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State Association National Conference
Update

What: Great News! The State Association
National Conference will be held September
15-17, 2005. The conference will begin
Thursday evening with a welcome reception,
with plenary and breakout workshop sessions
on Friday and Saturday.

Where: The SA National Conference will be
held at a location to be determined (greater
Washington, DC area, which also includes
Baltimore and Northern VA).

- On the same weekend, the NAD Board
will meet Thursday-Friday September 15-
16, and perhaps on Saturday morning.
NAD Board members will mix and mingle
with SA National conference participants
at various points and mostly on Saturday.
On Saturday evening, September 17, the
NAD will host a 125th Anniversary
National Gala (details about this to be
announced shortly).
A strong SA presence at the 125th
Anniversary National Gala also
demonstrate the fact that SAs are the
"backbone" of the NAD and provide SAs
with rich opportunities for visibility and
networking.

How: SA National Conference
participants must cover their won
airfare, hotel, meals, incidentals, and
ground transportation expenses (plus
tickets to the 125th Anniversary
National Gala, if they wish), unless SA
covers these expenses. The NAD will
cover SA Conference facilities,
audiovisual equipment, training
materials, and trainer fees.

Who: State Associations may send as
many individuals as they wish to the SA
National conference.

- Attendees must be confirmed in
advance with the NAD HQ
(conference registration forms and
hotel information will be sent out to
all SA Presidents).

Last but not Least: Participants in the
SA National Conference will fill out a
post-conference survey to assess the
benefits of the overall conference,
training workshops provided, and follow
through action (post-conference). This
survey will be carried out by the NAD
SA Committee, who will report the
results to the NAD Board as well as SA
Presidents.

TAKE ACTION NOW

If you want to make a difference in
people's lives, go to Take Action Now
on the NAD home page www.nad.org.
This is a powerful tool for contacting
your congressmen and getting
information on the latest trends in
legislation.

REMEMBER to sign up in the
Members Only section of the NAD
web site!

NAD Region II States:

Illinois: www.iadeaf.org

Iowa: www.iowadeaf.org

Kentucky: www.kydeaf.org

South Dakota: www.sdad.org

Wisconsin: www.wi-deaf.org

Indiana: www.indianaassociationdeaf.org

Missouri

Ohio: www.oad-deaf.org

Nebraska

North Dakota

Kansas: www.kskad.org

Minnesota

Michigan

Please send us your state's web link!



Richard McCowin
NEAD President

Richard Accommodates Your Conference Accommodations

NEAD will cover the Region II Board and three NAD HQ staff members' transportation, lodging and registration expenses. These expenses will be paid from sponsorship revenues. Bobbie Beth and Jack will work together with Richard to get sponsorship opportunities with NEAD for the Region II Conference.

Conference Details

NAD Region II Conference
November 11-13, 2005
Downtown Embassy Suites
Omaha, Nebraska
Rate: \$125/room/person
Additional people cost \$10/person (limit 4 people/room)
Amenities include:

- ◆ Complimentary fully cooked-to-order breakfast each morning
- ◆ Complimentary reception from 5:30 pm. - 7:30 pm
- ◆ Complimentary parking & airport transportation (less than 10 minute drive from and to the airport).
- ◆ Complimentary USA & Today newspaper
- ◆ Heated indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, and fitness center

A large meeting room has been reserved from 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Friday, November 11, 8:00 am -5:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm on Saturday, November 12, and 8:00 am - Noon on Sunday, November 13.

Each suite room includes TV with built-in captions and other accessible accommodations.



Embassy Suite Hotel
555 South 10th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
402-346-9000

Local Attractions:

- Henry Doorly Zoo
- Joslyn Art Museum
- Omaha Childrens Museum
- Orpheum Theatre
- Riverboat Gambling Casinos
- Rosenblatt Stadium
- Shoreline Golf Course

ATTENTION

In choosing your six attendees for the Region II conference in Omaha Nebraska, we want to encourage you to have at least one of those slots be reserved for a young deaf adult or youth.

State of Iowa House File 81

An act providing an exemption to the qualifications for school bus drivers for hearing impaired individuals authorized to transport students or clients by the superintendent of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School or the state school for the deaf.

This bill exempts a hearing impaired individual from a provision that requires a school bus driver to possess a current certificate of qualification for operation of a commercial motor vehicle, if the individual is authorized to transport students or clients by the superintendent of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School or the Iowa school for the deaf, or the superintendent's respective designee, the individual is an employee of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School or the Iowa school for the deaf, and the individual operates a vehicle that is designed to carry not more than 15 persons as passengers. *Thanks to Donald Miksell!*

Status: It has had its' first reading and has been referred to the House Education Committee. It has been assigned to a sub committee of Roberts (Chair), Foege and Soderberg.



Lets all find our POT of GOLD at the end of the Conference

Future Meeting Dates for 2005

- May 20-21 — Seattle, WA
- September 15-17 — Washington, DC

Future Meeting Dates for 2006

- January 27-28— New Orleans, LA
- April 27-29— Cincinnati, OH

Please note: *There is no NAD Board meeting during the summer due to the State Association Conferences.*



Highlights of January 28-29, 2005 NAD Board Meeting

Up-to-Date Minutes on the Website

To review the minutes from the January 2005 NAD Board Meeting in Tampa, Florida refer to the NAD website at <http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&b=261498>



NAD Board Members

The Florida Association of the Deaf hosted the NAD Board meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida on January 28-29. On behalf of local sponsors through Sprint and Sorenson, the Board would like to say *Thank You* to the FAD for the great hospitality.

Florida Association of the Deaf supported NAD's 125th Gala Anniversary in Tampa, Florida



Christopher Wagner & Andy Lange

NAD kicked off their 125th anniversary with a challenge to raise 16K for the NAD Campaign Fund to the FAD. The FAD accepted the challenge and in turn challenged all other State Associations to do the same!

This fundraiser will support the effort to establish the future NAD HQ office in the DC Metro area.



The NAD Board Members voted unanimously to sell the Halex House.

F3 Update— Key Issues

1. As a result of the 2002 Conference mandate, key leaders were appointed.
2. Visioning Process took place and will continue
3. There will be a minimum of 7 members for each cluster.
4. The F3 Process consists of:
 - Face-to-Face meetings
 - Home Office visits by some cluster leaders
 - Trips to Regional Conferences
 - Thousands of emails
 - Chat Room meetings
5. Structure Cluster to be the heart of all clusters. Once developed, all other clusters will be plugged in for recommendations to implement changes.
6. Time frames may be revisited on final F3 recommendations, possibly to 2008.

PARADIGM SHIFT—NEW BILL HANDLING PROCESS

At regional conferences and the 2006 NAD conference, there will be a new and revised biennial conference bill system allowing greater accessibility to propose bills from the state associations, affiliates and individual members. Bills can continue to be submitted at the Region II conference. For the first time, individuals can submit proposed bills through the NAD web site. The Board and HQ staff to make comments will review all bills. The voting system will be discussed at regional conferences.

Why?

- ◆ Give more value for dollar to members
- ◆ Put power in the hands of members
- ◆ Involve people by teaching how to write bills
- ◆ Members can propose a bill on the website, and to do so, you must become a member to enter the information in the Members Only area

How?

- ◆ Bills are to be reviewed by the Board and the HQ and Board comments. The HQ comments and financial impact can be included.
- ◆ Any member can vote in forums because they already have had the opportunity to review the information on the website so they are on equal par with the delegates.
- ◆ After reviewing the information, everything can be posted on the website immediately and the Board will have more advanced time to prepare and be able to explain the rationale of the bill to the members/constituents.

More details will be shared with you at a later time from the NAD HQ on how regional conferences will handle this bill handling process.

Dates to Remember: 2005 NAD Region II State Association Conferences

Iowa Association of the Deaf

51st Biennial Conference
President: Don Miksell, dmiksell@iowadeaf.org
Theme: "Honoring Our Deaf Heritage"
August 4-6, 2005
Ramada Inn
Waterloo, Iowa
Chair/Program Book Contact: Jessica Olson-Dunbar
jessica_dunbar@cfu.net
www.iowadeaf.org
NAD Board: TBA

Illinois Association of the Deaf

43rd Biennial Conference
President: Gary Etkie, etkie8@cs.com
Theme: "A Century of Progress for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing"
June 23-25, 2005
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Springfield, Illinois
Chair: Marion Dramin, Mdrmain@aol.com
www.iadeaf.org
NAD Board: TBA

Indiana Association of the Deaf

44th Biennial Conference
President: Donald Tineley, donaltdinsley@yahoo.com
Theme: "When Two Become One"
October 13-15, 2005
Holiday Inn
Richmond, Indiana
Co-Chairs, IAD: Tabitha Byrum/Ellen Marshall
Tabkby1@aol.com
Co-Vice-Chairs, ICRID: Nancy Young/David Calbert
www.indianaassociationdeaf.org

Kansas Association of the Deaf

38th Biennial Conference
President: Leonard Hall, legalnetwk@aol.com
Theme: "Developing Leaders of Tomorrow"
July 20-24, 2005
Kansas School for the Deaf
Olathe, Kansas
Chair: Ken Milner, shirleykenmilner@aol.com
www.kskad.org
NAD Board: Cooper/Lange

Kentucky Association of the Deaf

40th Biennial Conference
President: Kevin Martin, j.k.martin@insightbb.com
Theme: TBA
June 3-4, 2005
Kentucky School for the Deaf
Danville, Kentucky
Chair: David Wylie, dwylie@adelphia.net
www.kykeaf.org
NAD Board: Scoggins/Lange

Michigan Deaf Association

50th Biennial Conference
President: Diane McKittrick, dmckittrick@cacdhh.org
Theme: TBA
September 29-October 1, 2005
Pontiac, Michigan
Chair: TBA
NAD Board: TBA

Minnesota Association of the Deaf Citizen

56th Biennial Conference
President: Mike Cashman, cashgray80@aol.com
Theme: "Unite Today...Stronger Tomorrow"
June 24-25, 2005
Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
Rochester, Minnesota
Chair: Jane Hardens, RDCMADC2005@aol.com
www.mnassocdeaf.org

Missouri Association of the Deaf

39th Biennial Conference
President: Lawrence Yates, moadshowme@aol.com
Theme: TBA
Date: TBA
Location: TBA
Chair: Missy Owec, mio3115@yahoo.com
www.MOADSHOWME.org
NAD Board: Cooper

Nebraska Association of the Deaf

43rd Biennial Conference
President: Richard McCowin, NEADPrez@aol.com
Theme: "Our Place in the Society: Looking back, Moving Forward"
July 8-10, 2005
Embassy Suite Hotel
Omaha, Nebraska
Chair: Patti Reitz, preitz41@hotmail.com
NAD Board: Cooper

North Dakota Association of the Deaf

35th Biennial Conference
President: David Halseth, dakotamoo@hotmail.com
Theme: TBA
June 23-24, 2005
North Dakota School for the Deaf
Devil's Lake, North Dakota
Chair: David Halseth, dakotamoo@hotmail.com
NAD Board: TBA

Ohio Association of the Deaf

24th Biennial Conference
President: Linda Mahmood, Imahmood@aol.com
Theme: "Time to Recharge!!"
August 10-14, 2005
Clarion Hotel Dublin
Dublin, Ohio
Chair: Tom Akins, tomakins@tmail.com
Program Book Contact: Linda Mahmood
www.oad-deaf.org
NAD Board: Lange/Scoggins

South Dakota Association of the Deaf

43rd Biennial Conference
President: Tom Kober, tkober@c-s-d.org
Theme: "Celebrating Our Independence with Commitment to Our Change"
July 1-4, 2005
Camp Lakodia
Madison, South Dakota
Chair: John Skjeveland, jskjeveland@c-s-d.org
NAD Board: Apodaca
www.sdad.org

Wisconsin Association of the Deaf

49th Biennial Conference
President: John Powell, jpowell@mailbag.com
Theme: "It's a Treasurer's Island"
June 24-26, 2005
Chair: Tom Meitner, itaz@charter.net
Country Springs Hotel
Pewaukee, Wisconsin
www.wi-deaf.org

NAD Region II Conference

November 11-13, 2005
Embassy Suite Hotel
Omaha, Nebraska
Chair: Richard McCowin, NEADPrez@aol.com

48th Biennial NAD Conference

July 9-15, 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana

State Association President Conference

Tentative Date: Spring 2005
Site: TBA