

Kansas Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
February 26, 2022

I. Call to Order

President Kim Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

II. Roll Call

President Kim Anderson

Vice President Kylie Brooks

Secretary Lisa Pickens

Treasurer Lorrie Shank

Youth Program Coordinator Jessica Schultz

Appointed Board Member Quwana Johnson

Appointed Board Member Chris Haulmark

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing- Robert Cooper

Kansas South Central Association of the Deaf - Micheal Flickinger

Olathe Club of the Deaf - Amy Adams

Kansas School for the Deaf - Luanne Barron

Wichita Association of the Deaf - Wendy McGregor -**Absent**

Observers

ASL Connection - Suzanne Dennis

ASL Connection - Bonnie Goban

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chris Haulmark (Jessica Schultz) moves to accept both Board Retreat August 2021 Meeting minutes and November 20, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as read. **PASSED**

IV. Communications (*community correspondence*)

- A. Received a \$250 Sponsorship request from Frank R. Turk, Chairperson of the Junior NAD KFF Award Program, to help cover the printing cost of one of its quarterly newsletters for 2022. Prints January, April, July and October.
- B. On February 25, 2021, received a \$2000 Sponsorship request from ASL Connections to help cover the cost of a three-day workshop for the Deaf community interested in the Deaf Interpreting field. Will have prominent DI presenters Crystal Schwartz and Rupert Dubler. KAD sponsorship would help cover the cost of the presenters travel and presentation fees. Kim Anderson invites Suzanne Dennis and Bonnie Goban via Zoom to allow them to explain and Board members to ask questions to clarify about the request for \$2,000.

V. Reports of KAD Board Officers

A. President's Report

- 1. Community Engagements

- a) Completed 'President's Corner' for KAD's Quarterly February 2022 newsletter.
- b) Participated in KCDHH ASL Task Force committee virtual meetings December 3rd, 2021, January 28th, 2022.
- c) Sent ADA Request letter to KSA Legislative Research Center December 8, 2021.
- d) Sent ADA Compliance issues letter to Governor Kelly on December 16, 2021.
- e) Attended the State Association Region 2 virtual meeting on January 9th, 2022.
- f) Attended the LAP-DHH Stakeholders virtual meeting on January 19, 2022.
- g) Sent letter of support for SB 343 to the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare on January 24, 2022.
- h) Participated in NAD's virtual Real Talk, Good Action: The Healing Process (dismantling racism within the Deaf community) on January 27, 2022.
- i) Sent letter of opposition for HB 2621 to the House Education Committee on February 15, 2022.
- j) Testified in-person at the State Capitol to the House Education Committee to oppose HB 2621 on February 16, 2022.
- k) Participated in NAD's virtual Real Talk, Good Action: Black Deaf Excellence (dismantling racism within the Deaf community) on February 24, 2022

2. Upcoming Meetings / Tasks

- a) State Association Region II virtual meetings, 2nd Sunday of each month.
- b) KSD - LAPDHH Specialist Shortage Solutions meeting March 22, 2022
- c) KCDHH ASL Task Force March 25, 2022
- d) Deaf Nation Expo, April 2, 2022
- e) Community Conversations Series, April 8th, 2022 (tentative)

B. Vice President's Report

- 1. No Report

C. Secretary's Report

- 1. No Report

D. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Posted Nov 21, Dec 21, Jan 22 Financial reports under 'Financial' folder
- 2. Applied IRS e-postcard on Feb. 17, 2022
- 3. Paid Annual Membership of \$200 to NAD

Other Tasks:

- 1. Sent out membership renewals to several members
- 2. Printed hardcopies of newsletter to KAD members who preferred hardcopies

3. Emailed quarterly newsletter to KAD members
4. Filled out NAD Membership Credentials Certification Form for State Association & Affiliates to give the number of KAD members to send 3 delegates to NAD's COR meetings.

KAD Budget as of February 26, 2022	
Checking Account	\$26,971.87
ZVRS - Special Fund	\$2,261.37
(2021) Conference	\$6,246.63
KAD's General Fund	\$18,463.87
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Budget Fund (as of Feb 26, 2022)	\$19,121.83
General Fund for future budget	-\$657.96
LaRosh (M.L. as of January 2022)	\$114,372.56
Merrill Lynch (as of <u>January 2022</u>)	\$68,327.33
Total of M.L. accounts	\$182,699.89
KAD's Checking Account	\$26,971.87
Total of Merrill Lynch accounts	\$182,699.89
Grand Total	\$209,671.76

E. Youth Program Coordinator's Report

1. January 27th- I made a video announcing the cancellation of the 2023 Traditional KAD Conference.

F. Appointed Board Member's Report - Quwana Johnson

1. No Report

G. Appointed Board Member's Report - Chris Haulmark

I have been in contact with Deaf individuals since the last KAD Board meeting in November to provide advocacy support for what they have been doing, such as

employment, jail, hospital, and school. Many times, I was able to provide referrals to help individuals become self-advocates. Occasionally, I write descriptions of discriminations and provide ideas of solutions to bring to the attention of these people with authority, in order for them to fully grasp what is happening and what needs to be done.

Through Zoom or Webex, I have attended some workshops and webinars in virtual meetings. Several of their focus areas have been advocacy and understanding the needs of diverse members of our community and other communities.

Over the last few months, I've been focusing mostly on legislative activities while working closely with the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Social Justice committee needed to pay attention to some important bills that needed support or opposition. The bills include SB 185 (clarifying KCDHH's authority), HB 2443 (preference for hiring those with disabilities), HB 2621 (exception for students with extraordinary changes of disabilities), and SB 343 (replacing hearing impaired with deaf and hard of hearing).

During the time I was paying attention to legislative activities, I kept President Anderson informed about what was happening, and recommended how KAD should respond. I am pleased with how KAD has been able to provide the necessary influence as an organization to ensure that our Deaf community is protected, promoted, and encouraged to flourish.

As soon as the Kansas legislative session ends for this year, the Social Justice committee will have a few meetings to determine what needs to be done next year in the state legislature. These include getting the Deaf community's input on what new legislation should be introduced and encouraged to be passed into law, measuring the pulse of the Deaf community in order to better understand where KAD needs to focus in order to address these issues, and looking for ways to improve relationships with political and community leaders to ensure that our community is never overlooked and will always be considered for any initiative that would impact our community positively.

If anyone would like to join the Social Justice committee, or provide constructive criticism for us to improve, I encourage them to reach out to me and share their feedback with me.

H. Kansas School for the Deaf - Luanne Barron

During her report, Luanne thanked KAD for supporting Kansas School for the Deaf to deal with House Bill 2621 and Senate Bill 372, as well as supporting the Language

Assessment Program. In addition, she discussed the progress being made on the Kansas School for the Deaf's fiscal year 2023 budget.

I. Olathe Club of the Deaf - Amy Thompson

Amy reported on the impact of COVID-19 on the Olathe Club of the Deaf and how it is returning to normal with a few restrictions since last fall.

J. Kansas South Central Association of the Deaf - Michael Flickinger

Michael provided a report about the Kansas South Central Association of the Deaf doing well. In addition, there is a picnic event being held on Saturday, June 18th. Lorrie volunteered to help with their event's flyer. KAD Board is planning to attend the event to show support.

K. Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Robert Cooper

Robert's report covered the planned sponsorship of the Deafnation Expo Kansas City on April 2nd, the progress of Senate Bill 185 through the legislature, and the outline of a possible larger budget.

VI. Ratification of Email / Video Conference Motions from Board Members

None

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Booth Duty at Deaf Nation Expo on April 2nd, 2022- Jessica Schulz and Chris Haulmark will volunteer to help and set up the booth.
- B. Update on Acorn Resort Conference reservation 2020 got canceled and postponed to 2023. The board decided to cancel the conference. Waiting on the credits what to do with it.

VIII. Important Business to Discuss *(may lead to motions)*

- A. NAD 56th Biennial Conference is this year in Orlando, Florida June 30th - July 4th. We are allowed 3 delegates to attend/vote at the Council of Representatives meetings. Reservations for delegates are not available yet. The State President will receive a notice soon. Chris, Jessica, and Kim are willing to go as Delegates. Kylie and Quwana are willing to go as Alternatives. All will need to confirm their commitment by March 15th.

IX. New Business

A. Motion(s):

KAD-BD-22-8: I, Lorrie Shank (Kylie Brooks), moved to move all KAD's storage from Central Self Storage to Livewell Storage. Lorrie Shank (Kylie Brook) **PASSED** / FAILED / TABLED. 7 Aye, Nay, Abstain (2/26/2022)

KAD-BD-22-9: Chris Haulmark (Jessica Schultz) moves KAD to sponsor Frank Turks's sponsorship request of \$250 for the Junior NAD KFF Award Program quarterly newsletter from budget line item #17Sponsorship.
PASSED / FAILED / TABLED. 7 Aye, Nay, Abstain (2/26/2022)

KAD-BD-22-10: Lorrie Shank (Chris Haulmark) moves to sponsor ASL Connection's sponsorship request of \$2,000 for the Deaf Interpreter workshops from 2023 Conference Fund.

PASSED / FAILED / TABLED. 7 Aye, Nay, Abstain (2/26/2022)

KAD-BD-22-11: Jessica Shultz (Kylie Brooks) moves to send 3 delegates to the 2022 NAD Conference: Kim Anderson, Chris Haulmark, and Jessica Shultz with Quwana Johnson and Kylie Brooks as alternate delegates.

PASSED / FAILED / TABLED. 7 Aye, Nay, Abstain (2/26/2022)

X. Announcement(s)

A. No announcement

2-Year Term	Date	Location
2021	August 21	Lansing
2022	May 14	Wichita (WAD)
2023		

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pickens
Secretary
Kansas Association of the Deaf