silent Athletic Club of Denver (SAC) and CAD newsletter. No further action on this yet.

iv) **Karl Olander** – Northern Colorado Deaf Chat / Social and Greeley Deaf Social continues to be successful gatherings as the turnout is still great. The next activity is this following Saturday, March 8, 2008 for the dining out get-together at the brand new Cici's Pizza Buffet that has just been opened in Fort Collins.

A brief break. (No time recorded.)

8) Business:

i) **NAD Delegations** – Discussion about who would be selected to go to the National Association of the Deaf Conference. Tabled to the next board meeting unless President Pfau calls a special meeting due to the early bird rates. Need to review the bylaws on delegations.

8) Business: (continued)

ii) Sprint Wireless BlackBerry Proposal:

Review: The CAD was contacted by letter from Wireless Innovations through the referral from the Sprint Sales Team to see if there might be interest in promoting the Sprint Relay Wireless Program on the CAD website. In return, Wireless Innovations would provide a cash incentive to CAD for every referral that directly results in an activation for the program.

Noel Rivera moved that the CAD accepts the Wireless Innovations' proposal. Diane Kilthau seconded.
Passed unanimously.

iii) Youth Leadership Scholarship:

Review: The Youth Leadership Scholarship is for the youth to be sent to the NAD Leadership Training Conference in Texas on April 3-5, 2008 with the CAD financially sponsoring or supporting the youth.

Due to the timing factor as the result of the discovery of the deadline due being the following week, the CAD decided it is best that it is tabled until next year in 2009 to follow up.

iv) **Legislative Updates:** The proposed bill, House Bill 1245 sponsored all by Rep. Doug Bruce himself, to cancel the operating funds of Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing is killed off due to very strong majority of opposition of the bill by many people who opposed it. The CCDHH is still continuing open for business. **Clarification: The bill proposed to eliminate all of the surcharges including the Disabled Telephone User Fund which supports the CCDHH's operation has been killed.**

9) New Business:

Kalle Consulting Services, owned by a board member, now Secretary, Karl Olander, offered the repair service to fix the problem of the power inverter in the CAD laptop. The estimates on the repair charges are discussed with the board and then are unexpectedly negotiated to "so-called failure" due to the confusion overwhelmed to the owner Karl. Representative D. Kilthau brought up the suggestion about the possibility of purchasing a brand new laptop at the cheaper price, that is about equivalent to the repair costs.

President Pfau pended the negotiation to allow Karl time to reconsider and re-prepare the estimates including the possible purchase price for a new laptop for the next meeting.

Hence, this business is tabled until the next meeting.

10) Public Comments / Announcements: None

11) Next Meeting Date and Time / Location:

As previously mentioned in President Pfau's President report, the CAD is changing the meeting date to the second Thursdays of the month due to the factors already explained.

Consequently, the next meeting date will be April 10th, 2008 at 5 PM at the location to be determined.

12) Adjournment of meeting: President Pfau adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM until April 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by,

/s/ Karl E. Olander
Secretary

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President Pfau's Report

3.06.08

Introduction: Alyssa Kurth- volunteer for CAD

Schedule Meeting dates: Change meeting date to second Thursday of every month due to several factors: financial reports and CCDHH as it is important for CAD to attend CCDHH meetings.

President Pfau's attendance to the former president (MMR)'s sentencing hearing.

- The judge entered a sentence ruling for the former president of CAD, Michelle Muth-Rodriguez (MMR):
 - 1- Five years probation
 - 2- 100 hours of community services
 - 3- Pay CAD back in full (\$19,600) (She is to continue to make payments as she has been)
 - 4- Take DNA test (which I thought it was interesting as it is the new law now)
 - 5- Mental Health treatment, if appropriate
 - 6- Participate in the Victim Apathy Class
- MMR approached to me, said she was very sorry, and handed me the letter to distribute to CAD members and board members. I told her that CAD very much appreciates her remorse, facing the consequences, and paying CAD back. I will make sure the letter of apology is mailed to all the CAD members along with my quarterly report in March.
- MMR also gave me a check for February and March (\$300 each) She had missed the deadline for Feb. She personally had wanted to give the checks to CAD during the sentencing hearing along with the letter of apology. I asked her to continue make payments on time. There will be a probation officer assign to her case. The DA's office will provide CAD the assigned probation officer's contact information. This way CAD can contact the probation officer if she misses any payments to CAD.
- Requested the Board's input regarding MMR's request to work as a volunteer for CAD as part of the community services.

CQSI (Colorado Quality Standards for Interpreters):

- Attended the meeting with Representative Rice, and CQSI Co-Chairs: Danelle Janssen and Rachel Naiman to discuss the legislative actions to have a licensure board for interpreters. Rep. Rice felt that it would be a good idea to postpone and do further work on the bill and present it to 2009 General Assembly.

Opportunities:

Rocky Mountain PBS Demonstration:

- CAD was invited to attend a PBS demonstration. Treasurer Parra attended the demonstration of the entire digital package.
- Possibilities are made to collaborate with RMDN and TV News but funding available?

Wireless Innovations (pcsorders.com):

- Letter asking CAD if interested in working with them and sell Sprint wireless devices to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community. They are the one who take care of Sprint order process such as activation, setting up email address for BlackBerry devices, etc... It will be online only and CAD will be paid on each phone activated. CAD will not be responsible handling the wireless devices at all. If you have customer with an issue, simply refer them to our new Video Customer Service (VCS). They can handle any customer service issues, not CAD.

CAD has accepted the Invitation to CCDHH Mental Health Task Force:

Ric Durity and Ami Garry have been appointed Co-Chairs of the CCDHH Mental Health Task Force. The intent of the task force is to develop a strategic Mental Health Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing plan for the State of Colorado, with an approach for engaging policy makers, community leaders and key stakeholders committed to implementing the plan.

The critical task of transforming and reforming mental health services for our deaf and hard of hearing citizens in Colorado has begun.

The planning project includes six phases with a number of discrete steps:

1. A Community planning process: A diverse task force of 10-12 persons will convene and perform concrete research and planning assignments between meetings.
2. Feedback sessions with the community: Up to four focus groups will be conducted for collection of information and feedback, with representation from the deaf and hard of hearing community; mainstream and specialized mental health service providers; parents of deaf and hard of hearing children and administrators/educators of deaf and hard of hearing education.
3. Initial plan development: The strategic plan for deaf and hard of hearing mental health services will be drafted, incorporating input from the Task Force and the Community. This will include implementation responsibilities and timeline.
4. A Community forum: A one-day forum to introduce and build support for the strategic plan will be hosted.
5. Forum follow-up: Conclusions drawn from the forum's output and activities will be incorporated into a final strategic plan and written report.
6. Specific legislative and/or policy issues for action: Issues that require legislative or policy decisions will be submitted for monitoring and/or action by the Commission or the Task Force.

Activities representing on behalf of CAD:

- Attended the Regional Gallaudet Academic Bowl on behalf of CAD. It was a good event.
- Submitted a letter of support for DOVE's grant application.
- Follow up with State Relay Advisory Council
- Follow up with Colorado Dept of Education concerning D/HH Unit and Deaf Education Reform
- Communication with the Deaf Youth Leadership committee to schedule a meeting

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