

**2005 NAD Region II Conference
Meeting Minutes
Omaha, Nebraska
November 11-13, 2005**

Friday, November 11, 2005

This conference was graciously hosted by the Nebraska Association of the Deaf (NEAD) during the weekend of November 11-13, 2005. This 2005 NAD Region II conference was coordinated by Richard McCowin as its Chair and the current president of NEAD.

Prior to the NAD Region II conference activities, there were two separate events that some delegates from Region II chose to participate; the first part was a tour of Nebraska School for the Deaf Museum at the former Nebraska School for the Deaf campus from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. This museum was developed and designed by Linsay Darnall, Jr along with Daniel Darnell. Following the tour, many delegates attended the CSDVRS Open House in Omaha, Nebraska from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

First Session: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

The 17th Biennial (2005) NAD Region II conference began at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Room at the Embassy Inn and Suites. As a matter of fact, all meetings during that weekend were in the Blue Room. Richard McCowin, the Chair for 2005 Region II NAD Conference welcomed the NAD Region II delegates and observers by claiming that Omaha is the BEST place to live in and was delighted that everyone could come to enjoy the weekend's activities and thanked delegates for coming here. He expressed gratitude to his committee for working so hard preparing and confirming details to make this conference an enjoyable experience for all involved. Then, he followed with housekeeping details letting delegates know what to expect in terms of getting around. All meals were covered as part of the registration. Additionally, there were refreshments during breaks.

Richard announced that the NAD president, Andy Lange sent a message indicating that because of his work commitments, he regretfully had to cancel his plans to drive to Omaha. He apologized for any inconveniences he may have caused as a result. Andy indicated that he has full confidence in Jack Cooper and Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins' abilities to carry out and communicate NAD directives to Region II delegates. Larry Puthoff stood up and asked to be recognized from the floor by saying that he knew that Andy Lange has full faith in both Jack and Bobbie Beth's leadership.

Richard McCowin went on to introduce four more individuals who played key roles during the 2005 Region II Conference. They were NAD Region II board members; Jack Cooper and Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, and NAD's F3 Cluster Leader for Structure Cluster; Rebecca Rosenthal and Linsay Darnall, Jr as a team partner for facilitating the F3 process.

Jack Cooper, then, took the floor and thanked Richard for his wonderful hospitality and smooth coordination of Region II conference details. Jack went on to distribute the 2005 Region II conference notebooks. Jack was proud of the fact that the Region II conference was probably the best in collaboration and cohesiveness among state association leaders.

NAD Report on Current Activities

125th Anniversary of the NAD

Dr. Scoggins reported on 125th Anniversary of the NAD and fund raising activities leading to the National Gala during September 14-18, 2005 in Baltimore, Maryland. At least \$75,000 was raised from this event alone and there are more monies raised. Specific details on how much was raised in regard to the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the NAD will be shared at a later time. Also, it is crucial that state association leaders understand that this fund-raising activity has nothing to do with the proposed capital campaign which will happen after the NAD 2006 conference. Jack wanted to recognize Tom Kober, the current chair of State Associations Committee and current president of South Dakota Association of the Deaf for his outstanding work during the National State Association Conference (SANC) on the same weekend that the National Gala took place. It was, then, that other Region II delegates commented favorably on how valuable information presented at the NSAC was to them. They were able to apply tactics to their state associations on what they learned from all workshops that were presented.

Dr. Scoggins reminded Region II delegates how important it is for us to realize that the work we are doing at state and local levels reflect on the image of NAD and STATE ASSOCIATIONS. After all, NAD and all state associations have something in common – ADVOCACY and LEGAL RIGHTS of Deaf Americans.

alex House

Jack explained that the NAD Board fully approved and supported the decision to sell the Halex House, currently on sale. The sale of this property is now in the process. Several options are being looked into, such as lease options for the NAD staff to relocate on a temporary basis. The NAD staff will move to another location in Silver Spring, Maryland. A question was raised by a delegate on why such sale of the Halex House is even considered. Jack's response was that the conditions of Halex House are to the point where expenditures to fix up the building will be too expensive. An example was given; the HAVC system (heat/AC) was shot and it would cost at least a million to replace the whole system. Further explanations were on several scenarios such as five year plans to use only interest and leave the principal for leased space. Jack also informed Region II delegates that it is really time to let Halex House be sold and the NAD headquarters be located in a prime work environment. Following this, there were more questions on how the sale of Halex House be handled. Region II delegates seem to be very pleased with how the NAD headquarters and board were handling this situation.

2006 NAD Conference

Details on the 2006 NAD Conference were shared with Region II delegates. Jack informed them that this conference has been relocated from New Orleans to Palm Dessert, California about 20 miles away from Palm Springs. This was because of Hurricane Katrina, the aftermath that destroyed New Orleans. The dates for 2006 NAD Conference is now June 28 to July 3, 2006 from Tuesday to Monday. Information on this conference is in delegates' notebooks. Questions and answers from delegates and NAD II Region Board members followed, such as the 2008 conference site; New Orleans; the rotation of sites beginning in 2010 will be Region I, 2012 in Region II area and so on.

April 29, 2005 – Tri-State Gala Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of NAD in Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Scoggins provided details on how the Tri-State Gala event will evolve into. Two representatives from each state association, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio will participate in a planning committee. The first meeting will be held on December 3rd in Cincinnati, Ohio. The first conference and the birthplace of NAD in 1880 was Cincinnati, then in 1981 celebrating 100 years of existence. On April 29, 2006, the community in this area will have an opportunity to celebrate 125 years of advocacy for our legal rights. Dr. Scoggins invited all Region II delegates to come and celebrate! Information on this event will be shared following the December 3rd meeting.

Future Board Meeting Dates

Future board meeting dates were shared with Region II delegates and Jack asked that if there are any issues or concerns that Region II board members need to be aware of. Please bring them to the attention of Jack Cooper and Dr. Scoggins. The next board meeting will be in Palm Dessert, California where the 2006 conference will be held on January 18-22, 2006, followed by another Board meeting in Cincinnati on April 27-30, 2006 in conjunction with the Tri-State Gala Event celebrating the 125th anniversary of NAD.

NAD Region II E-Newsletters

Region II delegates were asked to provide comments/input on how the format can be improved. Hands-waving and thumb-up signs supported this vital thread of communications among Region II states. Larry Puthoff wanted to express appreciation to both board members for their efforts on E-Newsletters. Dr. Scoggins, then, asked Region II state association leaders to please use this medium as a way to communicate with Region II board members. Also, Dr. Scoggins indicated that the more information on their level, the better it will be in terms of sharing information with Region II state association officers on what each state is doing on behalf of advocacy efforts for our legal rights, etc.

Introductions of NAD Region II Delegates

Each state association, in alphabetical order, was offered an opportunity to introduce each delegate they brought. Additionally, each state association president shared 3 priorities and/or highlights in their state association efforts in regard to advocacy.

Illinois (report attached)
Michael K. Berger, President
Jodi Miller

Indiana (report attached)
Beatrice Pfaff, President
Jodi Miller, Delegate
Jennifer Kutcka

Iowa (report attached)
Don Miskell, President
Jessica I. Olsen-Dunbar

Kansas (report attached)
Leonard Hall, President
Ann Cooper (Alternate)
Shane Dundas
Glenda Haefner
Mary Hughes
Denea Muszynski
Tammy Waddell

Kentucky (report attached)

Kevin Martin, President
Frances Best (Alternate)
Garland Best
Dodie Karr
Sharon White
D. Cole Zulauf

Minnesota

Tracy Koster, President
Ralph Fuechtmann
Curt Slater
Trudy Suggs

Missouri (report attached)

Lawrence Yates, President
Michael Boyd
Sharlene Haney
Meredith Hill

Nebraska

Richard McCowin, President

Linsay Darnall Jr.
Robert Chadwick
Jerry Siders
Steven Manning
Susan Trumble
Harry Lee

Ohio

Linda Mahmood, President
Phyllis Levi

South Dakota (report attached)

Tom Kober, President
Mark Gunderson
Larry Puthoff

Wisconsin

Joseph N. Riggio, President
Jason Altman
Linda Russell

Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins had additional information for state association to check into four pending incentives on a state level. They are as follows:

- 1) Auto Test Automated Driver Knowledge Testing through State Police and/or state court systems on state levels; Drivers' Motor Vehicles department. They have the ASL version for the test. This program was developed by the Alabama Association of the Deaf in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Public Safety and Alabama Department of Rehabilitative Services. Kentucky is another state following this example by incorporating this ASL version for the Auto Test System. An email explaining this program was shared with Region II delegates.
- 2) Help America Vote Act (HAVA) about voting that every state should get federal funds in regard to accessibility issues for people with disabilities, especially deaf and hard of hearing population. It can be found on the web site, <http://www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm>
- 3) TeleCom Act, <http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&b=1200745>
- 4) Emergency Notification and Accessible Warning System; be sure to check with your local and state planners to be involved as they have available funding for receiving emergency information in case of emergencies or disasters.

The meeting was in recess by 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2005

Second Session: 8:00 am - Noon

The second session began at 8:10 a.m. Ground Rules were set to ensure that the meetings ran effectively. Feedback varied from changing the seating/table arrangement and better lighting in the room. Efforts by the host were made to ensure that changes will be followed through.

Contact Information Handouts were distributed to each delegate for purposes of developing a contact sheet among Region II leaders. Mr. Cooper hinted that it would be nice if we could begin the drive to donate in honor and celebration of the 125th Anniversary of NAD's continued leadership in advocating for our legal rights.

The Jr.NAD delegates from Nebraska were introduced. They were as follows:

Chris Olsen, President of Jr. NAD from Ralston
Amanda Fick from Ralston
Kristin Fick from Ralston
Alisson Haselhorst from Norfolk
Brandon Water from Norfolk

A notebook was given to Chris Olson to share with all members of the Omaha chapter of the Jr. NAD by Mr. Jack Cooper.

NAD 2004-2006 Conference Priorities Update:

As a footnote, Bobbie Beth Scoggins thanked Region II delegates for a strong show of support for a need to ensure that the next President of Gallaudet University be deaf, fluent in ASL and knowledgeable in areas of deaf culture and deafness. A letter to the Gallaudet Board of Trustees by the NAD Board has been sent. The latest update on this was that seventeen (17) individuals were named on this national search committee and this information can be obtained through the Gallaudet University web site.

The PowerPoint presentation by Bobbie Beth Scoggins about 2004-2006 Conference Priorities and Resolutions from the delegates at 2004 NAD Conference in Kansas City, Missouri was provided with updates on each priority's status in regard to follow up and activities to ensure that each priority is completed. Status on each conference priority can be found within each Region II delegate's notebook.

Discussions instituted as a result of this above PowerPoint presentation on 2004-2006 conference priorities. Feedback from Region II delegates were;

Numerous state association presidents asked how the communication network and attention to youth issues be improved. Fast time turnaround on questions related to youth activities and to include all state association presidents on the email list serve from the NAD Youth department. When the NAD sends out information on youth issues, please include SA presidents in the youth network.

Dual membership system was a suggestion for the NAD to look into; several SAs felt that paying dues separately create confusion and disincentive to joining a state association at state level. Membership package for both NAD and SA.

Regarding the National E-Mail Registry, few delegates responded that access to getting passwords has been a barrier and wanted to know if the NAD could respond more quickly and effectively.

The meeting was in a recess for a 15-minute break at 10:00 a.m. then resumed at 10:25 a.m.

Fulton III Update:

Rebecca Rosenthal, Chair of Fulton III Structure Cluster was introduced by Jack Cooper. Ms. Rosenthal, in her crutches with a broken foot, enlisted Linsay Darnall, Jr. to assist her with the PowerPoint presentation on F3 update.

During her presentation, Jack asked Rebecca if the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) Jr. KAD representatives could be introduced; they were as follows:

Amanda Kolb, President from Wichita
Kyle Kuschmider, Olathe
Michele Muszynski, Olathe
Selima Carlin, Olathe
Mike Harper, Olathe

A notebook was given to Amanda Kolb to share with all KSD's Jr. KAD.

Following the F3 presentation, there were a period of questions and answers before breaking out into four groups. The four questions posted on large flip chart. The eleven youth delegates from Nebraska and Kansas were involved in this process. There were four groups discussing each question on a rotating basis. Everyone had opportunities to provide ideas, thoughts and suggestions on how the F3 should handle future directions of the NAD.

How do we increase diversity in terms of race, age, etc. at various levels within the NAD?

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| -no money/less money | -Cultural sensitivity |
| -invite leaders from other organization | -Establish diversity council |
| -add links to website | -education on diversity |
| -sense of belonging | -allow students with different activities at YLC |
| -recognize senior citizens | -big brother/big sister program for special needs |
| -educate parents (workshops, events, newsletters) | people/students |
| - Higher visibility at community events | -establish mentoring program |

- broaden promotional efforts to include mainstreamed deaf/hard of hearing students, grass roots, etc.
- SA affiliate with diverse group (Latinos, Blacks, etc) reduce generation gap -diversity articles in NADmag (History of Deaf Blacks, Deaf Blind issue, etc) start at schools -multi-cultural events/awareness
- "Taste of Multi-Cultural Foods" at NAD Conference
- Invite different organizations such as NDBA - diversity camp (2 weeks/2 days awareness of each group)
- inform diverse groups that we have common ground as they have

How can we strengthen ties between the NAD and State Associations and Affiliates?

- networking
- contact
- update information (NADmag)
- newsletters
- videophones
- rep consultants
- SA Presidents with Region Representatives (Hall meetings online chat room)
- office trainings
- resources provide
- youth leadership development
- clear information/communication with NAD and SA
- NAD liaison person -resources with continuous updates
- emails to SA Presidents, Jr. NAD Presidents on progress report of F3; NAD's news on Halex House sale; Jr. NAD
- Online forums -SA Representatives to Board meetings
- create better relationship with affiliates (partnerships)

What kind of information would you want to see in a NAD clearinghouse?

- Deaf Culture/Deaf History/Deaf Heritage
- Advocate/Advocacy contact in each state
- Link to Federal laws/regulations, i.e., ADA, Cases, NCLB, Civil Rights
- List of schools (High School, College, Voc Tech, Mainstreamed, Deaf School)
- List of all agencies, organizations, clubs, SA, etc that serve deaf and hard of hearing - Information/resources for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children
- Links for state interpreters information and services
- Library information and sources about Deafness
- ILL, Youth program for deaf and hard of hearing students
- Board role/responsibilities (state level, training)
- Legal assistances -add links of state congressman, U.S. Senators

- add advertisement in other diverse organizations' newsletters/mags
- to work with SAs to attract people with diversity for membership on SA and NAD levels
- NAD must attend other conferences that have people with diversity
- NAD Board needs board members
Required to be diverse
NAD should establish section(s) - one for each group of diversity, i.e.
Hispanic, Gay/Lesbians, African-American - elect Board Representatives --Require YLC to accept a certain number of students with diversity (establish a ratio)

- coordinate and share recruitment of current and new members
- email information, reports, etc to all SA Board members (not President only)
- To share guidelines relating to legal cases with SA -SA and NA work together to share membership data, address, information
- NAD should provide information about SA's on membership due statements
- NAD needs to make all people feel welcomed during conference, in all meetings
- NAD needs to reduce sense of elitism
- NAD needs to come to different states to get ideas from Youth/State deaf community without charge
- NAD should work on budget for traveling to different states
- Road tour bring the fun back in
- Need ongoing communication between two years of conference

- Commission for the deaf and hard of hearing of all states exchange information with NAD - information on evidence based service
- commission for the deaf and hard of hearing of all states should meet together before or during NAD conference
- list of ITPs nationwide (recognized by NAD) videotapes
- legals/courts/lawsuits information from NAD lawyers
- UNHS "referral" centers
- State contact info
- election campaigns
- deaf right activities in another states, i.e., interpreters at schools, drivers test access, etc.
- new laws that will go into effect (i.e., CC on all broadcast show in January 2006)
- Deaf-run cable TV program (exposed tour)
- Public access TV

- Legislative issues/bills (legal updates) (SAs responsibility to send information to Clearinghouse)
- Disability information/issues/resources
- Successful deaf-business owners
- information/resources -Guidelines on emergency issue (FEMA)

- Deaf Health Clinics (locations)
- Medicare "D" program and S.S. changes/updates
- protocol on creating collaboration with other organizations
- NAD/SA presence at future public picnic events in states (state fairs, parades, health fair, etc)

What leadership programs or opportunities should the NAD provide to deaf youth? And for all deaf individuals?

- YLC, establish workshops in home state (learned from YLC) and monthly youth meetings
- leadership conference (one every 2 years)
- mentoring
- establish relationship with state/local organizations (role players)
- PTA among others (for networking recruitment)
- relationship with adult organizations
- collaboration with adult organizations
- mentoring -role playing -leadership conference/rally/advertising
- advertisement/resource of youth (NLLC) -Jr. NAD (youth) be part of State Association Board
- Future Business Leadership of America (FBLA)
- NAD asks youth what they want -make use of technology to offer video and/or webcast leadership training -Regional Conference and State Conferences to include leadership programs and workshops

- to expand YLC to increase number of campers from 64 to 100, and provide another YLC numbers at another location in country -General Scholarship Program for youths -add leadership program as part of the School Curriculum
- establish website for Jr. NAD and another website for CNAD
- establish guidelines for establishing Deaf Youth Leadership camps for each state, possibly regions
- resume NAD provide leadership workshops for adults
- Region Jr. KAD/SA retreat -big brother and big sister
- team build skills
- Region II camp (2nd opportunity)
- Miss Teen Pageant
- college/voc schooling resources
- Jr. NAD magazine

Rebecca Rosenthal and Linsay Darnall Jr thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and time to create a huge list for F3 folks to review. Ideas from this process were outstanding and definitely will be taken for review and discussion by the F3 committee.

Recessed for lunch at noon; recognition for the following sponsors took place thanking each individual and sponsors with each certificate for their active roles in making the NAD Region II conference a successful experience for all involved. They were as follows:

Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Hamilton Relay
 Nebraska Association of the Deaf
 Knowledge Center on Deafness; Kentucky
 DeaFestival
 Communication Service for the Deaf
 USA Deaf Sports Federation

Jack and Ann Cooper
 Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Kansas Association of the Deaf
 Omaha Association of the Deaf
 Nebraska Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
 Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni
 Association

Third Session: 1:15 – 4:50 pm

The F3 process continued with Rebecca Rosenthal and Linsay Darnall, Jr asking for feedback on words for the mission and vision statements of the NAD. Linsay asked delegates to read the current mission and vision of NAD to determine whether or not both statements need to be updated again, based on a F3 request.

Instructions were then given out to ask delegates to suggest words that strike anyone that embodies the NAD's true spirit of existence on a flip chart. Following this activity, delegates were asked to vote on top five words to flesh out proposed mission and vision statements.

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| 1. Diversity (38 votes) | 5. Protect, Preserve ASL (17 votes) |
| 2. Education/to educate (27 votes) | 6. Collaboration (14 votes) |
| 3. People instead of individual (26 votes) | 7. Full-inclusive/All-inclusive (11 votes) |
| 4. Empowerment (24 votes) | 8. Unity (11 votes) |

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| 9. Today, Tomorrow and the Future (10 votes) | (7 votes) |
| 10. By, Of and For the People (8 votes) | 12. Deaf-Blind (3 votes) |
| 11. ASL as our Birthright language/Define language communication | 13. Especially you (one vote) |
| | 14. Social (one vote) |

Additional thoughts/feedback: It was suggested that a mission statement should be less than seven words so everyone can remember and be able to sign it aloud what the mission is. Tagline: Deaf Can is an example and it was further suggested that a tagline or slogan should be discussed from a marketing perspective

It was further agreed that that the F3 committee need to address those top recommendations by Region II delegates.

F3 Advocacy Cluster (7 top ideas)

- NAD support state at emergencies coordinate resources for state and local 911 services
- tax credit incentive for VRI and interpreters
- equal access in courtroom (any) situations
- negotiate VRS providers to find new interpreting training program
- have all state and medical law enforcement (DOC) appropriately address the needs of access
- Insurance coverage/tax credits for hearing aids
- NAD will work with state(s) to create some type of standards telecommunications equipment distributions program in accordance with technology advancements

F3 Leadership Cluster (3 top ideas)

- NAD provides leadership training/workshop that improve communication between NAD/SA board and making better recruitment strategies (this could apply to Membership Cluster)
- Develop guidelines for instructing transition process between outgoing and incoming officers
- Update the SA Handbooks to ensure that everything is current

F3 Membership Cluster (7 top ideas)

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| newsletter, | -membership kit |
| -NADmag revamp | -Jr. NADmag |
| -how to draw youths | -NAD archives |
| - High School/College | |
| -\$\$\$\$ dollar for both NAD and SA membership perks | |

F3 Outreach Cluster (6 top ideas)

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| -U.S. Postal stamps honoring Deaf Americans during Deaf Awareness Month (March) | -kit for U.N.S.A |
| -Commercials (television), public service announcement | - NAD to work with D.O.E. |
| -more advertisements in newsletters (NAD will have to increase their budget) put in other organizations | -P.R. in newspapers during Deaf Awareness articles (nationwide) |
| | -create web sites for regions under the NAD web site |

F3 Revenue Cluster (9 top ideas)

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| -banners on website for revenue | -dual membership at SA's expenses (save NAD's work) |
| -credit card with incentives and get \$50 off by buying NAD combo | -merge fund-raising program between NAD and SA SANC |
| -card loyalty program | -charity pancake and sausage in the community |
| -set up marketing arm/dept for NAD | -during NAD survey on Starbuck (coffee), airlines and miscellaneous for donations |
| -marketing agent for NAD with 10-15% of contributing amount to NAD by corporations | |

F3 Structure Cluster

- 2006 - Palm Springs, California (Region 4)
- 2008 - New Orleans (Region 3)
- 2010 - Region 1
- 2012 - Region 2
- 2014 - Region 3
- 2016 - Region 4

Youth Group (8 top ideas)

- YLC, establish workshops in home state (learned from YLC), monthly youth meetings
- leadership conference (one every 2 years)
- establish relationship with state/local organizations
- PTA among others (for networking recruitment)
- relationship with adult organizations
- collaboration with adult organizations
- collaboration with advocacy organizations (Blacks, Gay/Lesbians, etc)
- leadership conference/rally/advertisements -mentoring -role playing

How to Write a Motion Form Training:

The exercise of writing a new motion form was explained by Bobbie Beth Scoggins and Jack Cooper. The instructions on how to do a new motion will be posted on the NAD web site (<http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&b=1290343>). There were concerns about the set timeframe; January 31, 2006. (Note: the timeframe has been changed to February 28, 2006).

The motion-writing activity breaking out in six groups following the F3 cluster design on structure, membership, outreach, revenues, leadership and advocacy; and a seventh group for the Jr. NAD chapter of Omaha and Jr. KAD delegates who were present.

Following a 15-minute break at 2:45 p.m., the meeting resumed at 3:00 p.m. continuing the motion-writing activity. By choice, each delegate participated in their preferred topic. All delegates including the Jr. NAD delegates were involved in this activity.

Motions (attached are copies with details on each motion) submitted from the NAD Region II are as follows:

Region II – 01:

Motion Title: Future Conference Notification

Move that the NAD Board determines the (future) conference sites for the years, 2010-2016 by the time of the 2008 conference.

Region II – 02: Future Regional Conference Sites for All Regional Conferences

Move that the preference for each regional conference site shall be in the alphabetical order of each state association.

Region II – 03: State Association Handbook Update

Move that the updating of the State Association Handbook to ensure that everything is current. It should be done by the SAC. The update should be completed before the 2008 NAD Conference. The communication on updating would be done via emails and chat online.

Region II – 04: Jr. NAD Magazine

Move that the NAD design/develop a Jr.NAD newsletter magazine to be distributed to Jr.NAD members four times a year (quarterly).

Region II – 05: Movie Captioning

Move that the NAD establish a taskforce to begin talks with the leaders of the entertainment industry to add captioning to all of movies, theatres, video games and DVD's that includes special features in the DVDs. (Note: This came from the youth group)

Region II – 06: Public Service Announcements

Move that the NAD create a public service announcement with Deaf native signers and English subtitles to be aired on major broadcast networks during Deaf Awareness month. The announcement will include NAD and its services as well as information pertaining to the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture.

Region II – 07: Deaf Television Channels

Move that the NAD establish a committee to develop an all-Deaf television channel within ten years.

Region II – 08: Public Relations Articles in Newspapers Nationwide

Move that the NAD, during the Deaf Awareness month, will create a P.R. article(s) about Deaf Culture/history/rights/awareness to be published in newspapers nationwide (including USA Today, CNN on website, Chicago, etc.) with help from state associations communicating with publishers in their state.

Region II – 09: Increasing Advertisement Opportunities

Move that the NAD increases its outreach and publicity by placing advertisements in various newsletters, magazines and newspapers such as SA newsletters, SignNews, PACER, NASW, ADARA, Deaf Times, and professional publications.

Region II – 10: US Postal Stamps Issue – Honoring Deaf Americans

Move that the NAD work with US Postal Service to issue a commemorate stamp of honoring Deaf (grass root) Americans during the Deaf Awareness month.

Region II – 11: NAD and State Associations – Dual Membership System

Move that the NAD and state associations shall work out a common membership due statement for both state associations and NAD to use in allowing members to join either or both SA and NAD as optional.

Region II – 12: Standardization of State Associations Domain Names for Web Sites

Move that all state association should have standard domain name using postal abbreviation in the domain name.

ByLaws Amendment Process:

Bobbie Beth Scoggins explained that, if any delegates have questions about the NAD bylaw requirements and the timeframes to please go to the NAD web site and Region II handbook to check it out, especially the deadline on submitting any proposed bylaw changes.

Feedback on Region II Conference:

Larry Puthoff from South Dakota took this opportunity to announce a new publication highlighting the thirty years of CSD titled, “*Seeing the Need*”. The books are on sale, hard cover books for \$55.00 and soft cover for \$45.00. He also shared information on the celebration of CSD and how wonderful this celebration was for people of Deaf America.

Tom Kober of South Dakota shared his grave concerns about the VRS calls being blocked, not allowing consumers to have choices with ANY VRS providers. He expressed a strong request that the NAD must lobby to the FCC to ensure that this kind of “blocking” will not happen and must remove this restriction as soon as possible. He went on to explain the difference between certain video products and why a certain video product will block while others don’t. Cell phone features do not have the “block” feature, why are deaf and hard of hearing consumers are being discriminated against and use different products.

Michael K. Berger of Illinois had a concern about the outdated list on old list of former State Association Presidents and delegates from the 2004 conference. Jack Cooper assured that this list will be updated immediately after this Region II conference with contact sheets collected earlier this weekend. This update on contact list will be sent out immediately after the Region II conference.

Beatrice Pfaff of Indiana supported Tom’s position on the blocking of VRS calls and agreed that the outdated list need to be updated fairly quickly. She also suggested that the NAD push for the 911 access by VRS option. The 911 feature is not available on any VRS product.

The fund raising hoopla began with Jack Cooper calling Region II delegates’ attention on the special occasion for the 125th anniversary of NAD. Seven state associations were congratulated for being the Charter members of the 1880 club by paying \$1250.00 each. The fund raising drive began by Jack and Ann Cooper making the final installment of \$500.00 to join the 1880 Club. This hoopla was followed by:

Kansas Association of the Deaf (\$400.00) Final installment becoming an official member of the 1880 Club;
Lawrence W. Yates, \$125.00
David and Rebecca Rosenthal, \$50.00
Phyllis Levi, \$30.00
Linda Mahmood, \$100.00
Kentucky Association of the Deaf, \$500.00 (on top of \$1250.00)
Leonard Hall, \$50.00
Rudy and Glenda Haefner, \$10.00
Jessica I. Olsen-Dunbar, \$100.00
Mark R. Gunderson, \$50.00
Total: \$1915.00

Also, Region II state associations raised over \$10,000 to honor the 125th anniversary of NAD.

The Region II conference recessed for a break at 4:50 pm for a buffet dinner and entertainment sponsored by Hamilton Relay Services. Over 90 individuals in attendance, the Miss Deaf Nebraska, Amanda Ivins was there. Sam Costner (not related to Kevin Costner) was the Master of Ceremonies and entertained us with a game called "Who wants to be a Deaf Millionaire?" Two winners got \$100.00 gift certificates from the famous Omaha Steakhouse, enjoyed by all present at that event.

Sunday, November 13, 2005

Fourth Session – 8:00 – 11:00 am

The fourth session resumed at 8:15 am on bid presentations by three state associations for the upcoming 2007 Region II Conference.

Illinois Association of the Deaf: Michael Berger, President

The last time IAD hosted was in 1975, thirty years ago. The proposed 2007 Region II site will be in Chicago, with plenty access to hotels and restaurants. Mr. Berger determined that there will be a package worth \$500.00 each for six delegates to cover registration and conference costs. The projected conference date would be November 2007.

Indiana Association of the Deaf: Beatrice Pfaff, President

In spite of being a president for two months, her board supported the idea of hosting and got approval unanimously to host the 2007 Region II Conference. The last time, the IAD hosted was in 1980. The proposed site would be in Indianapolis. The conference date will be in November 2007.

South Dakota Association of the Deaf: Tom Kober, President

Tom invited everyone to come to the Camp Lakodia located in Madison, South Dakota. Transportation will be provided by the SDAD from and to the Sioux Falls airport, 45 minutes' drive. The prices will be very affordable and the projected conference date will be September 2007.

The bid for the 2007 Region II Conference went to the South Dakota Association of the Deaf.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-01 (MSP)

Immediately after this bid, it was moved that Region II delegates approve that we go ahead with the bid for the 2009 Region II Conference. Passed.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-02 (MSP)

Move that the Region II delegates accept three bids from Illinois Association of the Deaf, Indiana Association of the Deaf and Iowa Association of the Deaf for the 2009 Region II Conference. Passed.

The 2009 Region II conference bid went to Illinois Association of the Deaf.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-03 (MSP with an amendment)

Move that effective in 2009, each state association starting with alphabetical order host future Region II Conferences instead of the bid process. It was amended to strike out 2011 and replace with 2009. Passed

The 13 state associations in alphabetical order for hosting NAD Region II Conference are now stand as follows:

Illinois - 2009 (already won the bid)
Indiana - 2011
Iowa - 2013
Kansas - 2015
Kentucky – 2017
Michigan - 2019
Minnesota - 2021

Missouri - 2023
Nebraska - 2025
North Dakota - 2027
Ohio - 2029
South Dakota - 2031
Wisconsin - 2033

New Business:

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-04 (MSP)

Move that the Region II delegates express appreciation and congratulations to Nebraska Association of the Deaf for hosting 2007 Region II Conference. PASSED

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-05 (MSP)

Move that the Region II delegates show a hand-waving appreciation and congratulations to both NAD Region II board members; Jack Cooper and Bobbie Beth Scoggins for their time and energy facilitating the conference, and also F3 representatives Rebecca Rosenthal and Linsay Darnall, Jr. PASSED

A 15-minute break at 10:00 a.m., then the meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. continuing the New Business section of the 2005 Region II conference.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-06 (MSP)

Move that the Hamilton Relay Services be notified of their outstanding sponsorship of this conference. Passed.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-07 (MSP)

Move that the Region II delegates offer congratulations and appreciation to both Jack Cooper and Bobbie Beth Scoggins for the wonderful e-newsletters. PASSED (NOTE: Bobbie Beth also mentioned how wonderful Sereta Campbell was to this whole process and did a hand-waving thanks to Sereta in spirit!)

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-08 (MSP)

Move that the Region II delegates to thank the Embassy Suites for their wonderful hospitality and accommodations. PASSED.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-09 (MSP)

Move to express heartfelt thanks to Ann Cooper for recording the 2005 Region II conference minutes. Passed.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-10 (MSP)

Move to thank the 2005 Miss Deaf Nebraska, Amanda Ivins to being with us at the Saturday night entertainment. Passed.

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-11 (MSP)

Move to thank the students from the Omaha chapter of Jr.NAD and Kansas, Jr. KAD for coming to the conference all day Saturday. PASSED

2005 Region II – 11-13-05-12 (MSP with an amendment)

Move that the Region II establish a website, further amended to add a “boardroom” in the NAD web site. Passed.

No further business, this New Business concluded with Bobbie Beth Scoggins reminding state associations to enjoy greater communication efficiency by going through Region II representatives when dealing with the NAD headquarters for resource support.

Evaluation forms were distributed and returned for further improvement to the Region II conference design and format.

Wrap-up meeting and adjournment:

It was suggested that an extra day be added to the Region II Conference program design, instead of Friday to Sunday ... do it from Thursday to Saturday, flying out home on Sunday. That would give the delegates more time to settle down and more down time networking with state association presidents and delegates. Meetings are to begin at 9 am instead of 8 am.

A group picture was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary