

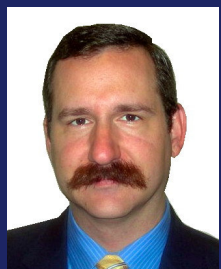


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NAD Region II Newsletter

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NAD Region II Conference a Success Highlights by Jack Cooper

Forty-six (46) delegates from the 13-states Region II, except Michigan, attended 18th Biennial NAD Region II Conference at Camp Lakodia, Madison, South Dakota. The conference was a huge successful with very productive meetings. The atmosphere was really down-to-earth. Everyone had a blast time at Camp Lakodia.

Introduction of the VIPs at Region II Conference as follows:

- CSD CEO Ben Soukup
- CSDVRS: CEO Sean Belanger, Tim Rarus and Chris Wagner
- NAD VIPs: NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins, NAD Vice President Chris Wagner
- Region II Board members Jack Cooper and Linsay Darnall, Jr.
- NAD Past Presidents: Benjamin Soukup and Andy Lange
- Region II Conference Chair Tom Kober
- SDAD President Jennifer Willey
- Miss South Dakota 2007-09 Sherry Parsons
- Frank Turk, father of Jr. NAD and Camp Lakodia

Both Bobbie Beth's and Chris' presences at Region II Conference really give them huge inspiration and means lot to them.

Thursday evening, September 13, 2007

Sara Bianco of Illinois Vice President volunteered to be serve as a recording secretary for Region II Conference minutes.

Frank Turk gave a brief history of Camp Lakodia.

Introduction of State Association delegates with SA highlights were given by eleven (11) State Association Presidents and their respective delegates.

Friday all day, September 14, 2007

CSD VRS sponsored breakfast and Belanger, Rarus and Wagner each gave the presentations about VRS.

Jack Cooper and Linsay Darnall, Jr. gave the information about combo tickets for 2008 NAD Conference in New Orleans, and also the conference schedule; gave information about National Leadership Training Conference (NLTC); updated 2006 NAD Conference Motions.

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State Conference Highlights

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)
www.iadeaf.org
President Michael Berger at president@iadeaf.org
(Reelected)
Successful IAD Conference with about 184 people at Istahca IL

Indiana Association of the Deaf (IAD)
www.indianaassociationdeaf.org
President Beatrice Pfaff at Dodajobe@yahoo.com
(Reelected)
Successful IAD Conference at Indianapolis IN. More information later.

Iowa Association of the Deaf (IAD)
www.iowadeaf.org
President Don Pat Sell at Patrick.Sell@dot.iowa.gov
(Newly elected)
Successful IAD Conference at Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Kansas Association of the Deaf (KAD)
www.deafkansas.org
President Ann Cooper at COOJA@aol.com
(Newly elected)
Successful KAD Conference with about 150 people at Hutchinson KS

Kentucky Association of the Deaf (KAD)
www.kydeaf.org
President Kevin Martin at j.k.martin@insightbb.com
(reelected)
Successful KAD Conference with about 70 people at Danville, Kentucky

Michigan Deaf Association (MDA)
www.mideaf.org
President Diana McKittrick at mckittrickd@michigan.gov **(Reelected)**
Vice President Susie Parnes at Sukimari@aol.com
Successful MDA Conference at Kalamazoo, Michigan

Minnesota Association of the Deaf Citizen (MADC)
www.minndeaf.org
President Emory Dively at ekdively@aol.com
(Newly elected)
Successful MADC Conference with about 130 people at Minneapolis MN

Missouri Association of the Deaf (MoAD)
www.moadshowme.org
President Ella Eakins at moadpresz@gmail.com
(Newly elected)
Successful MOAD Conference with about 50 people at Fulton, MO

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Region II Conference (Cont'd)

Chris Wagner gave his presentation about 2008 NAD Conference Proposal Priorities, Motions, and NAD Highlights.

Bobbie Beth Scoggins shared with the delegates about the upcoming NAD Celebrates ASL Day, and also attending World Federation for the Deaf (WFD) in Madrid, Spain last summer. Also mentioned about NAD's Across America Fundraising effort in month of November 2007.

Evening activities: Public Access Video (PAV) demonstrated by both Andy Lange and Tanya Miller of CSD; Bon Fire; and Poker and Chase the Ace games.

Saturday all day, September 15, 2007

The delegates made several additional recommendations for the list of titles for workshops/seminars at NLTC. The list of titles will be sent to NAD and the committee for review.

Illinois made a tentative announcement about 2009 19th Biennial NAD Region II Conference in Chicago, IL. More information will be announced at NAD Conference Delegate Caucus in New Orleans, LA.

Everyone made several resolutions to make recognitions to this conference, accommodations at Camp Lakodia, and individuals for their outstanding efforts in preparation for Region II Conference.

Everyone brought up the idea to have Youth Leadership Training from Region II States at Camp Lakodia in the near future, with a minimum of 48 youth participants.

The Diversity Training was provided by Darian Burwell, NAD Diversity Trainer. Burwell did an outstanding job conducting the training for more than two hours. Most people learned lots from this training.

Evaluation forms were given to the delegates to fill out. The remarks came up with very positive about Region II Conference on the surveys.

The Region II Conference sine die at 3:15pm.

Evening activities: Some delegates went to watch stock car racing with deaf driver, Greg Gundersen; and more Poker and Chase the Ace games. Some others watched NCAA football games on TV in their cabins.

NAD Across America— Building the New NAD Community



The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) announces the launch of NAD Across America (NAA), an exciting program to expand NAD representation by 5,000 individual members and to build a strong and vibrant online NAD community. The goal of the new online community, which will be filled with v/blogs, is to provide an ASL-rich meeting place for American deaf community to share perspectives and resources on key advocacy issues, and to generate donations to increase NAD advocacy impact.

"NAD Across America is the first step in building the new NAD community," said Bobbie Beth Scoggins, NAD President. "We want to hear your ideas of how we can build and strengthen our deaf community nationwide through the Internet, for greater impact. Together, we can and will move forward."

The NAD Across America campaign runs from November 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, and involves NAD members who sign up to become recruiters. Volunteer recruiters will have the opportunity to earn points toward attainment of exciting prizes of their choice at increasing levels of value, and upon reaching a certain level, have their names entered into a grand prize drawing.

"Who better can share their passion for the NAD than current NAD



49th NAD Biennial Conference

July 7– 11, 2008, New Orleans, LA

NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins has officially issued a Call to the Conference. The 49th Biennial NAD Conference will be held at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 7-11, 2008.

Conference Theme

The twin themes of the 49th Biennial NAD Conference are: "Let the Good Times Roll!" and "Together, We Move Forward."

What's New?

OGG Luncheon – Everyone's invited! We decided to move this conference tradition to a more reasonable hour. Please join us.

Plenary Sessions

ASL Live! – Loosely modeled after the popular television show, "American Idol", this is sure to be a hit! The audience plays a big part – you choose the finalists!

ASL Arts/Cultural Activities Planned
Masquerade Ball & Banquet – What could be more appropriate than a Masquerade Ball to end the conference week in New Orleans?

Important Deadlines

- Workshop Proposals: December 14, 2007
- Award Nominations: December 31, 2007
- Early Bird I – Let the Good Times Roll "Almost Everything" Combo: December 31, 2007
- Early Bird II - Let the Good Times Roll "Almost Everything" Combo: May 31, 2008
- Pre-Registration: May 31, 2008
- Accessibility Requests: May 31, 2008

For Accessibility Requests, please go to www.nad.org/2008ConfAccessibility

Let the Good Times Roll!

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members and donors," said Nancy J. Bloch, NAD Chief Executive Officer. "Building a stronger and more effective NAD, with greater advocacy impact, is a win-win for everyone!"

Visitors to the NAA website can sign up to become a recruiter, check out the fabulous prizes, help generate donations, and watch the progress of recruiters around the country as the NAA logo, an outline map of the United States, is filled in as membership increases.

Many of the wonderful NAD Across America prizes have been made possible through the generous support of sponsors. To date, CSDVRS, CACVRS, i711.com, HOVRS, IP-Relay.com and Sprint Relay are helping to build the new NAD community.

Complete information about the NAD Across America Campaign, how to become a recruiter, rules, prize listing, and more can be found at: www.nad.org/NADAcrossAmerica

Highlights *(Cont'd from first page)*

Nebraska Association of the Deaf (NEAD) www.nedeaf.org

President Richard McCowin at Tazlight56@msn.com **(Reelected)**
Successful NEAD Conference with about 70 people at Columbus NE

North Dakota Association of the Deaf (NDAD) [www. N/A](http://www.N/A)

President Michelle Rolewitz at rolewitz@hotmail.com **(Newly elected)**
Successful NDAD Conference with about 60 people at Fargo, North Dakota

Ohio Association of the Deaf (OAD) www.oad-deaf.org

President Linda Mahmood at President@oad-deaf.org **(Reelected)**
Successful OAD Conference with about 80 people at Cleveland, Ohio

South Dakota Association of the Deaf (SDAD) www.SDAD.org

President Jennifer Willey at JLWilley@gmail.com **(Newly elected)**
Successful SDAD Conference with around 80 people at Camp Lakodia, Madison, SD

Wisconsin Association of the Deaf (WAD) www.wi-deaf.org

President Jerrod Keim at jwkeim@charter.net **(Newly elected)**
Successful WAD Conference at Delavan, WI

**Cooper and
Darnall
wish you a
Happy 2008!**



NLTC '08
NAD Leadership Training Conference
April 3-5, 2008
Texas School for the Deaf
Austin, Texas

► ► ► MOVING FORWARD THROUGH PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Managing transition from traditional to inclusionary leadership
- ✓ Mobilizing diverse communities through collaboration on core advocacy issues
- ✓ Understanding trends and challenges in leading nonprofit organizations
- ✓ Linking local/state advocacy efforts to national issues of relevance

Give support to young, up-and-coming leaders—send them to this exciting and forward-looking conference!
Details to follow at: www.nad.org/NLTC

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