

American Association of the Deaf-Blind, Inc.  
Fall 2010 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 20, 2010  
Relay Conference

Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind, Inc. met via voice and video relay on Saturday, November 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 EST by President Tim Jackson. The following members were present:

Tim Jackson, President  
Debby Lieberman, Secretary  
Mike Reese, Treasurer  
Karyn Campbell, Board Member  
Scott Davert, Board Member  
Mark Gasaway, Board Member  
Jean Healy, Board Member  
Lynn Jansen, Board Member  
Maricar Marquez, Board Member  
Dorothy Walt, Board Member  
Randall Pope, Interim Executive Director

Absent: Jill Robe-Gaus, Vice President, due to technical difficulties.

Minutes of the March 2010 meeting were approved after one correction was made. (See Motion 1 below.)

## Reports

### President's Report

Mr. Jackson reported that he has had discussions with Sorenson Video Relay Service (SVRS) regarding video relay services for deaf-blind consumers. Sorenson plans to have a deaf-blind center with interpreters knowledgeable in interpreting for deaf-blind. Calls to deaf-blind individuals would automatically be transferred to the deaf-blind center. Expansion of the program will depend on the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) decision of the use of Communication Facilitators (CFs). Mr. Jackson, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Pope will work with the FCC toward approval of CFs.

Mr. Jackson reported that he has monthly meetings with National Association of the Deaf president, Ms. Bobbie Beth Scoggins. Discussion topics include ways to improve how AADB and NAD work together.

Vice President's Report: No Report

Secretary: Ms. Lieberman reported on twelve EVP motions made since the March board meeting. (See EVP Motions A-L below.)

Treasurer: Mr. Reese distributed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports to board members prior to the meeting. He recommended establishing procedures that would allow more up-to-date financial information to be available. He recommended: we move as quickly as possible to get QuickBooks up and running, and that we find funding to hire a paid bookkeeper.

### Committee Reports

Symposium Report: Lynn Jansen, Chair

Ms. Jansen explained the registration process. She plans to send weekly reports on all aspects of symposium planning to board members and Mr. Pope.

Law Committee: Tim Jackson, Chair

The committee plans to submit proposed changes to the board for approval in time for members to vote at the symposium in June. Committee member, Ms. Marquez, explained the procedure for amending the Bylaws.

### Old Business

SSP Training: Ms. Jansen reported that after discussions with Mr. Pope and the symposium Communication Team it has been decided to charge a fee for CEUs, not for the training itself. Therefore, a prize of free SSP Training has been dropped as a raffle item.

### New Business

Standing Committees: In order update AADB's standing committees, the following changes to the Bylaws will be proposed:

1. Establishment of a new standing committee, the Nominations Committee. (See Motion 2 below.)
2. Removal of three standing committees: Home Office, Multimedia, and Support Service Provider. (See Motion 3 below.)

National Library Service accessibility: AADB will advocate for improved access to NLS materials via large print and braille. Our position is that inaccessibility is a violation of Section 508. A letter stating our position will be sent to NLS director and selected staff. (See Motion 4 below.)

Membership dues: A new membership fee structure was approved. (See Motion 5 below.)

## MOTIONS

1. Karyn Campbell (Mark Gasaway) moved that AADB board accept the minutes of its March 2010 meeting. Passed with 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

2. Maricar Marquez (Lynn Jansen) moved that the Board of Directors approve a Nomination Committee as a new standing committee under Article VII Elections, in the AADB by-laws.  
Vote: Passed unanimously

3. Maricar Marquez (Lynn Jansen) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve the removal of the following standing committees from the AADB bylaws: Home Office, Multimedia, and Support Service Provider.  
Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Karen Campbell (Scott Davert) moved that the AADB Board approve the sending of the attached letter regarding NLS accessibility issues to the NLS Director and others as deemed

appropriate by either the President, Interim Executive Director, or the Advocacy Committee.

Passed

Vote: 8 Yes, 1 Abstention

5. Maricar Marquez, (Mark Gasaway) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve a membership fee for active members of \$15.00 for twelve (12) months, \$25.00 for twenty-four (24) months, and \$30.00 for thirty-six (36) months, effective January 1, 2011.

Vote: Passed with 8 in favor, 1 opposed

### EVP Motions

A. April 3, 2010. Dorothy Walt (Mark Gasaway) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve a per diem rate for meals for SSPs during the 2011 Symposium. The per diem rate shall not exceed \$28.50 per day during the Symposium. Reimbursement will be paid by AADB upon submission of receipts and a reimbursement form. Vote: Failed with non in favor, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

B. April 18, 2010. Dorothy Walt (Lynn Jansen) moved that AADB board approve one free suite from the Drawbridge Inn Hotel to be used as a raffle prize for the 2011 Symposium. Vote: Passed unanimously.

C. May 5, 2010. Debby Lieberman (Mark Gasaway) moved that AADB board approve the following changes to AADB's Electronic Voting Policy (EVP):

1. In section 6, change "No one is allowed to move to close discussion of the motion before the end of this discussion period (however the motion can be expedited if needed, as explained in number 10)" to "Discussion may be waived if at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Board Members move to close discussion."
2. Remove the "Special Attention" section that requires that at least 10 Board members agree to waive discussion.

Vote: Passed with 9 in favor, none against and 2 abstentions.

D. June 21, 2010. Maricar Marquez (Lynn Jansen) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve a banquet fee of \$50.00 for the 2011 national symposium, separately from registration fees. Vote: Passed with 10 in favor, none against and 1 abstention.

E. July 9, 2010. Lynn Jansen (Mark Gasaway) moved to change the quorum from "8" to "2/3 of its members" to see a motion. Vote: Passed with 10 in favor, none against and 1 abstention.

F. July 10, 2010. Mark Gasaway (Timothy Jackson) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve the layoff of Executive Director, Jamie M. Pope effective July 16, 2010. Further, we shall appoint Randall Pope as "Interim Director" effective July 17, 2010 to oversee the day to day operation of the AADB Office on a voluntary basis. Vote: Passed with 9 in favor, none against and 2 abstentions.

G. July 20, 2010. Maricar Marquez (Mike Reese) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve a title of "Interim Executive Director" for Mr. Randall Pope effective immediately. Vote: Passed with 8 in favor, none against and 2 abstentions.

H. July 29, 2010. Maricar Marquez (Jill Robe-Gaus) moved that the AADB Board of Directors appoint Ms. Lynn Jansen as the Chair of the 2011 AADB national symposium effective immediately. Vote: Passed unanimously

I. August 3, 2010. Dorothy Walt (Mike Reese) moved that the AADB board approve Jill Gaus as the AADB Vice president for the remaining time of the current term, effective immediately. Vote: Passed unanimously

J. August 10, 2010. Dorothy Walt (Lynn Jansen) moved that the AADB board approve one free banquet ticket and one free SSP training for the 2011 Symposium to the list of prizes for the raffle. Vote: Passed with 7 in favor, none against and 3 abstentions.

K. August 25, 2010. Jill Gaus (Mike Reese) moved that the AADB board of directors approve the 2008 and 2009 audit report. Vote: Passed with 6 in favor, none against and 4 abstentions.

L. October 12, 2010. Motion: Mike Reese (Dorothy Walt) moved that the AADB Board of Directors approve Interim Executive Director Randy Pope's request for permission to redeem the CD from the Bank of America (account #273540) to utilize \$28,100 for payment of expenses for the AADB Office. Vote: Passed with 9 in favor, none against and 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned 5:00 PM, EST.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debby Lieberman  
AADB Secretary

Minutes approved: May 14, 2011