

Colorado Association of the Deaf Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Sign Language Associates/HOVRS, Conference Room
1391 Speer Blvd, Suite 200., Denver, CO

April 17, 2008

(Rescheduled from April 10, 2008 due to inclement weather)

Corrected at May 8, 2008 board meeting

In attendance: President Jennifer Pfau, Secretary and Regional Representative Karl Olander
Regional Representatives Diane Kilhau, Russ O'Neill, Ray Bellofatto, and Noel Rivera

Absence: Vice-President Lori Koenig (excused), Treasurer Kim Parra (excused)

Visitors: Alyssa Kurth, Irene Boyd, Danelle Jansen, Tom Muniz, Robert and Ellen Williams, Donald
Brock, Mark and Cindy Wedgle, and Daisy Bravo Midthun (Deaf Interpreter for Mark)

President Pfau called the regular board meeting to order at 5:25 PM with President Pfau presiding. The quorum was met.

1) **Agenda:** The agenda for tonight's (April 17, 2008) meeting is approved with some changes by omitting some items from the agenda due to time constraints.

2) **Colorado Quality Standard for Interpreters (CQSI) Report:** Add: Co-Chair Danelle Jensen

President Pfau gave Co-Chair Jensen the floor to present her report about the CQSI updates on the licensure procedures to require the interpreters in the State of Colorado be licensed by State of Colorado with the RID certifications beforehand. They are currently working on creation of a proposal of bill for the Colorado legislature for the 2009 session to, if passed, have Governor sign the bill to become the law requiring this licensure. Questions and Answers / comments followed.

3) **Corrections for the previous meeting minutes dated January 17, 2008, February 7, 2008, and March 6, 2008.**

Correction: No corrections have been noted for the January and February meeting minutes, so the board proceeded to accept them as is.

As for the March 6, 2008 minutes **corrections**, it is tabled to the next meeting.

4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Parra's absence was planned in advance so she electronically sent the board the treasurer's report and the copy of approved budget for our review. See Attachments A and B respectively.

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5) **President's Report:** See Attachments C and D.

Recession at 6:25 – 6:50 PM

6) **Vice-President's Report:** None.

7) **Secretary's Report:** None.

8) **Representatives' / Committees' Reports:**

i) **Diane Kiltbau** – None. However, President Pfau requested that we remind Diane to bring the digital camera so that we would be taken pictures for the CAD website in the board page. Also, President Pfau requested the board to review the CAD website on what the information to be removed, added, or modified and bring the suggestions to the board for Diane.

ii) **Noel Rivera** – Noel updated some about the CAD Deaf Education Committee and the deaf educational issues. He also mentioned about the Greeley's University Lab School's deaf program being closed. Other than that, not much has been going on in this regard for now.

iii) **Russ O'Neill** – None.

iv) **Karl Olander** – Northern Colorado Deaf Chat / Social and Greeley Deaf Social gatherings still continue to be successful. The next activity is Northern Colorado Deaf Picnic, hosted by three groups of Northern Colorado Deaf Social, Greeley Deaf Social, and University of Northern Colorado Sign Language Club, to be held at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The flyer has been posted on ColoradoDeaf.com.

v) **Ray Bellofatto – Co-chair for Senior Citizens Committee.** Ray updated about the ongoing discussions from the Senior Citizens' Committee meeting which occurred just right before the CAD board meeting. More people attended the meeting. The Task Force committee will be formed to develop a community survey on what the Deaf / HH Senior Citizens need or desire. The meeting was productive.

vi) **Mark Wedgle, Chair for Deaf and Blind Committee.** Mark remarked about the efforts of attempt to establish a committee to begin the committee work; would like to develop a community survey to find out what the Deaf and Blind citizens need and desire for common goals; and commented about Colorado Commission for Blind and Visually Impaired (CCBVI).

9) **Unfinished Business:**

i) **NAD Delegations** – President Pfau is automatically designated as CAD delegate for the National Association of the Deaf Conference. Karl Olander moved that the CAD accepts Noel Rivera, who volunteers himself to be delegate, as a CAD delegate for the NAD Conference in New Orleans this July 2008. Passed.

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9) Unfinished Business: (continued)

ii) **Laptop Repair:** Noel Rivera moved that the CAD agrees to Kalle Consulting Services' proposed (revised) estimate for the laptop repair for \$300. Tied 2-2. President Pfau broke the tie by favoring it. Passed.

10) New Business:

Noel Rivera moved that the budget of \$700 be established for the accommodations (ex: Deaf interpreting to be paid for services). Passed.

11) Public Comments / Announcements: None

12) Next Meeting Date and Time / Location:

The next meeting date will be May 8, 2008 at 5 PM. The location is to be determined.

13) Adjournment of meeting: President Pfau adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM until May 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by,

/s/ Karl E. Olander
Secretary

Attachments:

- A – Treasurer's Financial Report as of March 31, 2008
- B – Approved budget for 2008
- C – President Pfau's Report

Attachment A – Treasurer’s Financial Report as of March 31, 2008

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Financial Report as of March 31, 2008

By Kim Parra, CAD Treasurer

CAD Funds Balance

\$14,509.17 – General Operating Account (Checking Account)

\$916.18 – Jr. CAD (Savings Account)

\$31,228.98 – Stock Mutual Fund

\$28,636.17 – Corporate Bond

\$4,195.99 – Miss Deaf Colorado Pageant

\$79,486.49 TOTAL ASSETS

Note: The figures for Stock Mutual Fund, Corporate Bond, and Jr. CAD don’t reflect any increase or decrease due to changes only happen quarterly.

INCOME for General Operating Account

\$164.92 – Dividend Income from Investment

\$60.00 – Membership dues from regular and organizational members

\$12.50 – Restitution

\$5.00 – Donation from member

\$242.42 – TOTAL

EXPENSES from General Operating Account

\$150.00 – SAC for March lease (Check #1039)

\$150.00 TOTAL

Attachment B – Approved budget for 2008

Colorado Association of the Deaf

Project Budget 2008

Office Operation:

Rent	\$ 1,800.00	(\$150 x 12 months= \$1,800)
Office Supplies	\$ 480.00	SAC (\$40 x 12 months = \$480)
Postages	\$ 328.00	(.41 x 200= \$82 x 4 times a year= \$328)
Printing	\$ 500.00	(\$100 x 4 times a year plus flyers printing)
Travel expenses	\$ 3,000.00	(NAD 2008 Conference Delegates)

Projects/Programs Support:

CQSI	\$ 500.00	
Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00	(Already have \$1,000 aside)
Miss Deaf Colorado	\$ 500.00	
Deaf Education Committee	\$ 500.00	
Mini Conference Aug 08	\$ 500.00	
	<u>\$ 8,608.00</u>	

Scholarships:

Youth	\$ 950.00
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(Need to raise more than \$8000 each year)

Attachment C – President’s Report

President Pfau’s Report

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Activities:

- **Workshop:** Organized with PSLI to host a workshop: May 31, 2008
http://www.coloradodeaf.com/2008/apr/CAD_PSLI_JointWorkshop.jpg
The purpose of the workshop is to educate both of the communities (Interpreters and Deaf) about the function of the job as an Interpreter and as a Deaf consumer. Tips and Techniques will be provided for Deaf consumers how to approach interpreters that are not capable to fit their means of communications while tips and techniques are provided to the interpreters how to handle criticisms.
Kirk Neuroth & Darlene Ensenat will be the facilitators for the participants providing interpreting services while Rob Loveless & Sara Lee Herzig will be the Deaf Facilitators for the deaf participants.
- **CDE Deaf Education Reform:** There have been some changes regarding the system with CDE D/HH Unit. CDE has decided to transfer its responsibilities to oversee D/HH mainstreamed program to CSDB Outreach Program. Assigned the issue to the CAD Deaf Education Committee which they will meet next Friday, the 18th. Letter from CDE is attached.
- **Meeting with Nancy Smith, DVR Director:** Introduced the Colorado Association of the Deaf. Discussed the issues in Colorado Deaf community facing ineffective service delivery when it comes to employment placement, such as vendors or public entities unable to provide communication access and leaves the Rehab Counselors for the Deaf to tab the funding to cover communication access. DVR encourages CAD to consider appointing a representative from CAD to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council Board. In addition, CAD is being encouraged to send a representative to serve on the State Independent Living Council. Please see me for further information how to apply.
- **Deaf Youth Leadership Project:** I am currently meeting with the committee members (Kari Knutson, Kathy Ronci, & Michelle Peterson) and continued to do project development. Several possibilities are being lined up. The committee is in the process of electing a chairperson. Will update next board meeting.
- **Presentation about CAD at CSDB:** There were about 100 deaf students in middle school and high school. CCDHH was also there. It was neat to see a nonprofit organization collaborating with a state agency with the same mission- betterment of the community for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the State of Colorado.

- **Follow up with the State Relay Advisory Council:** Requested the information of the next Advisory Council meeting. However, CAD received a response from the State Relay Administrator with PUC that it is not open to the public. CAD became concerned about the sunshine law that requires all government meetings to be open to the public. In addition, CAD became concerned about the lack of communication with the community. After several email correspondences, CAD received a letter from the State Relay Administrator. In the letter, it indicated that Karl Olander was appointed to represent CAD on the State Relay Advisory Council. I will be responding the letter to the State Relay Administrator (SRA) to clarify CAD's position as he had a CAD board member listed as a member of CAD (perceived to be representing CAD). If SRAC is truly interested in having CAD on the state relay advisory council, then the SRA needs to be ensured that the representatives are chosen by the CAD board, not SRA. The persons who State Relay Administrator currently characterizes as CAD representatives were never asked or selected to represent CAD. If SRA prefer to keep those individuals, CAD will respectfully ask that SRA cease to call them CAD representatives. See attached. I will need your feedback on this.