

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

MINUTES C.A.D. Bylaws Committee

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TIME 6:30 PM

LOCATION 10645 West Sundance Mountain, Littleton

PRESENT: Julie E Moers, CAD vice president, bylaws committee chairman, presiding; and members Rebecca L. Herr, Raymond L Kilthau, Clifford W Moers, Joe Motylinski, Russ S O'Neill; and David A Anthony, secretary pro-tem, recording

EXCUSED: Kathy Ronci

ABSENT: Daisy Bravo

BUSINESS –

Minutes Members accepted the 13 May 2009 CAD bylaws committee meeting Minutes as written (with typos corrected).

Report Chairman J E Moers reported receiving a letter dated 11 May 2009, addressed to the CAD board of representatives, from CAD member Ody Allen, and requested advice from this committee.

1. Basically, the letter differed in some respects from the announcement of the same date to CAD members calling for a CAD special statewide membership meeting on Saturday, 20 June 2009.
2. Some members of this committee objected to that letter being "From CAD members" since they were not party to this "call"; on the other hand, some members of this committee were involved in this "call".
3. Essentially, however, O Allen requested the opportunity to address the CAD board of representatives on her concerns.

>>> Recommendation from the CAD bylaws committee (after 1.5 hours of discussion): That O Allen be invited to address the CAD board of representatives at the next meeting (tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 4 June 2009).

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Actions Today, our task was to review the CAD Bylaws (revised 2001) for errors, omissions, discrepancies, updates, and to address concerns raised by some CAD members.

Bylaws items needing no discussion were left “as is”; those needing attention were noted (see below) for further discussion at a later date –

- 1.5 PRINCIPAL ADDRESS - - Usually a physical address; not a P O Box, of the CAD office; if no office, then usually the address of CAD’s lawyer (or “principal agent”).
- 1.8 SYNOPTIC HISTORY OF THE C.A.D. - - Appendix A needs updating. (J E Moers took care of this.)
- 1.9 LISTING OF C.A.D. PRESIDENTS - - Appendix B needs updating. (J E Moers took care of this.)
- 2.1 MISSION STATEMENT - - Check Minutes of CAD 2005 statewide meeting for amended Mission statement(s)?
- 2.2.1 AFFILIATION - -
- 2.2.3 COMMUNICATION - -
- 2.2.6.2 Add colon [:] at end of statement (before 2.2.6.2.1 education...).
- 2.2.6.2.5 Add wording to include technological advances: e-mail, video phone (VP), video relay service (VRS), etc.?
(Doesn’t 2.2.6.2.7 take care of this?)
- 2.2.8.1.3 “The George W. Veditz Endowment fund” - - Status?
(See also 4.2.7.4 – 4.2.7.4.5)

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- 3.2.1.1 REGULAR (individual members) - - Need to define “resident”.... (also applies elsewhere, e.g., 4.2.2.2 QUALIFICATIONS).
- 3.2.1.4 through 3.2.1.4.9
JUNIOR (membership)/Jr. CAD/NAD - - Need clarifying since situation has changed with NAD (and with CAD!)....
“Youth program”?
- 3.2.2.1 through 3.2.2.2.5
ORGANIZATIONAL (members)
- - Voting privileges?
(Need new section 3.2.2.3?)
- 3.3.3.1 N.A.D. AFFILIATION - - Status?
CAD members also NAD members?
- 4.2.2.2 QUALIFICATIONS (officers) - - Need to define “resident” (also applies elsewhere, e.g., 3.2.1.1 REGULAR (individual members).
- 4.2.3 NOMINATIONS (and elsewhere) - - Drop the word “biennial”; use “annual”.
- 4.2.4 through 4.2.4.4
ELECTION: Consider “staggered terms”?
- 4.2.7.1.2 “Spokesman” - - sexism! (Applies elsewhere in the bylaws.) Instead of “-man”, use “-person”.

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- 4.2.7.1.3 Add colon [:] after “of”.
 - 4.2.7.4 through 4.2.7.4.4.5 - -
Verify status of the various CAD funds!
 - 4.2.7.4.4.6 [Challenge:] Spelling of “cheques” - -
Should be “checks”.
 - 4.3.4 VACANCY AND/OR REMOVAL - - Add the phrase:
“within 30 days.”
 - 4.4.7.7 Add missing a before “CAD member” . . .
 - 4.4.7.7.1 Add missing phrase and letter: This appointment m
(... “ust be...”).
 - 4.4.7.8 Delete last sentence (repeats 4.4.7.7).
 - 4.5.1.4 Add: Each CAD committee chairman shall report in
writing at each CAD board of representatives meeting.
 - 4.5.3.1.2 New phrase:
CAD annual statewide meeting (CASM)?
 - 4.5.3.1.3 (and elsewhere) - - Use “annual”; drop “biennial” and
“mini-convention”.
 - 4.7.1 EXPENSES/COMPENSATION - - Clarify whether the
members of the CAD board of representatives should
be compensated for attending the CASM. [Probably
“Yes”; after all, CASM would be preceded by a CAD
board of representatives meeting.]
- >>> Recommendation That a.s.a.p. after each CASM, there be a
“bylaws and parliamentary procedure review” workshop for officers
and representatives. (Open to members?)

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Agenda for next meeting: Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8; then back to wording, etc., of above items.

Pending (from 13 May 2009 Minutes) - -

- - Do we need a CAD? Is apparent membership apathy a cause for concern or due to CAD leadership?
- - Should the CAD be a membership or an advocacy organization, or both? How to structure?
- - Does CAD need a new name? (e.g., ABCDE – “Association for Better Colorado Deaf Endeavors”?)
- - Is there a need for staggered terms for (election of) CAD officers and regional representatives?
- - Do we need to re-draw CAD regions?

NEXT MEETING To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT 11:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David A Anthony
Secretary pro tem
CAD bylaws committee