

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

June 12, 2008

In attendance: President Jennifer Pfau, Vice President Lori Koenig, Secretary Karl Olander, Treasurer Kim Parra and Regional Representatives Ray Bellofatto and Russ O'Neill.

Absence: Regional Representatives Diane Kilthau (excused) and Noel Rivera

Visitors: Mark and Cindy Wedgle, Kathi Ronci, Dawn Mabry, Sharon Kerr, Bill Wright

President Pfau called the regular board meeting in order at 5:20 PM with President Pfau presiding. The quorum was met.

- 1) **Agenda:** The agenda for tonight's (June 12, 2008) has been approved.
- 2) **Corrections for May 8, 2008 meeting minutes:** The May 8, 2008 meeting minutes is postponed until the next board meeting in August per the board's agreement.

3) **Board Reports:**

a. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Parra reported the balances in the CAD funds:

\$13,267.90 – General Operating Account (Checking account)

\$ 916.18 – Jr. CAD

\$31,228.98 – Stock Mutual Fund

\$28,636.17 – Corporate Bond

\$ 4,176.00 – Miss Deaf Colorado Pageant *

\$78,225.23 Total Assets

* The balance of Miss Deaf Colorado Pageant account should be appropriately \$1,176.00 since \$3 K has been spent for the upcoming trip to the National Association of the Deaf conference and for Miss Deaf America Pageant next month (July 2008).

CAD has paid for President Parra and Rep. Noel Rivera's delegation trip to the NAD conference.

b. **President's report:**

1. Blueprint: President Pfau remarked about her wishes for the CAD structure be evaluated as it is time to reorganize the CAD. She would like a Blueprint core committee or task force be implemented to commence.

2. The workshop provided jointly by Professional Sign Language Interpreting, Inc. (PSLI) and CAD on May 31, 2008 was a success as the result of awesome turnout – about 60 people in attendance. It was well received and enjoyable.

b. President's report: (Continued)

3. President Pfau would like to see the goal for CAD to provide and/or host workshops for 4 times a year since the workshops seem to be a popular "social get-together gathering" for most of the people in the deaf community.

4. There will be a public forum about the Mental Health Task Force on Friday, June 20, 2008. Jennifer Peterson is our CAD representative and is expected to be attending there on our CAD's behalf.

c. Vice President's report:

Vice President Koenig has only two items to comment on:

- 1) Bylaws – She is still in progress to plan starting bylaws committee after the NAD conference.
- 2) Mini-conference (now statewide meeting with youth kick-off program/campaign) is now scheduled for September 2008 instead of originally planned for traditional August. We need to start this project ASAP.

d. Secretary's report: None.

e. Regional representatives/Committee Reports:

- i. Russ O'Neill – None
- ii. Ray Bellofatto - He commented about upcoming **Senior Citizens Committee** meeting on June 19, 2008. Cliff Moers of Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) will speak on establishment of a task force to begin the exploration on the options and also to commence survey to the deaf community.
- iii. Mark Wedgle – Deaf-Blind Committee Chairperson: Mark has three reports to report.
 1. The committee meeting was held in late May. There was 15 committee members and 80% of them are blind. It went well. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the members and to create planning agenda for the committee; had officers' election. The next committee meeting will be on June 25, 2008. They will have many proposals to offer.
 2. The committee would like to be a collaborative partner with CAD doing an outreach program to the Deaf-Blind community.
 3. The committee is also working to transform the idea of a Blind-Deaf Club into reality for the Blind-Deaf community.

4. Unfinished Business – None

5. New Business

1. Kim Parra moved the CAD renew its Board and Directory Liability Insurance. Passed.
2. Kim Parra moved that CAD allocates some funds for the Deaf-Blind Committee. Passed.
3. Kim Parra moved that CAD supports the program of City and County of Denver to offer a CPR class for the deaf community. (Per the May 22, 2008 letter from the City and County of Denver via Lorrie Kosinski).

Recess: 6:25 PM – 6:35 PM

6. Public Comments / Announcements:

- a. Ody Allen thanked CAD for the efforts of announcing the meetings and the work the CAD has been doing.
- b. Karl Olander updated on the Northern Colorado Deaf Community event especially the 4th of July Deaf Community Picnic to be held in Berthoud, Colorado at a park.
- c. Ray Bellafatto updated regarding Carol Sponable. She has been moved into a nursing home.
- d. Kathy Ronci commented about the ideas on increase of membership for the CAD.

7. Next meeting date and time / location:

The next meeting date will be August 14, 2008. The location is to be determined. The July meeting is not held due to the National Association of the Deaf conference in July in New Orleans, Louisiana.

8. Adjournment

President Pfau adjourned the meeting at 7 PM until August 14, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by,

/s/ Karl E. Olander
CAD Secretary