



# KAD Newsletter

Official Publication of Kansas Association of the Deaf, Inc.

*Ann Cooper  
President*

*Tammy Waddell  
Vice President*

*Pamela Siebert  
Secretary*

*Lorrie Shank  
Treasurer*

*Rebecca Rosenthal  
Youth Coordinator*

*Glenda Haefner  
Membership Coordinator*

*Anne Heller  
State Pageant Director*

*Kim Symansky  
Appointed Board  
Member*

*Leonard Hall  
President Emeritus*

*Richard Kerby  
2011 KAD Conference*

*KAD  
PO Box 10085  
Olathe, KS 66051*

*website:  
[www.deafkansas.org](http://www.deafkansas.org)*

*Established in 1909  
Incorporated in 1911*

## Happy Halloween!

### President Obama signed the bill!!!

Submitted by NAD

On Friday, October 8, President Barack Obama signed the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 into law and delivered brief remarks on the impact of this law on individuals with disabilities. NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins, with Chief Executive Officer Nancy Bloch and Law and Advocacy Director Rosaline Crawford were on hand to witness this historic event at the White House, which are to be streamed on [whitehouse.gov/live](http://whitehouse.gov/live).

Please check out this video on the website:  
<http://bit.ly/a9sd1J>

The NAD applauds Congress for passage of this landmark legislation will improve access to communication, television, and the Internet for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened and deaf-blind.

“The Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act is one of the most significant victories for our community since the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed 20 years ago. It will enable 36 million deaf and hard of hearing people to participate in the Internet age by ensuring captioning of television programs on the Internet, a closed caption button on television remote controls, hearing aid compatibility for Internet telephones, and communications equipment for individuals

who are deaf-blind, and more,” said Bobbie Beth Scoggins, NAD President. “While we fell short in some areas, such as requiring web TV episodes distributed only on the Internet to be captioned, this is a step in the right direction to make the web accessible. For many of us, the quality of our lives depend on an accessible Internet and we appreciate Congress’ recognition of this essential civil right.”

The passage of this Act culminates a legislative process that has involved congressional hearings, intensive discussions with various companies and trade associations, and extensive advocacy by the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT) of which the NAD is a co-founder, leader, and steering committee member. COAT, a coalition of more than 300 organizational affiliates, promotes full access by people with disabilities to evolving high speed broadband, wireless and other Internet Protocol (IP) technologies. Other COAT co-founding organizations include the American Association of People with Disabilities, American Council of the Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, and Communication Service for the Deaf.

The Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT) of which the NAD is a lead steering committee member, provides a summary of the bill at <http://www.coataccess.org/node/9776>.

**NOTE:**

Next KAD Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2011 at:

**The Orchards Clubhouse  
8805 W. 106th Terrace  
Overland Park, KS 66212**

Please do not park at any carport.

**2011 KAD Conference**

Countdown for 2011 KAD Conference in Salina now is 8 months left!!! It will be held at Ramada Inn on June 3-5, 2011. The theme is "We can, you can!", that is cool!!!

All four (4) forms are now available on KAD's website, please click in: [www.deafkansas.org](http://www.deafkansas.org), enter "Conference" (8th tab to right). Click in one of four (4) forms. The combo rate is \$80 per person until May 15, 2011.

For more information, please contact Richard Kerby at [rkkerby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rkkerby@sbcglobal.net)

**Miss Deaf Kansas 2011-13**

Submitted by Anne Heller

Are you interested in becoming the next Miss Deaf Kansas? It will be held at Kansas Association of the Deaf Conference in Salina, Kansas on Friday evening, June 3.

A winner will attend Miss Deaf America Ambassadorship Program in Louisville, Kentucky in July, 2012.

**What is "The Miss Deaf Kansas Ambassador Program"?**

Miss Deaf Kansas Ambassador Program is conducted biennially. It is not a BEAUTY contest, rather it is an ambassadorship program where young deaf women show their talents and express themselves as performers despite their deafness. The Miss Deaf Kansas is open to young deaf women from the state of Kansas between the ages of 17 to 29. The winner of the title becomes a Kansas State Representative. The program offers these women the opportunity to develop their personality, self confidence, and poise as well as display their talents, voice their opinions and tell their ambitions.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact Anne Heller, State Ambassadorship Director, VP: 913-227-4274 to get application form.

**News from KCDHH -****What's up with the****Proposed Registry Policy?**

Submitted by Rebecca J. Rosenthal, Executive Director

Every year the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) Commissioners set several goals for the Executive Director to execute for the new fiscal year that begins July 1 through June 30.

Two years ago the idea of a public registry was conceived on July 1, 2008 (Fiscal Year '09). On that date the KCDHH Commissioners instructed the Executive Director to create a public director of certified interpreters on the web site. This goal was not met because the Commissioners later made a motion to create an ad hoc committee charged with developing a registry policy. The purpose of this policy was to create a set of criteria for the office to use when accepting registrations. This ad hoc committee met approximately

four times overlapping two fiscal years '09 and '10. While the ad hoc committee was still developing the policy the Commissioners set a new goal for the Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010), "the standard to be on the Registry Policy will be completed." On May 6, 2010 the proposed policy was ready for the 45-day public comment and feedback period.

KCDHH received a total of 20 written comments. During this public comment and feedback period the KAI-RID hosted a public forum with the KCDHH. The forum was held on Friday, June 25 via various video conferencing sites. The sites were as follows: University of Kansas - Lawrence campus; University of Kansas - Edwards's campus; Kansas State University - Manhattan campus; the Wichita State University main campus. A total of 13 people participated in this forum. KCDHH did not receive any comments or feedbacks from the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

The majority of the comments focused on the following: 1) the fee; 2) the registry policy is unclear; 3) policy should focus on one statute (75-5393) and; 4) the infrastructure of the searchable database (registry) online. The KCDHH Commissioners reviewed all of the comments prior to the July 30th KCDHH Commission meeting. Discussion occurred and it was unanimous that most of the comments had merit. The Commission charged the Director to re-vise the registry policy. Additionally, the Director shall research all Statutes related to hiring qualified interpreters and the KCDHH. On behalf of the Commission we appreciate the comments submitted which we shall take under advisement. In the meantime, KCDHH will keep you up to date on the progress of the registry policy.

## News and Update from the KAD Youth Program Coordinator

Submitted by Rebecca Rosenthal

KAD is thrilled to announce that Tami Waddell has been chosen to coordinate the Jr. KAD program. She will work closely with the students at Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). Tami will start her duties as soon as possible. She will be busy putting together a plan and developing a group at the KSD. This is an opportunity for high school students (9th grade through 12th grade) to become active young leaders for both KAD and NAD.

The Jr. KAD will have to opportunity to become affiliated with the National Jr. NAD program. Every two years the Jr. NAD hosts a national conference for many other chapters like the Jr. KAD. They often meet at a school for the Deaf for three days to develop leadership skills, learn how to be a super advocate and make new friends!

If you want more information about the Jr. KAD you can email Tammy at [KADVP0911@yahoo.com](mailto:KADVP0911@yahoo.com) or Rebecca at [KADyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:KADyouth@yahoo.com).

## Trip to India

Submitted by Pamela Siebert

I am the second-term KAD secretary, and the former Miss Deaf Kansas '05 - '07. I am writing to ask for your support in sending me to be part of the Global Reach Out Initiative ([www.globalreachout.org](http://www.globalreachout.org)) trip to India from December 27, 2010 to January 12, 2011.

We will work with a group of deaf Indian students to address the communication issues with the teachers, education awareness within the Deaf and Hearing community, and leadership development.

I will be having a fundraiser event at Olathe Deaf Club on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 1pm to 3pm. Admission is free and there will be food, prizes, and presentation. If you want to donate or learn more, you can visit my website [www.pamscribbles.com](http://www.pamscribbles.com). Thank you so much!

## KSD's 150th Anniversary

Submitted by Tami Waddell

Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) is celebrating 150 years of excellence in serving Deaf students on the long weekend of September 22-25, 2011. The combo rate is now \$80 before July 1, 2011, before increasing to \$100 by September 1, 2011.

Also, the first Alumni Recognition Dinner will be held at KSD's Lamm Dining Room, Roth Main Building at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 23, 2011.

To register for above, please make a check payable to KSD 150th Anniversary Fund and send with full payment to:

150th Anniversary Registration  
ATTN: KSDAA  
450 E Park Street  
Olathe, KS 66061

The headquarters hotel is Holiday Inn of Olathe, 101 West 151st Street, Olathe, KS. The group rate is KSDAA for \$94 per night per room. To make room reservation, please call 913-829-4000 or use website: [www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/mkcol](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/mkcol)

A word of advice is to make room reservation as soon as possible due to a big car racing and golf tournament on the same weekend, or you will not be able to get one.

For additional information, please check out the website: [www.ksdeaf.org/Alumni](http://www.ksdeaf.org/Alumni)

## ASL Film "Black Sand"

Submitted by Tami Waddell

Curious what is "Black Sand"? It must be an exciting movie!!! Please come and watch ASL Film hosted by KSDAA's 150th Celebration committee as part of the fundraising event! Let's support this event. It will be shown on two dates:

Friday, November 19th at 7:00pm  
(with closed captioned)  
Saturday, November 20th at 2:00pm  
(without closed captioned)

Location:

Kansas School for the Deaf  
Murphy Auditorium  
450 E. Park Street  
Olathe, KS 66061

Admission: \$11.00 per person

Also, there will have DVDs and T-shirts available for sale.

Interested in seeing this ASL Film, please contact Tami Waddell at [tlw4mom@gmail.com](mailto:tlw4mom@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.

**On Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm, there is a fundraiser event at Olathe Club of the Deaf about Trip To India. You are welcomed to join us there.**

## Future KAD Board Meetings on Saturdays

November 6, 2010 in Olathe  
February 5, 2011 in Salina  
April 9, 2011 in Wichita  
June 3-5, 2011 - KAD Conference  
in Salina  
Subject to change at any time.