

# South Carolina Association of the Deaf, Inc.

## Forty-First Biennial Conference

Columbia, SC – July 12 – 14, 2001

### Thursday, July 12

The Forty-First South Carolina Association of the Deaf, Inc. Biennial Conference was held in Embassy Suites Conference Center on Greystone Boulevard in Columbia, SC on July 12 – 14, 2001. Registration was opened at 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM in the lobby area. Exhibits were open in Ambassador Salon D at 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

### Business Session

President Steven W. Rhodes opened the Business Session at 9:29 AM in Ambassador Salons F & G. He explained the rules for the business session meetings before proceeding with the roll call.

#### Roll Call for Thursday Morning Business Session

Name/Position	Present	Absent
Steven W. Rhodes, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Anita M. Steichen, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sherry Williams, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Harold Jesse, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Millie Colson, Two-Year Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jorge Aristizabal, Four-Year Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Sheffield, Low Country Chapter Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ella Mae Jacques, Midlands Chapter Representative		
Cheryl L. Rhodes, Spartanburg Association of the Deaf Rep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ellen Trieper, Western Piedmont Chapter Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Emily Silvey, Savannah River Association of the Deaf Rep.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glendia Boon, SCRID Representative		
Donna Jones, SCNADIS Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jubby Rabiou, SCDBA Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Billie Jordan, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joel Silberstein, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joe Price, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Trieper, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steven McAteer, Midlands Chapter Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Wilson, Midlands Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Maureen Price, Low Country Chapter Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ricky Hiott, Low Country Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Savannah River Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Steve Fitzmaurice, SCRID Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Chappelle, SCBDA Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCNADIS Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*Note: SCSD Alumni Association & SC Deaf-Blind Association has decided not to send Representative & Delegate to the Conference.*

### **Committee Assignments**

President Rhodes informed the conference that Earl Wright is not able to chair the resolutions committee. He needs someone to do the resolutions for this conference. Ella Mae Jacques has been working on Necrology with the Home Office and will post them tomorrow.

President Rhodes informed the conference that he has put up sheets of paper on the wall for members to sign up for SCAD Officers position. Encouraged the members to sign up.

### **President Report**

President Rhodes gave his report on his activities for the last two years.

1. Attended and administrated 11 regular SCAD Board meetings,
2. Participated in SCAD Board training,
3. Made several visits to Columbia for various reasons,
4. Attended the State Association President's Conference in Norfolk, VA prior to the NAD Conference,
5. Took over Cathi Holst as state representative to the 2000 NAD Conference,
6. Helped Executive Director with interviews for TEDP administrator position,
7. Involved with SgAD Christmas Gift Wrap,
8. Worked on revising the Pageant Committee Guidelines,
9. Helped with SCAD Conference Committee,
10. Revamped SCAD bylaws.

President Rhodes called for a break at 10:03 am.

Meeting resumed at 10:35 am

### **Law Committee**

President Rhodes brought the law committee's proposed bylaws change to the floor for consideration by the conference. Some delegates raised concerns that they didn't have enough time to study the proposed bylaws changes.

1. Millie Colson moved to postpone the proposed bylaws changes to the next SCAD Conference. Passed (12 – 2).

The delegates agreed to call a special conference for 2002 to vote on new bylaws but we can discuss this week.

President Rhodes called for a lunch break at 12:01.

**Thursday Afternoon Business Meeting**

President Rhodes called the meeting to order at 1:42 pm. He took the call:

<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Steven W. Rhodes, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anita M. Steichen, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Williams, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harold Jesse, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Millie Colson, Two-Year Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jorge Aristizabal, Four-Year Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Sheffield, Low Country Chapter Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ella Mae Jacques, Midlands Chapter Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl L. Rhodes, Spartanburg Association of the Deaf Rep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ellen Trieper, Western Piedmont Chapter Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emily Silvey, Savannah River Association of the Deaf Rep.		
Glendia Boon, SCRID Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donna Jones, SCNADIS Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jubby Rabiou, SCDBA Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Billie Jordan, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joel Silberstein, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joe Price, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate		
Eric Trieper, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate		
Steven McAteer, Midlands Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kim Wilson, Midlands Chapter Delegate		
Maureen Price, Low Country Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ricky Hiott, Low Country Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Savannah River Assn. of the Deaf Delegate		
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Steve Fitzmaurice, SCRID Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael Chappelle, SCBDA Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SCNADIS Delegate		

The Law Committee continued with their next proposal. President Rhodes brought a motion made during the Board meeting reads below:

Harold Jesse moved that membership dues be changed to Individual (Regular) \$25 and Senior Citizen = \$20 with no Couples or Student membership fee.

- Cheryl Rhodes moved to amend to strike out "\$25" and insert "\$20" for Single membership dues.

Millie Colson raised a point of order that her motion this morning covers all proposed changes to bylaws. President Rhodes referred this motion to the Law Committee.

**Resolutions Committee:**

Steve Fitzmaurice and Ellen Sizemore volunteered to help with this.

**Necrology:**

Ella Mae Jacques presented the list of SCAD members/friends who have died in the past two years since the last SCAD conference.

President Rhodes adjourned today's business session at 3:23 pm.

**President's Reception**

The President's Reception was held in the Courtyard of Embassy Suites serving hors d'Oeuvres followed by a brief speech by President Steven Rhodes. He recognized the SCAD Board members who worked with him in the last two years along with the SCAD Home Office staff.

## FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2001

President Friday called the Friday morning business meeting to order at 9:25 AM. Billie Jordan volunteered to be the recording secretary in Sherry Williams' absence. Present Rhodes did the roll call:

<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Steven W. Rhodes, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Anita M. Steichen, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sherry Williams, Secretary		
Harold Jesse, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Emily Silvey, Savannah River Association of the Deaf Rep.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glendia Boon, SCRID Representative		
Donna Jones, SCNADIS Representative		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jubby Rabiou, SCDBA Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Billie Jordan, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joel Silberstein, Spartanburg Assn. of the Deaf Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mike Chappelle / Joe Price, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Trieper, Western Piedmont Chapter Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steven McAteer, Midlands Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kim Wilson, Midlands Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Maureen Price, Low Country Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ricky Hiott, Low Country Chapter Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Savannah River Assn. of the Deaf Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Savannah River Assn. of the Deaf Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Fitzmaurice, SCRID Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fred Singletary, SCBDA Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SCNADIS Delegate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

President Rhodes informed the conference that he checked current SCAD Bylaws last night to make sure what it says regarding submitting changes to the bylaws. It stated that any proposed changes to the by-laws must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the conference. Since the proposals were submitted more than 30 days prior to the conference, they were eligible to be discussed in the conference. But he honored the motion to postpone them until future SCAD Conference.

3. Richard Hiott moved that we add one more chapter delegate (from 2 to 3). President Rhodes referred this motion to the next By-Laws Committee.

### **Resolutions Committee**

Steve Fitzmaurice worked on compiling and completing the resolutions. Some additions were made during the process. Mr. Fitzmaurice stated that he would finalize the revisions after additional recommendations from the conference members from this session and tomorrow's session.

President Rhodes called a break at 10:20 AM and the meeting resumed at 10:48 AM.

### **Ways and Means & Budget Reports**

Executive Director John Moore gave the Ways & Means report on what SCAD will be expected to earn and pay for the next two years. See attached report. Office Manager Mike Bates reported to the conference on what SCAD's incomes and expenses were for the past fiscal year.

President Rhodes adjourned Friday's business meeting at 12:08 PM.

### **Workshops**

Friday afternoon were spent on workshops in Ambassador Salons F & G focused on Diversity in South Carolina.

First workshop featured a panel discussion with Jubby Rabiou as the moderator. The panel consists of Fred Singletary, Jorge Aristizabal, Andrea Martinez-Johnson and Ann Jones discussing their experience as minority deaf people in South Carolina.

Second workshop featured Lindsay Dunn, Special advisor to Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan, who discussed the impact blacks have on deaf culture.

Third workshop featured Ivey Velez who discussed how she faced problems being a Hispanic in Connecticut.

### **Friday Night Entertainment**

Bonnie Kraft treated the conference attendees to a humor storytelling. Afterwards, Sherry & Roger Williams held a satire Survivors Dating Game with Jubby Rabiou, Harold Jesse and Steve Fitzmaurice as the contestants. Finally, Steve Fitzmaurice gave a humorous satire on what different kind of interpreters will react when the interpreter's fly is open.

## **Saturday, July 14**

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Registration Desk was open from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the hotel lobby. Exhibits were open from 9:00 – 3:00 in Ambassador Salon D.

### **Open Forums**

Open forums were held in the Ambassador Salons E, F & G. Topics varied from Mental Health, Relay South Carolina, Education, Legal, and Community Service. SCAD Executive Director John Moore and Relay South Carolina Account Manager Robert Giuntoli were the forum moderators.

**Order of Diamonds Awards Luncheon**

The Order of Diamonds Awards Luncheon was held in the Ballroom. Ivey Velez gave a keynote speech on Diversity among different deaf cultures. Dr. Sheila Breitweiser gave an update on the education of the deaf in South Carolina and SCSDB building progress.

Awards were given to the following:

- Most Distinguished Award: Steve Fitzmaurice
- Community Service Award: Disability Action Center
- Walter Glover Award: Cheryl L. Rhodes
- Interpreter of the Year: Roger Williams
- Sophia Perritt Brant Award: Suzanne Giuntoli
- Unsung Hero Award: Jasper Q. Price
- Legislators of the Year: Representative Merita A. Allison of Spartanburg  
Senator Darrell Jackson of Columbia  
Senator W. Greg Ryberg of Aiken
- J. Charlie McKinney Award: Anita Steichen
- Outstanding Chapter Award: Low Country Chapter
- Golden Hand Award: Sprint – Relay South Carolina  
John Moore

**Business Session**

President Rhodes called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Roll call was taken.

The final draft of resolutions was presented for approval.

4. Joel Silberstein moved that we accept this final draft of resolutions with the addition of the names to Resolution 24. Passed (15 – 0).
5. Joel Silberstein moved that the Board be reimbursed for travel up to 25 cents per mile from home city to Board meetings. Failed (3 – 11).
6. Cheryl Rhodes moved that the SC News be printed on the SCAD webpage
  - a. Joel Silberstein moved to close debate on this motion. Passed (11 – 2).  
Motion then passed (11 – 2).
7. Sherry Williams moved that SCAD have an external audit to be started by October 1, 2001 out of the new Fiscal Year funds. Passed (16 – 0).
8. Billie Jordan moved to close New Business. Passed (16 – 0).

**Elections**

President Rhodes opened the SCAD officers' elections. He stated that the bylaws permit all members in good standing vote for new officers.

**President:** Anita Steichen was the only candidate.

**Vice-President:**

Millie Colson – 40  
Tressy Bateson – 22  
Ellen Trieper – 7

**Secretary:** Andrea Johnson was the only candidate.

**Treasurer:**

*First round:*

Harold Jesse - 30  
Ella Mae Jacques - 31  
Steve McAteer – 2

*Second round:*

Harold Jesse – 29  
Ella Mae Jacques - 37

**Four-Year Member at Large:**

*First Round:*

Ellen Trieper - 5  
Scott Falcone - 26  
Donna Jones - 5  
Tressy Bateson - 17  
Dennis Jacques - 8

*Second Round:*

Scott Falcone - 37  
Tressy Bateson – 23

**Six-Year Member at Large:**

Ellen Trieper - 4  
Donna Jones - 6  
Tressy Bateson - 31  
Dennis Jacques – 12

**2001-2002 SCAD Officers:**

President Anita Steichen  
Vice President Millie Colson  
Secretary Andrea Johnson  
Treasurer Ella Mae McDaniel  
Two-Year Board Member – Jorge Aristizabal  
Four-Year Board Member – Scott Falcone  
Six-Year Board Member – Tressy Bateson

Former SCAD President Albert Gibson administered the oath to the new officers. (*Note: Albert Gibson was the oldest former SCAD President attending the conference.*)

President Steven Rhodes adjourned the Forty-first SCAD Conference at 6:50 pm.

### **Chapter Night**

Saturday night entertainment consisted of Chapter Night where chapters pit against each other in entertainment. The audience selected Low Country Chapter for the best entertainment of three participating chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Williams  
SCAD Secretary