

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC

Special Conference Proceeding

May 11, 2002

President Anita Steichen called the South Carolina Association of the Deaf, Inc. Special Conference to order at 9:30 am at the Sheraton Hotel in Charleston, SC.

President Steichen took roll call. See below:

Name / Position	Present	Absent
Anita Steichen, President	✓	
Cathi Holst, Vice President	✓	
Andrea Martinez-Johnson, Secretary	✓	
Harold Jesse, Treasurer	✓	
Jorge Aristizabal, Two-Year Member-at-Large	excused	✓
Donna Jones, Four-Year Member-at-Large	✓	
Tressy Bateson, Six-Year Member-at-Large		✓
Steven Rhodes, Past President	excused	✓
Teresa Rogers, SgAD	✓	
Joe Price, WPAD	✓	
Mike Senterfeit, Jr., MID		✓
Carolyn Williamson, LCC	✓	
Jubby Rabiou, SCBDA		✓
Steve Fitzmaurice, SCRID	✓	
Cheryl Rhodes, SCADB		✓
John Moore, Executive Director	✓	
Debbie West, 2003 Conference Chair	✓	
Cathi Holst, State Pageant Director	✓	
Rodney Saunders, Delegate for LCC	✓	
Bob Sheffield, Delegate for LCC	✓	
Hunter Wilson, Delegate for WPAD		✓
Zella Meadows, Delegate for SCBDA		✓
Steve Fitzmaurice, Delegate for SCRID	✓	
Steve Emerson, Delegate for MAD	✓	
Clint Stallings, Delegate for MAD	✓	
Judy Riddle, Delegate for SgAD	✓	
Joel Silberstein, Delegate for SgAD	✓	
Angie Cooper, Delegate for Alumni	✓	

President Steichen called the special conference meeting to order at 9:30am and counted members for a quorum but not enough members were present at that time. She postponed the start of the meeting until 10:00am.

President Steichen again called the meeting to order at 10:03am. She took the roll call to check members that were present. She welcomed everyone to the SCAD Special Conference. President Steichen called Vice-President Holst to the floor to explain the Bylaw Proposal #1.

The special conference meeting was suspended at 10:14am due to technical difficulties. The special conference meeting resumed at 10:24am.

Vice-President Holst explained Bylaw Proposal #1 states, “Western Piedmont Association of the Deaf moved to strike out “twenty-five percent (25%)” and insert “thirty-five percent (35%)” in Article V, Section 1e.

1. Steve Fitzmaurice moved that we accept all bylaw changes. Harold Jesse seconded. Due to confusion, President Steichen accidentally called for a vote too early for that motion. She explained clearly what the motion is about. Motion defeated! 2-9.

2. Steve Fitzmaurice moved that we accept Bylaw Proposal #1 Western Piedmont Association of the Deaf moved to strike out “twenty-five percent (25%)” and insert “thirty-five percent (35%)” in Article V, Section 1e.
Motion passed. 13-0

Vice-President Holst explained Bylaw Proposal #2: Harold Jesse moved that membership dues be changed to \$25 for individuals, \$20 for senior citizens and “couples membership” would be eliminated.

Amendment:

- A. Joel Silberstein moved to amend to strike out \$25 and insert \$20 for individuals, and strike out \$20 and insert \$15 for senior citizen.
- B. Harold Jesse moved to amend to strike out \$25 and insert \$20 for individuals, and strike out \$15 and insert \$25 for senior citizen couples.

Rodney Sheiffed tabled the motion to next conference meeting. The motion passed. 13-1
Action: Refer back to law committee and bring it back to next conference.

President Steichen asked Steve Fitzmaurice to share news about the updates at the SCAD Home Office. His main points were:

- ◆ Encourage everyone to ask for donations to go to SCAD!
- ◆ Tell everyone about the fundraiser SCADvenger.
- ◆ Renovations in SCAD Home Office

Linda Brock and John Moore discussed about the Senior Citizen housing project. She

showed the new logo/name for the Senior Citizen Retirement Housing Project. The new logo/ name is “ **Cedar Springs Retirement Community**”.

President Steichen asked the delegates to think about four topics for the open forum. The four open forum topics are:

- ◆ Restructuring SCAD
- ◆ Interpreting
- ◆ Diversity
- ◆ Youth

The special conference meeting recessed at 11:30am for a lunch break and resumed at 1:04pm. President Steichen introduced a special visitor, Jerry Francis. Jerry Francis gave a brief speech about Usher Syndrome.

President Steichen again explained the four forum topics.

Open Forum Discussion

Restructuring SCAD:

- 6yrs, 4yrs, 2yrs members at large should remain on the Board
- The Board would be: pres, treasurer, secretary would remain the same. 6yrs, 4yrs, 2yrs members at large would be deleted. There would be four VPs to focus on different duties.
- The Board would be: Pres, VP, Sec, Treasurer and one member at large. No reps- the member at large would report to board members what the reps want.
- The Board would have traveling meetings in different locations.
- Add fund raising committee.
- The Board would be the main 4 officers (Pres, VP, Sec, Treasurer). Remove other board members.

Interpreters:

- Use more video relay interpreting (interpreter stays in one office and interprets via video screens).
- Needs more interpreting agencies that are not related to SCSDB.
- Needs a salary increase-Also need to convince SCSDB to increase interpreter's salaries.
- SC loses good interpreters because of low pay
- Public schools need to hire qualified, certified interpreters.
- SC needs a 24 hour interpreting service
- Not enough interpreters
- Not enough minority interpreters
- Need more CDIs (perhaps some training?)
- Educational interpreter's role needs to be clarified-Interpreters should not have extra duties (ex: bus driver, sub etc.)

Diversity

- Focus on cooperation
- Establish advisory boards made of 2 representatives from each minority group

Youth

- JrNAD
- SCAD rep to recruit youth
- More Deaf attractions-vidiotape ads, brochures/ads with lots of exciting pictures, activities, Mayfest
- Youth Leadership Training
- More Deaf role models and more involvement with Deaf adults and Deaf youth

The special conference meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

SCADilly yours,

Andrea Johnson