



KAD Newsletter

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KAD Board Meeting

The Board had meeting on Saturday, February 13 at Kaw Valley Bank in Topeka, and it lasted until 2:00pm. The meeting had produced a few important and informative items as follows:

State Association Affiliation Fee

State Association Affiliation fee of \$100 to National Association for the Deaf (NAD) has been the same dollar amount for many years. Historically, each state association paid \$100 plus a \$3 per member quota fee. For an example, a state association has 100 members multiply that number by \$3 bringing to a total of \$300, plus an affiliation due of \$100. Grand total is \$400. NAD has determined that the \$3 per member quote fee removed, and only that the \$100 affiliation fee continued. NAD wants to know if the \$100 affiliation fee could be increased, and wants to ask for each state association for their feedbacks. This discussion was brought up during board meeting that resulted in the agreement that the state association affiliation fee is to be increased to \$150 per year which will be effective. after NAD conference in Philadelphia and after each state association conference during the duration of the year of 2011.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day

There will be a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Dillon House in Topeka. This year's theme is related to employment "Our Job: Promote, Preserve and Protect" with a keynote speaker, Dr. Alan Hurwitz, President of Gallaudet University. KAD is one of the limited number of exhibitors this year. We hope you are able to attend the event. For more information on the event, please contact Rebecca Rosenthal, Executive

Director of Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

COAT

Coalition of Organization for Accessible Technologies (COAT) - About the half number of state association have become affiliates of the COAT, and KAD joined a few weeks ago. COAT is a community-based disability organization, and they advocate the need for legislative and regulatory safeguards that ensures full access by people with disabilities to high speed broadband, wireless, and other internet protocol (IP) technologies. They are working on a bill titled HR3101 better known as the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2009 in which applies to us all in term of internet accessibility. .

Deaf Bilingual Coalition

An important motion was made at the meeting about having the Deaf Bilingual Coalition here in Kansas in the 2010 year. The DBC workshop will be targeted to raising the awareness of the bilingual education of our KS Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. The KAD board will be primary sponsor of this event, and more information will be announced in timely manner.

Next KAD Board Meeting, May 22

The next KAD Board meeting date has been rescheduled from the original date of Saturday, June 5, to Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00am at Ramanda Inn in Salina due to 2011 KAD Conference chair Richard Kerby's conflicted vacation. The Board prefers that Richard be present in order to discuss the arrangements for the conference. Please mark Saturday, May 22, 2010 in your calendar if you are interested to come, everyone is welcome!!

Enjoy reading this one-page newsletter!!!