

EMPIRE STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, Inc.

Saturday, March 31, 2007
General Meeting at NTID Lecture room.

President Joshua Finkle called for the meeting at 1:14 PM.

Roll Call:

President Joshua Finkle
Acting Vice President Roman Kazragis
Secretary-Treasurer Peggy Hlibok excused (Ireland)
BCAD Director Michael Cross
CDCAD, represented by Richard (Corky) Corcoran (absent)
NYCCAD Director Jody Kulchinsky, absent
SWAD Director Susan Snyder
UCAD Director Deborah Pardi

Executive Secretary Albert Hlibok, ex officio
ES News Editor Colleen Kazragis, ex officio
GHF Chair Paula Wollenhaupt

President Finkle opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag by Paula Wollenhaupt.

Five Miss Deaf New York participants were shown by Linda Mosca-Ginis. Each participant introduced herself and was congratulated by the audience.

Alice Guinane read the necrology of three people and asked for prayers for them:

Kenneth Cobb
Trevor Hughes
Georgette Fleischman

Old Business:

By-Laws: Albert Hlibok, with Richard Corcoran presented the resolution:
The positions, Executive Secretary and ES News Editor and their every mention shall be deleted from the By-Laws of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc (ESAD). And they are to be transferred to the Policy Book of ESAD. And that the By-Laws of ESAD, Inc. complete without those two positions become the BY-LAWS effectively at the moment of the approval by the general meeting members. Seconded by Teresa Pordum. Passed unanimously.

Michael Cross motioned June 2006 board minutes be approved as read. Seconded by Colleen Kazragis. Passed

President Finkle introduced Julie Bourne, Region 1 Board member of National Association of the Deaf (NAD) (Ms Bourne is the conference guest.).

Ms. Bourne presented the views of NAD and other issues:

Success of 2006 NAD Conference at Palm Springs, California

Youth Issues and Visions are critical.

Fulton 3 is on going basis till 2020.

Vision of NAD is changing for more advocacy.

Deaf society is more fragmented than before, due to wide open opportunities in society.

Look in NADMAG for latest news/issues.

Growth of NAD youth programs

UN rights of the disabled was passed and signed.

2007 WFD Conference in Madrid, Spain. 6 NAD delegates

NAD Vlogs in web!

Hlibok requested that NAD web info be hooked into hearing world's websites for information sharing.

Advocacy Issues into Action Alert

Closed captioning is one of the issues.

ESAD requested for hookup into NAD web.

Hlibok asked... Is NAD for all Deaf Americans?

New Business:

Ray Kenney moved that ESAD establish Ad Hoc Committee to investigate and support NYS Inter Agency Bill A-2461 and S-1923 and it be included with supportive rally in Albany.

Seconded by Gerald Buckley. Passed

Dean DeRusso moved that ESAD establish a task force to implement Emergency Response (Homeland Security). Seconded by Ray Kenney. Roman Kazragis amend to change from task force to Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by Paula Wollenhaupt. Amended motion passed. Then whole motion passed.

Alice Guinane moved to study the possibilities of changing the membership makeup and various methods of fundraising. Susan Snyder moved to refer this motion to the Board. Passed.

VRI issue was discussed and put on the floor. Seconded by Teresa Pordum. Referred to the Board by Colleen Kazragis. Passed. "VRI is the temporary solution, not the permanent solution"

Recessed for 15 minutes.

Steve Lovi moved that the VRI Ad Hoc Committee include the issues of DSL (rural hi speed), Closed captioning, and interpreting licensure. Seconded by Alan Hurwitz. Passed

Alan Hurwitz recommended and then moved that the Membership makeup and methods of fundraising committee include CSDVRS. Seconded by Mike Cross. Passed.

Alice Guinane moved KUDOS to NTID for providing facilities for 2007 ESAD Conference. Passed.

Roman Kazragis moved KUDOS to Gary Meyer, chair and his committee for the success of the 2007 ESAD Conference. Passed

Susan Snyder moved that the new business be closed. Seconded by Deborah Pardi. Passed.

Nominations for Offices:

President Finkle appointed Albert Hlibok to be the nominating chair.

President 2007-2009

Paula Wollenhaupt nominated Joshua Finkle and he accepted.

Dave Staehle moved to close the nomination. Passed.

Voted by ACL Joshua Finkle was voted President.

Vice President 2007-2009

Teresa Pordum nominated Roman Kazragis and he declined.

Paula Wollenhaupt nominated Steve Lovi and he accepted.

Alice Guinane nominated Dean DeRusso and he accepted.

Ray Kenney moved to close the nomination. Passed

Steve Lovi and Dean DeRusso gave their own short speech.

Secret ballot was provided.

Steve Lovi was voted Vice President.

Secretary-Treasurer 2007-2009

Alice Guinane nominated Dean DeRusso and he accepted.

Alice Guinane moved to close the nomination. Passed.

Voted by ACL Dean DeRusso was voted Secretary-Treasurer.

2009 ESAD Conference

Dave Staehle recommended Camp Mark Seven, Old Forge, New York as the site for ESAD Conference, Fall of 2009. Passed.

Staehle volunteered himself to be the chair of the conference. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert J Hlibok
Pro Term Secretary-Treasurer