



**Kansas Association of the Deaf Delegate's Report
From 2004 National Association of the Deaf Conference
In Kansas City, Missouri
Reported by Chuck Theel, KAD Board-At-Large member**

The 47th Biennial NAD Conference was held in Kansas City on July 6-10, 2004. The theme for the Conference was called "Eye to the Future".

National Association of the Deaf discussed a lot about Fulton 3 committee, which is chaired by Steve Florio (RI) and BJ Woods (CO). During the forums which was open to the members and delegates. They focused on the six major areas, which was moderated by the six cluster leaders for the F3 Committee.

There were six big categories that needed to be taken care of for the NAD. There were Advocacy, Leadership, Membership, Outreach, Revenue, and Structure.

The three delegates that represent KAD were Leonard Hall, Rebecca Rosenthal and I, Chuck Theel. The three of us were assigned to go to the six different forums. They were advocacy, leadership, membership, outreach, revenue, and structure.

Rebecca Rosenthal's area was in Advocacy and Outreach. Leonard Hall's area was in Revenue and Structure. Chuck Theel's area was in Leadership and Membership.

In these forums there were like 26 different issues in each of the six categories. We were to boil down these issues down to the minimum of categories. We were to boil down these issues down to the minimum of categories.

The F3 Clusters Leaders are:

Advocacy – Howard Rosenblum (IL)

Leadership – Pam Lloyd (NY)

Membership – Chris Wagner (FL)

Outreach – Nancy Lynn Ward-Dillard (CA)

Revenue – Darlene Zangara (OH)

Structure – Mike Cashman (MN) replaced by Rebecca Rosenthal (KS) –effective October 2004

Each of these clusters will have between 8-9 members. For two years, they will review ways to help NAD plan for the future. For more information on the F3, check the website www.nad.org/, and click on the F3. The cluster leaders are responsible for meeting and gathering input from the community (members) at large to submit a report

during the NAD 2006 Conference (New Orleans, LA) with recommendations for NAD Board to consider. For instance, the Structure Cluster has to look at what should NAD look like in the future. Should the Board of Directors membership structure change to include those with more expertise, i.e. lawyers, CPA, etc.

In Advocacy, there were five major issues:

1. National agenda such as educational initiatives (carried)
2. Mandates Video Relay Services (VRS) (carried)
3. Specialized Mental Health Services (carried)
4. Equalizations of Federal Benefits (not carried)
5. Interconnectivity (Videophones/TTY) (carried)

In Leadership, there were five major issues:

1. Expansion of the College Bowl (carried)
2. Communication Lines for Junior NAD (carried)
3. Deaf Cultural Committee (carried)
4. Model Leadership Curriculum (carried)
5. Junior NAD/ YLC Admission Criteria (carried for JrNAD and split for YLC)

In Membership, there were five major issues:

1. Expanded Member Benefits (carried)
2. Membership/ Admission Discounts (carried)
3. Tapping Younger Population (carried)
4. Occasional Membership Promotions (carried)
5. High School/ College Graduates (carried & moved to F3)

In Outreach, there were five major issues:

1. Feasibility Study for Deaf Education Outreach Programs (carried)
2. National Registry of E-Mail Addresses (carried)
3. Deaf History Month (carried)
4. Library of information / Resources (failed)
5. Volunteer Representatives for Post Secondary Training Program (failed)

In Revenue, there were five major issues:

1. Nonprofit Business Revenues (carried)
2. State Association Walkathon Fundraising (carried)
3. Bequests (options to have NAD in their estate) (carried)
4. Charitable Payroll Deduction Payroll Deductions (Carried & moved to F3)
5. NADMag Online (carried)

In Structure, there were five major issues:

1. Quarterly Finance Reports (carried)
2. Annual Reports (carried)
3. State Associations and Affiliate Communications (carried)

4. Governance Models of NAD (failed)
5. CNAD as NAD Program (failed)

The New NAD Officers for 2004-2006 are:

President	Andrew J. Lange
Vice President	Mark D. Apodaca
Secretary	Nancy B. Rarus
Treasurer	Thomas J. Dillon III

Regional Representatives were elected:

Region 1	Charles Reisinger (incumbent) Yerker Andersson (newly elected)
Region 2	Jack Cooper (incumbent) Bobbie Beth Scoggins (newly elected)
Region 3	Ernest Northup (incumbent) Lynn Null (newly elected)
Region 4	Norma Lee Chrismom (incumbent) Genie Gertz (newly elected)

The 2006 NAD Conference will be in New Orleans. See you all there!